

Franklin Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 28th 2023; 7:30-9:00PM
Franklin Municipal Building, Third Floor Training Room & on ZOOM

ATTENDEES

- Sarah Cronin, Swati Rao, Brianna Cummings, Pushpa Jangareddi, Jean Wolf

VOTING ON MINUTES

- **June** meeting minutes were voted on

All Board members voted “yea” to approve the minutes

FY23 GRANT/BUDGET UPDATES

- Grant recipients have until January 2024 to submit their reimbursements from programming held during the 2023 fiscal year.
- The Council continues to receive this documentation, and it is being taken care of accordingly.

FARMER’S MARKET BOOTH

- The group made the decision to discontinue staffing a booth at the Farmer’s Market for the remainder of the season, for the sake of individual Council members’ schedules. It will be discussed before the beginning of the 2024 Farmer’s Market cycle whether this is something that will be done in future years.

FY24 GRANT PRIORITIES

- The Council spent the majority of the meeting discussing grant priorities for FY24. These priorities will be attached to the grant application, which will open on September 1st, 2023. This year’s priorities are as follows:
 - *For FY24, the Franklin Cultural Council will give priority to projects and programs that meet one or more of the following criteria:*
 - *are held within the Town of Franklin or are of the greatest benefit to Franklin residents*
 - *are for events within the boundaries of the Franklin Cultural District, the vibrant, walkable area that surrounds Downtown Franklin. For a map of the FCD, visit franklinculture.org.*
 - *are service-oriented and best meet the needs of our community*
 - *elevate the voices and experiences of historically-marginalized groups to create a more inclusive culture sector in Franklin*
 - *explicitly link the arts to emotional well-being in times of crisis, and contribute to personal and community resiliency*
 - *The Council Guidelines were also discussed, and are detailed below:*
 - *The applicant's project should elevate the rich cultural life of our community by expanding access, improving education, promoting diversity, and encouraging excellence in the arts, humanities, civics, history or social sciences.*
 - *The applicant's project must provide adequate public access. Explanation of handicap accessibility of the venue, if applicable, must be included in the application.*

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- *Applicants must have a clear, written commitment of the event from the sponsoring organization or venue.*
- *Franklin Cultural Council funds are not intended to be used as the sole source of funding for projects.*
- *Ticket prices for events will be taken into consideration during the grant approval process and must be included in your application.*
- *Applicants must take into consideration local and state public health guidelines in place at the time of their event. The Franklin Cultural Council acknowledges that public health crises disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and encourages applications that take this into consideration.*

UPCOMING MEETING

- Members of the Franklin Cultural Council will meet next on Monday, September 11th at 7:30pm.

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