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**STATE CULTURAL GRANTS BENEFIT LOCAL CULTURAL  
COMMUNITY**

*Representative Sánchez says state grants totaling \$207,800 will go to schools and nonprofit cultural groups in district.*

Boston, MA -- Representative Sánchez announced today that grants totaling \$207,800 have been awarded to cultural organizations, schools, and communities in his district by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC).

Representative Sánchez 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.

“I’m pleased to announce this new state support for the arts, humanities, and sciences in Massachusetts,” Representative Sánchez said. “MCC grants help to ensure that these rich cultural resources in my district and across the Commonwealth are accessible to our citizens today, and remain strong and healthy for future generations.”

Local recipients including the Boston Cultural Council, the Brookline Commission for the Arts, Ballet Rox, Boston CyberArts Inc, the Brookline Music School, Freelance Players Inc, Hyde Square Task Force, Metropolitan Wind Symphony Inc, Performing Arts at the Lincoln School, Sociedad Latina, and Spontaneous Celebrations received grants through the Cultural Council Program and Direct Grants.

The Local Cultural Council Program which totaled \$2.3 million grants within the Commonwealth comprises the most extensive public cultural funding network in the nation. They provide funding to every Massachusetts city and town through 329 local councils and more than 2,300 volunteers. The councils support local arts and history, fund school field trips, and sponsor local concerts and exhibitions.

Grants to local councils range from \$3,870 for the smallest towns to \$74,270 for Worcester and \$133,320 for Boston, according to a formula that reflects the state's local aid system.

The grants were part of MCC’s \$6.5 million statewide investment in the nonprofit cultural sector. The agency announced grants statewide in the following programs:

The Massachusetts Cultural Council is a state agency supporting the arts, sciences, and humanities, to improve the quality of life in Massachusetts and its communities. It pursues its

mission through a combination of grants, services, and advocacy for nonprofit cultural organizations, schools, communities, and artists. MCC's total budget for the current fiscal year is \$10 million, which includes annual grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. For more information, please visit [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org).

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