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## CONCORD CULTURAL COUNCIL



*Standing from left: Dan Schrager, Di Clymer, Janet Silver, Laurence Constable. Seated from left: Debbie Canally, Patty Bruttomesso, Maggie Terris, Diana Lee, Victoria Mulligan*

The Concord Cultural Council (CCC), whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, supports community cultural projects through its grant program. Funds are received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) whose mission is “to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.” This year \$4,300 was received. The Town budgeted an additional \$2,000 to enhance this fund enabling the CCC to enrich its support of the many cultural projects requesting funding.

Individuals and organizations may apply to the CCC for funding for projects and presentations in music, dance, visual arts, poetry, literature, drama, and humanities and scientific interpretation for all age groups. Preference is given to applicants who live or work in Concord or who offer programs, projects or presentations that specifically benefit Concord.

Information about applying for FY 2014 -2015 grants was publicized in the *Concord Journal* and on the Mass Cultural Council website ([www.mass-culture.org/Concord](http://www.mass-culture.org/Concord)). Flyers were posted on bulletin boards and in stores throughout the Town.

Guidelines and applications were available at the Town

House and both locations of the Concord Free Public Library. The application deadline for 2014 was October 15. Public meetings were held on September 23, October 21, October 28, and November 18, 2014. Applications were reviewed and voted on in accordance with both State and Local guidelines.

The Council chose to fund the following 21 proposals:

- Acton Community Chorus
- Concord Art Association
- Concord Band Association
- Concord Conservatory of Music
- Concord Orchestra
- Concord Players, “Traveling Player”
- Concord Women’s Chorus
- Contemporary Arts International
- Discovery Museum
- Drinking Gourd Project, Inc.
- Electa Kane Tritsch (Tracks in Time: Exploring the land for Concord TV)
- Essence of India
- First Connections
- Fruitlands Museum
- Indian Hill Music, Inc.
- Kammerwerke Double Wind Quintet
- Robert Creeley Foundation
- The Umbrella Community Arts Center
- Thoreau School
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden
- Willard School PTG

Additional information on the CCC grant program is available at: <https://www.mass-culture.org/Concord>

## RECREATION COMMISSION

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In 2014, Danner DeStephano, the Recreation Director of 36 years announced his retirement. His accomplishments during his tenure are numerous beginning in 1987 from the moving of the Recreation Department to the rehabilitated Hunt Recreation Center to overseeing the construction of the Beede Swim and Fitness Center in 2006. Danner has been instrumental in creating multiple athletic fields including two lighted Turf fields, a full size