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RE: Becket Cultural Council announces 2022 Grant Awards

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Becket Cultural Council Announces its 2022 Awards

The Becket Cultural Council has announced the grant recipients for the 2022 year, for a total amount of \$5,000 for 13 grants. The Becket Cultural Council endeavors to benefit local organizations and citizens of all ages through projects and programs that support community-oriented arts, humanities, and science projects in and for the Becket community.

Recipients are Greenagers, Inc. for a summer program using agriculture and cultural history to create environmental stewards; Friends of Washington Music in the Park for a series of free concerts by local artists on Sundays in August; Becket Washington Elementary School for a student art show at Becket Arts Center in May, and a free family Carnival on June 25; IS183, Inc. for ArtCentric, an after school art program; Becket Athenaeum for 4-5 free storytelling sessions and passes to various local cultural organizations for Athenaeum patrons; Becket Arts Center for free performances by local musicians two times per month in May, June, July and August, and a summer art camp in connection with Becket Parks and Recreation department; Music in Common for its Black Legacy project which includes a free concert and film; Stockbridge Sinfonia to produce three free concerts to celebrates its 50th anniversary; Hilltown Families for its weekly column "Hilltown Families Suggest"; and Berkshire Music School for its All That Jazz assembly and after school classes.

Becket Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils 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 Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

The Becket Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org. Applications will be due in mid-October.

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