



Massachusetts Cultural Council

Tips for Meeting with Your Legislator

Remember the main goal is to communicate your passion for your community and for the work of your Local Cultural Council. Your council is doing good work and your legislators should know about it.

Before the meeting:

- Decide on the three stories you want your legislator to know. For example:
 - **Story of Self:** “I am *Abigail Adams*, a volunteer for the *Needham Cultural Council* but you may know me from my job at the high school.”
 - **Story of Us:** “Our council is most proud of the projects that have helped our community’s young people learn and grow.”
 - **Story of Now:** “Will you support funding for the Massachusetts Cultural Council at \$17 million in FY2017?”
- Complete the back-side of the **LCC Fact Sheet (found in your member packet)** to leave with your legislator.

At the meeting:

- The State House is a busy place, so your meeting may not start right on-time and you may meet with a staff member instead of your legislator.
- Address the legislator as either Representative or Senator. This is a courtesy that shows respect for the office.
- Thank the legislator for taking the time to meet with you and then proceed to your three stories.
- Invite your legislator to one of your next events or LCC-funded projects.
- Give your legislator your one-page **LCC Fact Sheet** with any other materials you’d like to share.

After the meeting, don’t forget:

- Send a follow up thank you note to your legislator.
- Be sure to upload any photos to Facebook or Twitter and include the hashtag “#LCCassembly.”