

Framingham Cultural Council FY2021 Annual Report

The FCC makes decisions on how to distribute funds from the Mass Cultural Council. Awards from these and other funds are made to best serve the cultural needs of Framingham.

For 2021 the Massachusetts Cultural Council gave the FCC \$33,800 a 6% increase over last year's \$31,800. We also received \$3,500 from corporate donations and used funds from the other accounts to grant a total of \$44,562 to 34 applicants. We received 42 grant applications requesting a total of \$59,906.

Three Scholarship Awards were given from the Rita and Bill Collins Memorial Arts Scholarship fund to graduating high school students to help further their education in the arts. The scholarship awards went to Caitlyn Doucette who will attend Mass College of Art and Design, Thalia Santos who will attend MassBay Community College, and Eva Taub who will attend Millikin University in Illinois.

The FCC gave the Contributor of the Year awards to Dr. Yumi Park Huntington, Associate Professor of Art History at Framingham State University and Chair of the Arts & Ideas Series. She creatively put together an interdisciplinary program, open to the Framingham community during the pandemic, under the theme "The Public Self: Citizen as Change Agent" with an incredible team of speakers and performers.

The FCC also awarded a Lifetime Recognition Award to Joel Winett, the Cultural Council Chair, who has been a member for 12 years; chair for 5 years, treasurer for 1 year, and clerk for 6 years. He meets challenges based on his wealth of experience and attention to detail.

The FCC did not hold an awards reception this year because of the COVID pandemic.

All meetings were held using Zoom. The members are shown below:



Joel Winett, (Chair), Chris Roppola (Vice-chair), Cindy Walsh (Treasurer), Lois Levick
Leslie While Harvey, Vicki Hammel, Everton da Costa, Vanessa Pendexter
Mauricio Perea, Julie Wiseman, Charlie Kiefer, Stephanie Jean Noel