

Whately Cultural Council Meeting to Decide Alternatives for Grantees Affected by Covid-19 Postponements and Cancellations

When: Friday, July 10, 2020, 11 a.m.

Where: Remote via Whately's Zoom account

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Agenda:

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Massachusetts Cultural Council has given local councils the following options for handling its 2020 grant funds, two of which require a majority vote of the council. The Whately Cultural Council will discuss and vote on whether to offer either or both of the following two options to grantees and/or the local organizations sponsoring their events:

1. Postpone planned events to 2021 if they cannot be held in 2020
2. Upon the request of the artist, distribute the grant to the artist(s) as "mitigation funds"

Artists may also cancel their events and return unused grant to the Whately Cultural Council's budget for use in 2021. No Council vote would be required in that case.

Our cultural council also has the option to permit artists to change their planned event with the cultural council's permission, for example, offer their event online rather than in person. Such requests would require our consideration as to whether the proposed change is appropriate for the event and the audience. Such requests we receive will need to be considered by the Whately Cultural Council on a case-by-case basis.