



Power of culture

Palmer Community Input Survey

The Palmer Cultural Council is collecting opinions to help us set our funding priorities for the next few years. Please take a moment to complete this confidential survey and return it by **August 25, 2018** to either:

- **Palmer Public Library, 1455 N. Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069**
- **Palmer Town Hall Attn: Palmer Cultural Council, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069**

1. Were you aware that artists, schools, and community groups can apply for grants from the Palmer Cultural Council grants funds? Yes, No

2. What current arts and cultural programs or services are you aware of and feel are important to maintain?

3. How do you hear about cultural activities that interest you? (Check all that apply.)

Local paper, Town website, Notices at the library,
 Cable access channel, Local arts newsletter, Word of mouth,

Other: _____

4. Our funding priorities have been to support public programs that promote excellence, education, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to foster a rich cultural life in our community. Do you believe we have made this clear in our publicity and our communications to applicants?

Yes, quite clear, No, not at all clear
 Yes, reasonably clear Unaware of past publicity
 No, not very clear

5. Is there a segment of our town population that we should aim to reach through public funding of cultural projects?

Youth Families
 Teens Low-income
 Seniors People with disabilities

Other: _____

6. We welcome suggestions on how the council should prioritize funding for programs in our community. Please rank at least your top three recommendations, with "1" for most important, "2" for the next, etc.

- Professional development of local artists through community projects
- Nature, science, environmental education projects
- Arts education in the schools
- Restoration or preservation projects
- Neighborhood revitalization
- Development of artists' work spaces
- Communitywide gatherings: festivals, concerts, plays
- Field trips for students to museums, science centers, or performances
- Projects celebrating local history, cultural diversity
- Local cable programming

Other: _____

7. What might artists and arts organizations do to make ours a more livable, prosperous community?

8. If you are affiliated with a cultural organization, what are the most significant challenges you or your organization expect to be facing in the next two years?

9. Other comments/suggestions:

Thank you for participating in this survey! If you prefer, you may scan or photocopy your response and send by email to: cblanchard@townofpalmer.com