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**WILBRAHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS**  
**Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs and**  
**projects are due October 15**

WILBRAHAM – The Cultural Council is please to announce the next cycle for grant funding. October 15, 2011 is the postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to council spokesperson Margaret Kelliher, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Wilbraham -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

In addition to excellent online information ([www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org)), the Wilbraham Cultural Council has scheduled two public meetings for additional information and public comment: Monday October 3, 2011 and Tuesday October 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office Building. Anyone considering making application may attend either meeting to ask questions and get information about the process.

The local council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) serving all 351 cities and towns in the commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org). Application forms are also available at the selectmen's office, 240 Springfield Street.