

FREE-TO-ALL

# BPL FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair*

8.17.22

Members of the Public may sign up for Public Comment via the CHAT by 10:30 a.m.  
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# BPL OPENING STATEMENT

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The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people *and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations*. We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

*We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'*

*Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.*

# FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST COMMITTEE (FATC)

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- A. Reading of Reaffirmation Statement
- B. Roll Call of Committee Members
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6.10.22
- D. FATC FY23 Budget:

FY22 Carryover balance :	\$161,066.67
<u>FY23 distribution:</u>	<u>\$112,007.23</u>
Total available:	\$273,073.90

# FY23 Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund Applicants

Name & Organization	Description	New Applicant	Audience	Amount Requested
<b>Sister Re Leigh</b> (Coco Lady Enterprises)	Afro-Chi Fitness Wellness support including nutrition.	X	Adults and Families	\$2,653
<b>Blanca Bonilla</b> (Que Lindo Boston)	Latino Pioneers in Boston Project (Exhibit and documentary screening)	X	Adults and families	\$7,000
<b>Faith Johnson</b>	Creativity and Meditation (Art creating activities + Meditation)		Adults and seniors	\$2,619.69
<b>Leslie R. English</b>	Sewing 101	X	18+	\$9,898.42
<b>Joel Mackall</b>	Tracing Our Roots Bootcamp		Adults	\$2,661.25
<b>Joel Mackall</b>	Smart Phones Instruction		Seniors & beginners	\$7,441.25
<b>Maria Cabrera &amp; Brenda Huggins</b>	Creative Writing and Visual Art Making	X	Ages 7-12 (with parents/caregivers)	\$2,005.00
<b>Kathy Eow</b> (ArtsEmerson)	Play Reading Book Club – 4 plays		Adults	\$10,00.00

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<b>Darnell Anderson</b> (Thabasix Solutions)	Math for Life Mental and Manual math concepts	X	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students	\$4,00.00
<b>Julia Viskusheko</b> (Chess Wizards)	Chess classes for kids		Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> , Ages 6-12	\$3,120.00
<b>Bithyah Copeland</b> (City Strings United)	Musical Stories: Interactive literature & music learning	X	Ages 7+	\$3,404.00
<b>Stephanie McKay</b> (Start with Art, LLC)	Hands-on public art workshop exploring artists & activists of the Harlem Renaissance	X	Families & Children grades K-5th	\$8,704.00
<b>Deborah Cox</b> (DAC Enterprises, Inc.)	Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police & Law Enforcement	X	Adults	\$9,985.00
<b>Yana Bean</b>	Beyond the Bars		Families & individuals effected by incarceration	\$6500.00
<b>Michelle Coleman</b>	Finding the Light Within: Introduction to Chakras & Chair Yoga	X	Adults – 18+	\$7,000.00
<b>Carlos Vargas</b>	Piano Classes		Students age 5 -12	\$10,000.00



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<b>Carlos Vargas</b>	Mid-day Concert Series featuring local and international artists based in Boston		Families and adults	\$9,630.00
<b>John Kordalewski</b>	Makanda Project Jazz Concerts (2)		Adults and youth	\$7,000.00
<b>Abe Gore (Haley House)</b>	Take Back the Kitchen classes		One for families One for seniors	\$6,004.72
<b>Iris Evans Ferreira</b>	Movers and Makers – movement and art making		Families and Youth	\$5,000.00
<b>Isaura Oliveira (Resist)</b>	Brazilian dance Class Series with Community Showcase	X	Young Adults+	\$9,282.00

## Stats:

- 19 applicants
- 10 new applicants, 9 returning applicants
- 21 grant applications (2 grantees submitted two proposals each)