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Wellesley Cultural Council Receives \$5,000 Grant

Community Fund for Wellesley (CFFW) Award will Support Arts & Culture Programs

July 7, 2025 (Wellesley, MA) – Arts and culture activities in Wellesley were recently enriched with a \$5,000 award to the Wellesley Cultural Council (WCC) from the Community Fund for Wellesley's (CFFW) Al Robinson Fund for the Arts. The WCC, whose members are volunteers appointed by the Wellesley Select Board, is a grassroots funding network and local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) that supports community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. [Explore the Wellesley Cultural Council.](#)

“This grant will help the Cultural Council bring together Wellesley arts and culture organizations and start a long-term partnership to create opportunities for local talent to shine and for innovative cultural projects to emerge,” said Select Board Chair Marjorie Freiman.

The WCC has worked to foster a sense of community in Wellesley for many years through its annual grant program. The amount of money it receives from the state each year is approximately \$10,000, which is small compared to the size and diversity of our community. The group was recently invigorated by new leadership and will use this grant to launch a digital platform and calendar to promote Wellesley cultural events and programs.

“We’re grateful to the Community Fund for Wellesley for recognizing the importance of arts and culture in our Town. Their support allows us to build deeper connections, create more collaboration, and bring higher visibility to the incredible creative work happening here,” said WCC Chair Marc Zawel.

The WCC is one of 329 local cultural councils in the Commonwealth. Applications for WCC grant money open every year in September and funding decisions are finalized by December. Grants are generally reimbursable and distributed after the event or activity takes place. Read a [list of the FY2025 WCC grants](#) on the Town of Wellesley website.

The Al Robinson Fund for the Arts was established in 2014, honoring the retirement of Albert S. Robinson, who served as Wellesley’s Town Counsel for 37 years. Grants specifically support artistic expression for the enrichment of the Wellesley community. The Al Robinson Fund for the Arts is a grant program of the Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Community Foundation for Metrowest. For more information, visit wellesleycommunityfund.org

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