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**REP. VALLEE ANNOUNCES STATE CULTURAL
GRANTS TO BENEFIT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

BOSTON, MA - Rep. James E. Vallee (D-Franklin) announced today that grants totaling \$11,800 have been awarded to cultural organizations, schools, and communities in his district by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). Representative Vallee said that these grants support a variety of cultural activities that benefit local residents. The announcement was made as part of a statewide funding program by the MCC.

The LCC Program is the most extensive cultural funding system of its kind in the nation. This grassroots network provides funding to every Massachusetts city and town through 329 LCCs and 2,500 volunteer members. The councils support community-based projects that explore local arts and history, expand education and accessibility, and celebrate diversity. Representative Vallee was pleased to announce that the Franklin Cultural Council will receive a grant in the amount of \$7,500 and the Medway Cultural Council will also receive one for \$4,300.

Representative Vallee was enthused that he played a role in helping acquire these upcoming grants for the people of Franklin and Medway. "I'm proud to support these cultural organizations and community groups in their work to enrich our lives and improve our communities through arts and culture," Representative Vallee said. Vallee continued, "I realize the significant impact these grants have in supporting education, economic activity, and community vitality through the arts, humanities, and sciences as I will continue to do all I can to provide funding for my district."

For more information please visit the Massachusetts Cultural Council website at <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org>, or if you would like to speak to someone directly you can call 617-727-3668.

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