

Natick Cultural Arts

	Tn Admin Recommendations	2005 Dept Requests	2004 Expended 12/30/03	2004 Appropriation	2003 Actual	2002 Actual	2001 Actual	2000 Actual	1999 Actual	1998 Actual
Operating Expense	\$700	\$700	\$85	\$700	\$689	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700
SUPPLIES	\$700	\$700	\$85	\$700	\$689	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700
BUDGET TOTAL	\$700	\$700	\$85	\$700	\$689	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700

Department: Natick Cultural Council

Fiscal Year 2005

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>No. Positions</u>
Management	
Supervisory	
Operational Staff	None

Brief Narrative of the Department's Operational Objectives for FY05:

The Natick Cultural Council, a local chapter of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, funds cultural activities that benefit the citizens of Natick. Our objective is to provide quality artistic programming and educational opportunities for the community. The Natick Cultural Council follows the rules and guidelines set forth by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the source of its funding.

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LINE ITEM EXPLANATION

The Natick Cultural Council requires administrative funds in order to execute the details of the grant cycle and the business of the Council. In the past, these funds have been used for copying, postage, letterheads, office supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allows 5% of its funds allocated to Natick to be used for administrative expenses; however, in the past, we have not had to exhaust this amount because of the administrative support received from the town. This has directly benefited the community, as these funds have then been granted to the citizens and arts organizations in and around Natick. But, now that the Natick funds have been cut so drastically at the state level (63%), we have much less money to grant in the community (\$4230 vs. \$11,340). We need to use the entire allocated amount to fund cultural activities in Natick in order to minimize the impact of the budget cut.

The \$700 allocated to the Natick Cultural Council is critical at this juncture. With frugal spending, we hope to limit our administrative expenses to \$700 this year and grant the full \$4230 to maintaining the community's cultural environment. However, partial or reduced funding would severely inhibit our ability to function as a Council, run effective meetings, communicate appropriately with the state agency, and our grant applicants, and publicize our fund availability.

The members of the Natick Cultural Council respectfully request level funding for FY05.

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