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PRESS RELEASE

DEADLINE FOR LECTURE FUND APPLICATIONS

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Applications for grants from the Blood, Bigelow, Warren, Shepley, Ames Lecture Fund are due April 10, 2020 in the Office of the Commissioners of Trust Funds. These grants are for events which will take place between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Groups, organizations and individuals are encouraged to apply for a grant from this fund for lectures, seminars, workshops, presentations, performances, displays and exhibits of an educational nature which are offered free to Groton residents. Support for ongoing programs is not available, however, special events in conjunction with an ongoing program will be considered. Last year, during the grant cycle \$67,417 was awarded, \$34,237 to the GDRSD and \$33,180 to community groups.

Trust Commissioners hope to offer diversified events which are of interest to as many Groton residents as possible. In reviewing applications for grants, a variety of considerations are taken into account:

- new and creative programs
- type of performance or exhibition
- size and type of audience who might attend
- appropriateness of date and place where event will be held
- ways the event will be publicized
- success of a similar event in the past
- similarity to other events for which grants are requested
- price of the event
- ability of applying organization to administer grant effectively

If you have a program idea but it is too early to give the exact dates and details, fill out the application anyway by the April 10, 2020 deadline. State your idea and approximate cost based on information you can glean from a similar event this year. Please note that for events involving GDRSD's students, a signature is required from the building principal.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office. They may be mailed to the: Commissioners of Trust Funds, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450 or emailed to ktuomi@verizon.net

