

RE: Middlesex Canal

From: Paget, Jay (ART) (jay.paget@state.ma.us)
To: jbreen5@verizon.net
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 02:37 PM EST

Please see attached panel comments from the 2021 Cultural Facilities Fund review panel.

Best Regards,

Jay Paget

he/him/his
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From: J. Jeremiah Breen <jbreen5@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Paget, Jay (ART) <jay.paget@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: Re: Middlesex Canal

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Great. Look forward to the FY2021 panel notes.

Attached are the panel notes from the FY2019 application.

The concerns expressed are countered by two years of renovating the 150-year-old wool cloth storehouse while operating the existing visitor center/museum,\$1,700 month rent.



On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 08:22:24 AM EST, Paget, Jay (ART) <jay.paget@state.ma.us> wrote:

Yes, I will transcribe the panel notes and send along next week.

From: J. Jeremiah Breen <jbreen5@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Paget, Jay (ART) <jay.paget@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: Re: Middlesex Canal

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Thank you.

May I have a copy of the panel notes?

On Monday, November 8, 2021, 02:51:46 PM EST, Paget, Jay (ART) <jay.paget@state.ma.us> wrote:

Hi,

Thanks for letting me know you did not receive a communication after the grant cycle.

Below is the email that was sent in May to the email address provided in the application.

All funded projects are listed on our website and you can sort by region/year, etc.

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-facilities-fund/project-list/>

Here is also a link to our website, that includes the Advisory Committee members who are appointed by the Governor.

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-facilities-fund/about-the-fund/>

I didn't scroll down far enough!

Also, on the About the Fund Page just below the names of the Advisory Committee members is a link to the 2020 Annual Report.

Best,
Jay

From: Cook, Miranda (ART)
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 1:11 PM
To: jj@middlesexcanal.org
Subject: FY21 Cultural Facilities Fund Grant Announcements



May 13, 2021

Dear Mr. Breen,

The board of MassDevelopment, the Mass Cultural Council's partner in the administration of the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, has met regarding grant recommendations for the 2021 round of the Cultural Facilities Fund.

Your application was carefully reviewed, but we regret to inform you that Middlesex Canal Association, Inc. was not recommended for funding in this round.

The process was highly competitive. We received 145 applications requesting over \$20 million in cultural facilities projects. While you were not successful this year, we would like to assist you any way we can if you choose to re-apply for a grant in future rounds. We are diligently working to secure funding for a new round of grants which we hope will be announced this fall.

The panel notes from your organization's grant review are on record and available upon request. Requests must be made by June 30, 2021.

We deeply appreciate the time and effort that went into preparing your application, and we are available to provide feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact us and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Bobbitt'.

Michael J. Bobbitt
Executive Director
Mass Cultural Council

From: J. Jeremiah Breen <jbreen5@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Paget, Jay (ART) <jay.paget@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: Middlesex Canal

Dear Mr. Paget:

The Middlesex Canal Association applied for a CFF FY2021 grant but haven't received a decision. See Applicant Profile below. Please email a decision to jbreen5@verizon.net My home phone, 978-688-4322.

Also include link to the CFF grantees for FY 2021 please.

Also please provide a link to the Advisory Committee which identifies its location in the government structure. Not identified from what I have found online who the committee members are.

N.B. The Middlesex Canal Association has already spent \$1.5 million on the \$2 million visitor center in the Billerica Mills Historic District thus a more than 10 to one match in private funds if a grant of \$100,000. (More than \$390,000 has been granted by government.)

"This year, prior to opening the 2022 CFF grant round, the Advisory Committee recommended awarding the first \$1.25 million from the 2022 funding to 12 highly-competitive applicants from 2021. These applicants did not receive funding in the last round solely due to budget constraints. The grants were approved on October 14, 2021 by a vote of the MassDevelopment Board of Directors. Awards must be matched one-to-one from private and/or other non-state sources; this \$1.25 million in grant funding is leveraging an additional \$6.25 million in capital investment.

"These capital grants provide critical investments into cultural infrastructure across the Commonwealth," said Michael J. Bobbitt, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council. "I am so pleased to join our colleagues at MassDevelopment in celebrating a dozen additional CFF projects which will make a major impact on the cultural sector, as well as the overall state economy."


Above, <https://massculturalcouncil.org/blog/1-25m-awarded-to-12-cultural-facilities-projects/>



Mass Cultural Council - Capital 2021
Middlesex Canal Association
Application #CFF-C-0091
Primary Contact:
Phone:
Email:

Applicant Profile

Applicant Type	Organization
Legal Name	Middlesex Canal Association Inc.
Date of 501(c)3 incorporation	03/05/1964
Address	71 Faulkner Street Billerica, Massachusetts 01862 UNITED STATES
Telephone	(978) 670-2740
Primary Contact	Mr. J. Jeremiah Breen president Phone: (978) 688-4322 Email: jj@middlesexcanal.org
Applicant Status	Organization - Non-Profit
Applicant Institution	Historical Society
Applicant Discipline	Multidisciplinary
FEIN / TAX ID	51-0176731
DUNS Number	000000000

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