

# of Grants	New Bedford Creative Grant Program	Name of Grant Recipient	Project Title	Amount	Short Description
1	Art is Everywhere!	3rd Eye Youth Empowerment	Your New Bedford: Community Convos through Free Walls, Workshops & PopUps	\$7,000.00	Your New Bedford ignites community conversations through art free wall activation, workshops and pop up events. The project seeks to create opportunities for the community (particularly youth) to have real-time discussions about city-wide challenges within the context of engaging, exciting and solution oriented experiences.
2	Art is Everywhere!	AHA! New Bedford	AHA! Moments	\$10,000.00	AHA! Nights provide free art and cultural experiences to downtown New Bedford for all on the 2nd Thursday of the month. This coming year, thanks to the Art is Everywhere grant, AHA! will place live music and performance arts experiences called 'AHA Moments' within downtown business spaces, attracting new and existing customers to experience performances while building visibility to the unique offerings from each business location. AHA Moments will provide paying gigs to artists, creators, and musicians who are still struggling to recover from the downturn in jobs over the last several years and will offset some of the expenses of staying open past business hours for shop owners who will host performances.
3	Art is Everywhere!	Alyssa Botelho, filmmaker	Sweet Freedom	\$10,000.00	Sweet Freedom is a 20-minute short film that delves into the captivating life of Mary "Polly" Johnson, a pioneering Afro-Indigenous abolitionist, confectioner, and Underground Railroad "Station Master" in mid-19th century New Bedford. It will showcase New Bedford as a beacon of hope for freedom seekers, and provide much needed historical education about this era, a time where the very idea of "freedom" was being formed. We will bring Sweet Freedom to over 20 local schools in Bristol County, using the film as an educational tool to inspire curiosity about our rich heritage and promote discussions on racial equality. We plan to reach a broader audience through public screenings, festivals, and online platforms, ensuring that Polly's story and our community's role in history become widely accessible sources of knowledge and inspiration.
4	Art is Everywhere!	Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford (CVANB)	Exploring Pano	\$5,700.00	"Exploring Pano" will connect young residents in the South End of New Bedford with an important part of Cape Verdean culture through the art and history of <i>Panu di tera</i> , "cloth of the earth." This project is designed to introduce the art of textiles through the lens of the national symbol of Cape Verde, pano cloth, composed of bands that are woven individually on a handloom and then sewn together to form a larger piece of cloth depending upon local tradition and the ethnicity of the weaver.
5	Art is Everywhere!	Cape Verdean Recognition Committee	52nd Annual Cape Verdean Recognition Parade	\$10,000.00	Annually since 1972, the Cape Verdean Recognition Committee co-ordinates the Cape Verdean Recognition Parade to foster and celebrate the contributions of Cape Verdean Americans. The Parade is the culmination of Cape Verdean Week, seven days celebrating the Cape Verdean culture featuring a Cape Verde flag-raising ceremony, a music festival, a celebration of the return of the schooner Ernestina-Morrissey and a scholarship award ceremony.
6	Art is Everywhere!	City of New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches	Arts in the Park	\$10,000.00	Arts in the Park aims to create a link with youth between nature and art, while fostering a deeper connection and desire to explore and protect the natural places within New Bedford. Nature-based art provides a positive link between art and nature, and the youth can experience the benefits of both creating art and spending time connected to nature. Both are known to reduce stress levels and anxiety and improve overall mental health. Arts in the Park is designed to be engaging, thought-provoking, and to foster creativity, while creating a connection the natural world around us.
7	Art is Everywhere!	Coastal Foodshed	Showcasing Local Creatives & Local Food	\$15,200.00	Since January of 2021, New Bedford Farmers' Markets has hosted 91 musical performances, featuring 47 local musicians, and 32 art events, featuring 12 local artists. Through this project, Coastal Foodshed will directly hire 1-2 creatives to perform and/or host interactive programs at our weekly outdoor farmers markets from June through December 2024.
8	Art is Everywhere!	Iva Brito, Soul Calling Retreats	Embracing the Rich Tapestry of Culture: A Call to Celebrate and Educate	\$7,000.00	We will provide a children's day celebration of Cape Verdean and African cultures on June 1st to foster a sense of community and honor the rich cultural heritage of the participants. It is a day for parents and children to explore and celebrate their identities, traditions, and history.
9	Art is Everywhere!	La Soul Renaissance	La Soul Renaissance Spoken Word Poetry Show & Open Mic at Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall	\$20,000.00	La Soul Renaissance Spoken Word Poetry Open Mic stands as a beacon of hope in the face of critical challenges confronting the Cape Verdean community and the vibrant city of New Bedford. Spearheaded by the esteemed spoken word poet and community advocate, Erik Andrade, this monthly event promises an immersive cultural experience curated to empower, educate, and inspire. By anchoring this expressive gathering at the hallowed grounds of the Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall, this initiative is a resounding response to the pressing issue of gentrification and the need for cultural arts programs within African owned institutions.
10	Art is Everywhere!	Massachusetts Design, Art & Technology Institute (DATMA)	The Art of Technology: Exploring Transformative Innovations of the SouthCoast	\$10,000.00	"The Art of Technology: Exploring Transformative Innovations of the SouthCoast" will be a free exhibition that will run from June through October 2024 located next to Pier 3 and the Seaport Art Walk. DATMA will highlight technological innovations that are ushering in a transformative era for the SouthCoast of Massachusetts including; wind energy robotics, Climate Science, and Marine Science. Related education workshops will take place in the classroom and pop-up during summer events such as AHA! Night. Partners include New Bedford Research & Robotics, UMass Dartmouth's School for Marine Science & Technology (SMAST), and New Bedford Ocean Cluster.
11	Art is Everywhere!	New Bedford Art Museum	NBAM ArtMOBILE Around the City	\$10,000.00	The New Bedford Art Museum will use its two ArtMOBILEs to connect directly with New Bedford residents, especially underserved youth, to bring art experiences to a broad swath of children and their families throughout the city in parks such as Clasky Commons, Riverside Park, and Wings Court, and will work with the City's Parks and Recreation Department with its Play in the Park Summer Food Program and the New Bedford Public Library.
12	Art is Everywhere!	New Bedford Festival Theatre	NBFT ON TOUR with Broadway on the Lawn & a Master Class Series: New Bedford Festival Theatre Community & Educational Outreach 2024	\$10,000.00	NBFT Community & Educational Outreach 2024 project is two-fold. First, our educational outreach: This is a FREE season-long Master Class series offered to the children who participate in the after-school programming at both the New Bedford YWCA and the Greater New Bedford Boys & Girls Club held at Stage Artistry Studios in New Bedford. Second, our community outreach: For the first time in both organizations' history, NBFT and NBSO will partner in an amazing free outdoor pops concert, "Broadway on the Lawn."
13	Art is Everywhere!	Our Sisters School	Strengthening Our Community Through Arts Collaborations	\$6,500.00	Our Sisters' School (OSS) believes that with each community-oriented project, we are empowering our students and their peers to have a positive impact on their environment. This project engages local, creative artists to work with our students to create culturally responsive Art to share with often marginalized and overlooked individuals and groups within New Bedford communities. We intend for this effort to reach out to the individuals and ethnic communities that make New Bedford unique as a way to instill a sense of the broader community across New Bedford.
14	Art is Everywhere!	The Artists Index, Inc.	Community Digital Archive Scanning Project - Gallery X	\$8,000.00	The Artists Index is a collaborative community digital archive focused on gathering, documenting, and producing the stories and history of the South Coast's contemporary visual, performing, literary artists, and culinary artists. As a nonprofit, we will continue with the community's support, to expand, add to, and preserve the archive as a legacy for generations to come!
15	Wicked Cool Places	3rd Eye Youth Empowerment	5 Pillars of Hip Hop PopUp Series	\$7,000.00	The 5 Pillars of Hip Hop pop up series takes the 5 elements of hip hop (MC, DJ, Graffiti, Breaking, and Knowledge) and places them in culturally significant locations such as Abolition Row Park and the Rotch-Jones-Duff garden as well as parks, beaches, and community centers. The purpose of these events is to provide a platform that highlights, nurtures and compensates diverse artists (particularly BIPOC youth and young adult artists) while also connecting the city's neighborhoods to their cultural and recreational resources in ways that are authentic and inclusive.
16	Wicked Cool Places	Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford	Serpentine Benches for Island Park	\$20,000.00	Island Park, in partnership with the adjacent Cape Verdean Cultural Center, will be New Bedford's first-of-a-kind outdoor cultural performing arts space, hosting events and making the Near North End a destination for arts and culture tourism and thriving economic activity. This grant will support artists' engagement in creating custom artworks for the seating, designed and created by contemporary artists of Cape Verdean descent.
17	Wicked Cool Places	Cape Verdean Recognition Committee	Flag Raising of the Republic of Cabo Verde	\$2,500.00	The Flag Raising kicks off Cape Verdean Recognition Week. The Flag Raising highlights the Cape Verdean culture and the love of the homeland the Cabo Verde Islands. The Flag Raising is for all ages and family-friendly, consisting of a speaking program from officials, as well as highlighting the talents of individual Cape Verdeans and groups with dancing and music.

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18	Wicked Cool Places	Community Economic Development Center	"Patio de Comidas" and "Festival Tipico de Guatemala"	\$20,000.00	The <i>Patio de Comidas</i> is a summer weekly event that brings food-based entrepreneurs and entertainment to Riverside Park featuring culinary specialties and artists geared to the growing Latino community. All our vendors are immigrants and live in New Bedford with dreams of starting a business, and the <i>Patio de Comidas</i> provides an affordable path for these entrepreneurs. We help organize the <i>Festival Tipico de Guatemala</i> with a volunteer committee made up of New Bedford residents who help plan, raise funds, organize, and execute the festival. The <i>Festival Tipico de Guatemala</i> brings folks from the neighborhood and all around the northeastern United States to celebrate Guatemalan culture in New Bedford.
19	Wicked Cool Places	Groundwork	The Groundwork Gallery: Cultivating a Creative Community Coworking Space	\$5,000.00	The Groundwork Gallery is a commission-free art space that provides opportunities for local artists to show and sell their work. Our goal is to establish the gallery as an inclusive and accessible creative space in New Bedford by prioritizing new and under-represented artists who may not have other opportunities to show their work.
20	Wicked Cool Places	Iva Brito, Soul Calling Retreats	Healing the Maternal Community	\$5,800.00	Soul Calling Retreats will provide healing arts and wellness experiences tailored to the needs of underserved BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) mothers to address a crucial gap in support for maternal health. It will offer them culturally relevant and accessible opportunities for healing and wellness.
21	Wicked Cool Places	J.E. Ingoldsby, ASLA, Natural and Cultural Landscapes and Landscape Mosaics	Landscape + Architecture: Historic Trees of New Bedford 2	\$5,000.00	Landscape + Architecture: Historic Trees of New Bedford 2 communicates the interconnection of nature and culture in New Bedford's neighborhoods using art and science documenting the historic planning and planting of the city, identifying the current street trees and their ecological and economic values, planning for the future of our urban forest, and advancing climate resiliency.
22	Wicked Cool Places	La Soul Renaissance	La Soul Renaissance Verdean Veterans Cultural Memory / Placekeeping Project	\$15,000.00	Our project is rooted in the practice of placekeeping, with a primary goal of actively preserving and nurturing the rich cultural heritage of New Bedford's Ward 4. By curating three distinct cultural memory celebrations at the historic Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall, we are taking deliberate steps to ensure the longevity and vibrancy of this iconic venue, nestled in the heart of a neighborhood grappling with the challenges of gentrification. These events are not only free and open to the public but also serve as a catalyst for intergenerational dialogue and a reconnection with our roots. 2024 programs include the 2nd Annual Cape Verdean Poetry Festival, Cultural Programming for the Verdean Veterans annual Memorial Day event, and the 2nd Annual Black Kufi Cultural Memory Celebration. These are not just isolated events. They are critical chapters in an ongoing narrative of cultural preservation, community empowerment, and placekeeping in Ward 4. Together, we forge a path towards a more vibrant, inclusive, and culturally rich New Bedford.
23	Wicked Cool Places	Massachusetts Design, Art, and Technology Institute (DATMA)	Transform 2024: Designing, Upcycling, and Making Public Art with Local Youth	\$15,000.00	DATMA will produce a new piece of semi-permanent contemporary public art created by Lisbon-based sculptor / environmentalist, Bordoalo II, to be installed on the corner of North 2nd & Union Street in June 2024. The sculpture itself will be created in New Bedford together with the artist (Bordoalo II) and community members, including New Bedford YMCA youth and New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, Metal/Fabrication students. DATMA has also designed a series of educational youth workshops to provide first-hand learning about the art-making process, incorporating sustainability in the creative practice, and how to be a professional artist.
24	Wicked Cool Places	NB Roots and Branches Festival	NB Roots and Branches Festival 2024	\$10,000.00	NB Roots & Branches provides a festival of "everything acoustic by and for the people" that aims to reach an audience that is broad and representative of the various communities of greater New Bedford. We hire local and regional performers exclusively, host shows in unique venues set up in downtown businesses, and work with an expansive and dynamic definition of 'acoustic music' that encompasses everything from traditional folk to the avant-garde with no sub-genre boundaries excluded from consideration.
25	Wicked Cool Places	New Bedford Art Museum	Creative Care	\$10,000.00	The New Bedford Art Museum will use its two ArtMOBILEs to connect directly with the elderly. This program is designed to reach seniors, especially those living in group settings and who may have feelings of loss, isolation, and loneliness. NBAM recognizes that many of those living in elderly housing may have moved from their homes and neighborhoods and lost some of their familiar community landmarks.
26	Wicked Cool Places	New Bedford Film Festival	New Bedford Film Festival	\$8,000.00	The inaugural New Bedford Film Festival will have 4 days of programming in April 2024, encouraging festival goers to visit local businesses, restaurants and experience all the city has to offer in the time between screenings and events. The long-term goal of the festival is to become a non-profit organization that will expand the film production capabilities of New Bedford, creating a bridge between the film industry and the city's creative economy.
27	Wicked Cool Places	New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center	Casting a Wider Net	\$10,000.00	Casting a Wider Net aims to collect and share the stories of Cape Verdean, Vietnamese, Puerto Rican, and Central American members of the fishing community and to provide ethnographic training for individuals from those communities who will lead the documentation effort. The resulting photographs, recordings, and transcripts will become part of the FHC archive and will be used to create a gallery exhibit that will travel to community spaces after its time at the Center.
28	Wicked Cool Places	New Bedford Whaling Museum	Community Blooms, The New Bedford Whaling Museum	\$3,000.00	Contemporary multimedia artist and UMass Dartmouth graduate, Katy Rodden Walker, is an exciting local artist whose interactive exhibit, Community Blooms, is an educational and collaborative art installation that seeks to raise awareness around climate change and the growing issue of single-use plastic pollution in our oceans and waterways. This grant will support a series of hands-on family friendly workshops that combine Walker's powerful message with an opportunity for participants to create original artworks using actual single-use plastic materials that otherwise could have ended up in the ocean. Be the Solution to the Pollution and New Bedford Community Boating have both agreed to partner and donate single-use plastics for these monthly workshops.
29	Wicked Cool Places	New Moon Dance Party	New Moon Projects: BodyBodyBody, Riverside Beats, New Moon Roller Disco	\$10,000.00	In 2024, New Moon will continue hosting BodyBodyBody, its monthly, radically inclusive, underground dance music party held at the Co-Creative Center in downtown New Bedford. New Moon will also organize two outdoor, family-friendly events: Riverside Beats, a house and disco dance party at Riverside Park; and New Moon Roller Disco, a roller disco party held in conjunction with the 5th Annual Community Rollout at the Buttonwood Park basketball courts.
30	Wicked Cool Places	Queer Arts Council	AHA! Pride Block Party 2024	\$12,500.00	The Queer Arts Council is thrilled for the 5th Annual AHA! Pride Block Party -- a free, rain or shine, event filled with local LGBTQ+ drag, music, performance, and visual artists, vendors, and resources in Downtown New Bedford. From our planning team to partners and volunteers, the Block Party is a people-centered experience that encourages LGBTQ+ folks, their families, friends, and allies to connect, live authentically, and celebrate our differences together.
31	Wicked Cool Places	Reverie Theatre Group and Rotch Jones Duff House and Garden Museum	Shakespeare in New Bedford 2024 - Twelfth Night	\$6,000.00	The Rotch Jones Duff House & Garden Museum and Reverie Theatre Group are partnering to produce Shakespeare in NB, a free outdoor theatre program that offers greater accessibility to the arts. This year's play, the romantic comedy, Twelfth Night, is set during the Harlem Renaissance. The run will consist of seven mid-August performances in the RJD's historic garden, inclusive of a sensory-friendly matinee and the addition of two performances presented by an ASL interpreter.
32	Wicked Cool Places	Spinner Publications	The New Bedford Blubber: Writers' Workshops	\$10,000.00	With rigorous research, outreach, and meticulous efforts, Spinner has collected thousands of historical photos and oral histories from the diverse ethnicities, families, and workers of New Bedford and surrounding areas. As a forerunner and promoter of the arts, humanities, and culture in the area, Spinner would like to expand its outreach from not only publishing and archiving but also to supporting and nurturing writers and future writers through The New Bedford Blubber: Writers' Workshops. The workshops will be professionally taught courses, 2-3 hours long, and held monthly. They will teach the craft of writing prose, poetry, novels, short stories, plays, screenplays, and more.
33	ARTnet	Amanda Fraser		\$4,000.00	Painter
34	ARTnet	Andrew Anello		\$4,000.00	Organizer, DJ
35	ARTnet	Andy Ramos		\$4,000.00	Music Producer
36	ARTnet	Aneshia Savino		\$4,000.00	Apothecary, Dancer, Scribe
37	ARTnet	Angela Aranjó		\$4,000.00	Photographer

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38	ARTnet	Beatrice Alder		\$4,000.00	Ceramicist, printmaker, textile artist, and writer
39	ARTnet	Brendalee Galarza		\$4,000.00	Permanent Makeup Artist
40	ARTnet	Bryan Ribeiro		\$4,000.00	DJ and artist
41	ARTnet	Cedric Douglas		\$4,000.00	Designer, Muralist, Social Interventionalist
42	ARTnet	Chago Luna		\$4,000.00	Apparel Designer
43	ARTnet	Chakira Gonsalves		\$4,000.00	Painter, Fabric Artist, Cosmotologist
44	ARTnet	Christopher Deoliveira		\$4,000.00	Visual Artist
45	ARTnet	D'Lanor Harris		\$4,000.00	Performance Artist, Dancer
46	ARTnet	Darnel Staley		\$4,000.00	Muscian, Photographer
47	ARTnet	David Guadalupe		\$4,000.00	Visual Artist
48	ARTnet	David Meyers		\$4,000.00	Illustrator, printmaker, face painter, DJ
49	ARTnet	Dougie Grace		\$4,000.00	Music Produer, Mix Engineer
50	ARTnet	Eden Soares		\$4,000.00	Visual Artist, Educator
51	ARTnet	Elaine Alder		\$4,000.00	Textile/Fabric Artist
52	ARTnet	Fallon Navarro		\$4,000.00	Ceramist
53	ARTnet	Genevieve duCharme-Hill		\$4,000.00	Painter
54	ARTnet	Hadis Karami		\$4,000.00	Mixed Media/Fiber Artist
55	ARTnet	Hannah Rose Schlieder		\$4,000.00	Painter
56	ARTnet	Herbert Thompson		\$4,000.00	Drawer/painter
57	ARTnet	Isaiah Grace		\$4,000.00	Actor & Filmmaker
58	ARTnet	Jaden Teixeira		\$4,000.00	Traditional and Digital Painter
59	ARTnet	Jennifer Newman-Arruda		\$4,000.00	Metal Smith, Jeweler, Textile Artist, Painter
60	ARTnet	Jordan Andrade		\$4,000.00	Music Artist, Producer, Mix Engineer
61	ARTnet	Julia Roth		\$4,000.00	Visual artist, interdisciplinary artist, therapist
62	ARTnet	Justin Botelho		\$4,000.00	Photographer, videographer
63	ARTnet	Karen Zukas		\$4,000.00	Writer, educator, painter and potter
64	ARTnet	Kate Frazer Rego		\$4,000.00	Visual Artist/Educator
65	ARTnet	Kayla Conner		\$4,000.00	Painter, poet and educator
66	ARTnet	Lana Quann		\$4,000.00	Watercolor Artist
67	ARTnet	Marlowe Tavares		\$4,000.00	Singer, Songwriter
68	ARTnet	Matthew DaSilva		\$4,000.00	Photographer, videographer
69	ARTnet	Micheal Mclean		\$4,000.00	Craftsman, Show Producer, Musician
70	ARTnet	Paul Deare		\$4,000.00	Writer, videographer, multimedia cultural practitioner
71	ARTnet	Rafael "Macho" Nieves		\$4,000.00	Singer-Songwriter, Performing Artist, Music Producer, Sound Engineer
72	ARTnet	Rhonda M. Fazio		\$4,000.00	Environmental Alchemist, Food and Fabric Artist, Writer, Traveler
73	ARTnet	Robyn Miranda		\$4,000.00	Photographer, model, designer, coordinator
74	ARTnet	Ronald Fortier		\$4,000.00	Painter and Documentarian
75	ARTnet	Ryan Miller		\$4,000.00	Multidiciplinary artist, poet, musician, multimedia artist
76	ARTnet	Sarah Donner		\$4,000.00	Musician & producer
77	ARTnet	Sarah Mulvey		\$4,000.00	Writer, poet
78	ARTnet	Shanika Berry		\$4,000.00	Fashion designer
79	ARTnet	Sydney Hawes		\$4,000.00	Costume & Textile Artist
80	ARTnet	Tatiana Gonzalez		\$4,000.00	Singer & Songwriter
81	ARTnet	Trajic Montalvo		\$4,000.00	Artist & Songwriter
82	ARTnet	Zulay Holland		\$4,000.00	Illustrator, printmaker, face painter, DJ