

## Smola announces grant for local Cultural Councils

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) today announced that the Massachusetts Cultural Council has awarded grants totaling \$16,700 to cultural organizations, schools and communities in the First Hampden District. Smola said these grants support a broad range of cultural activities that benefit local residents, while supporting jobs in the nonprofit cultural sector.

Under the program the Ware Cultural Council will receive \$8,600, the Warren Cultural Council will receive \$6,500, the Brimfield Cultural Council will receive \$5,100, the Holland Cultural Council will receive \$100, the Palmer Cultural Council will receive \$10,200, the Sturbridge Cultural Council will receive \$6,400

and the Wales Cultural Council will receive \$4,900. The announcement was made as part of MCC's statewide funding program.

“It is deeply important that we support the arts, humanities, and sciences to ensure that residents have the opportunity to benefit from the unique history and culture in Massachusetts,” said Smola.

The MCC 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.

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