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Item 7.1

**HRM Grants Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of HRM Grants Committee

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SUBJECT: Community Grants Program 2014-2015: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The HRM *Community Grants Program* awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations located within the geographic boundary of HRM. The focus of these grants is primarily the provision of modest financial assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. In 2014, the program received a total of 125 applications with a combined value of \$1,285,640.27 in requests.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter (2008) Section 70 (1) (av) respecting grants and contributions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. 53 awards for a combined value of \$382,625 as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report from operating account M311-8004 Community Grants Program;
2. The referral of fourteen (14) professional arts organizations as listed in Attachment 4 of this report and a one-time internal transfer of \$40,650 to supplement the approved budget of the proposed *HRM Professional Arts Grants Program* in 2014 to assist in the transition to a new funding program for professional arts organizations.

BACKGROUND

Appeals from those applicants deemed ineligible or not recommended for an award, and grant recipients who wish to appeal the value or conditions of an award, must be submitted in writing within two (2) weeks of written notification from HRM. In accordance with program policy, “Appeals will only be considered on the basis of new information or an error in fact or procedure during the review process” (Guidebook, page 36).

DISCUSSION

Professional Arts Organizations Funding

In 2014, Regional Council approved a budget allocation of \$300,000 for the development of a new *Professional Arts Grants Program*. Given the timing of this decision it was not possible to revise the Arts & Crafts sector funding criteria for this year’s *Community Grants Program*. This year the Arts & Crafts sector received 27 applications for a combined total of \$202,127.82 in requests; the majority may be defined or self-identified as professional arts organizations. The combined value of these requests exceeds the initial sector allocation of \$75,000, excluding appeals.

As an interim measure, to assist in the transition to a new program for professional arts organizations the following criteria were used to prioritize applications to the 2014 *Community Grants Program*:

- Non-professional arts organizations ineligible for consideration under the proposed *Professional Arts Grants Program*;
- Non-profit organizations whose mandate is not arts but who undertake an arts or crafts project;
- Professional arts organizations incorporated for less than 3 years – interim inclusion under the *Community Grants Program* pending detailed eligibility criteria;
- Professional arts organizations whose project is time-sensitive and occurs prior to December 1, 2014 – interim inclusion under the *Community Grants Program* to allow eligible groups to transition to the new arts funding program in 2015.

Using the criteria listed above, one (1) organization has been deemed ineligible for consideration¹, four (4) are not recommended for funding², and eight (8) are recommended for an award. Subject to Regional Council’s approval, fourteen (14) applications from professional arts organizations would be referred to the new *Professional Arts Organizations Grants Program* along with a one-time transfer of the balance of \$40,650 remaining in the sector’s initial funding allocation of \$75,000 less the \$34,350 recommended for funding approval, to supplement the \$300,000 new program budget.

¹ See: Information Report, Community Grants Program 2014-15: Ineligible Applications.

² See: Information Report: Community Grants Program 2014: Applications Not Recommended for Funding.

Note: An award under the *Community Grants Program* is not assumed to preclude consideration under the *Professional Arts Grants Program* and in all likelihood some organizations may wish to re-submit a funding proposal based on the eligibility criteria for the new funding program and higher funding thresholds. If the interim approach is approved, applicants will be notified in writing with guidance as to their options. It is also important to note that the majority of requests referred are for capital grants or web site upgrades that do not appear to be time-sensitive. A one-time internal transfer of funds (\$40,650) is not intended as a budget cut to the *Community Grants Program* but rather an assurance that the allocation to Arts & Crafts has not been reduced or re-directed to other funding categories that are over-subscribed.

Following Regional Council's approval of an Administrative Order for the proposed *Professional Arts Organizations Grants Program*, the eligibility criteria and funding priorities for the *Community Grants Program* Arts & Crafts sector will be revised and presented to the Grants Committee and Audit & Finance Standing Committee for approval. It is anticipated that the 2015 *Community Grants Program* will focus on non-professional arts and crafts organizations and arts projects with the possible inclusion of some social heritage/ethno cultural groups who preserve their cultural identity through arts and crafts (eg. dance, music, visual arts, and traditional crafts) and youth programming.

Equipment Purchases: Environmental Sector

Annual requests for the purchase of test instruments and tools from environmental groups suggests that HRM might give consideration to engaging environmental groups in the development and operation of an equipment lending library. HRM could encourage them to do a study to inventory existing equipment owned by these groups, the condition of the equipment, the group's ability to ensure that the equipment is calibrated for accuracy, and to identify recurring priority equipment needs that are common to environmental groups. HRM's investment of public money might be maximized by supporting equipment sharing and a focus on funding specialized or high cost items, and sufficient inventory to support large-scale projects. Staff will convene a meeting with local groups to gauge interest in the concept.

Grants to Religious or Faith-Based Organizations

HRM does not fund religious or faith-based programming or congregational activities. Exceptions are made for registered heritage property restoration (historic preservation not general upkeep), emergency assistance (a food bank, shelter, or formal EMO agreement), public access to amenities where demand exceeds HRM's ability to provide sufficient access to the general public, or in the absence of a public facility (gymnasium, playground). An interpretation bulletin and revisions to the program's guidebook may be warranted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Combined value of recommended awards relative to the 2014-15 *Community Grants Program* budget of \$500,000 (M311-8004):

2014-2015 Program Budget	\$500,000
Less Combined Total Value of Recommended Awards (53)	(\$382,625)
Less Proposed Transfer to Professional Arts Program	<u>(\$ 40,650)</u>
Balance Pending Appeals	\$ 76,725

Subject to the approval of the Grants Committee and Regional Council, a balance of \$76,725 includes the initial 5% contingency (\$25,000) that is set aside annually for appeals and not assigned to the funding categories plus the balance of \$51,725 not assigned to awards. This balance could increase if an applicant is unable to meet the proposed conditions of funding or their project is unable to proceed.

The balance remaining allows the Grants Committee and/or Regional Council to amend a recommendation. However, a minimum of \$25,000 should be retained so as to ensure implementation of the program's appeal process.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Information regarding program eligibility, application timelines, applicant scoring, and previous awards are posted on the HRM web site. Printed materials are also available from all HRM Customer Contact Centres and the HRM Call Centre. Public participation on the HRM Grants Committee is convened through the office of the Municipal Clerk. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any grant or contribution through a notice in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region. The HRM *Community Grants Program* criteria are approved by Regional Council and published annually in a guidebook. Formal reports are posted to the HRM web site and a notice publicizing awards is placed in the Municipal Notices section of the Chronicle-Herald newspaper.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Grants Committee could overturn or amend a funding recommendation.
2. The Grants Committee could direct staff to review applications from professional arts groups to the 2014 *Community Grants Program* and submit a Supplementary Report. As such, some professional arts groups may receive funding from two separate programs in this fiscal year pending revisions to the *Community Grants Program* funding criteria for the Arts & Crafts sector to be implemented in 2015.
3. The Grants Committee could recommend that no funds be transferred to the new professional arts program in 2014. In this approach a revised balance of \$92,375 would be available to address any amendments proposed by the Grants Committee or Council, and formal appeals from applicants deemed ineligible or declined, the value of an award or the conditions attached thereto.

This action is not recommended: A one-time transfer allows applicants to the 2014 *Community Grants Program* to either (a) request their original application be forwarded for consideration under the new professional arts program, or (b) submit a revised application to the new professional arts program for operating and/or capital funding. The latter may hold appeal given that the funding thresholds may be higher and/or the evaluation criteria may differ.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Review Methodology.
2. List of Recommended Grants by Sector.
3. Supplementary Information on Prior Funding to an Organization or Project: 2009-2013.
4. List of Professional Arts Organizations Referred in 2014.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Review Methodology

Presently, the *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) funding categories, each of which has specific funding criteria and priorities that guide evaluation. Individual submissions are evaluated within the respective funding sector using a standardized scoring form. The scores are then moderated based on other applicants to the same sector and the program budget. In the event that a reviewer declares a conflict of interest the file is reviewed by a peer.

Because some smaller volunteer groups assumed that they were competing directly with larger organizations with greater financial capacity or paid staff, the recommended awards are presented by funding sector and by 'tier'. The designation refers to the applicant's prior year's gross revenue and the combination of staff and volunteers or volunteer only. Tier 1 represents prior year gross revenues below \$50,000, Tier 2 for annual budgets from \$50,000 to \$250,000, and Tier 3 organizations have prior year revenues over \$250,000. In general, a score of 50 out of 100 is considered the minimum funding threshold. The score does not correspond to the value of any award. Other factors taken into consideration include the applicant's ability to cost-share, efforts to access funding from other sources or project-specific fundraising, barriers to fundraising, and urgency of need (safety, legal liability or by-law, code compliance and licensing). The individual project description includes the estimated total cost of a project. However, readers are cautioned that such costs might not be indicative of actual cash expenditures. For example, an applicant may include a percentage of recurring overhead costs, in-kind labour, or poorly quantified expenses or quotes. For clarity, terms and conditions may be applied to a grant to protect the public interest.

Some applications are "bundled" meaning that the applicant has listed several purchases within one submission. In some cases these expenditures are not part of the same project and may simply be included to align the value of grant requested with the maximum funding threshold. Also, a project budget may include expenses that are ineligible under the *Community Grants Program*. Therefore, the value of any award is based on (a) eligible expenses, (b) in relation to one project, and (c) a demonstrated inability to self-fund.

The program does not provide multi-year funding but applicants can apply in consecutive years. In circumstances where there is insufficient capacity to fund all qualified candidates preference may be given to groups who have not received a grant or those who do not receive other forms of HRM assistance (event grant, rent subsidy, tax exemption etc.). Financial information is also reviewed to confirm an inability to self-fund or contribute a portion of expenses.

Unless noted otherwise, the applicant is a duly registered non-profit society as per the Societies Act. Charitable status is noted because the designation is subject to tight financial and reporting requirements as compared to other forms of incorporation. A charity serves an altruistic purpose and is restricted in its ability to accrue funds unless for an identified capital project. Upon dissolution a charity's assets must be conveyed to another non-profit entity with similar aims. Other forms of incorporation are also noted such as a non-profit cooperative, a company limited by guarantee, or a non-profit incorporated under an act of the Nova Scotia legislature.

List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2014-2015

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 1

1.Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society – Shubenacadie - Equipment

Founded in 1994, the Society's mandate is the protection of inland waterways and habitat in the Shubenacadie Watershed area (~388 sq.km). The Society is a member of the *HRM Regional Trails Program*. A grant of \$1,678.01 requested to fully fund the purchase of a water turbidity meter; the group will purchase small tools. ***A grant of \$1,678 recommended for the purchase of water testing equipment.***

Tier 2

2.The Deanery Project – Ship Harbour – Capital Grant/Energy Efficiency

Formed in 2011, the cooperative is developing an environmental learning centre in the rural village of Ship Harbour. Programming includes a summer youth camp, food production, and instructional workshops. The cooperative's principle revenues are government and foundation grants, in-kind corporate donations, and program revenues. A grant of \$24,000 requested to fund assorted projects: (1) attic insulation, (2) window repairs/replacement, and (3) construction of a greenhouse/solarium at a combined total cost of \$26,272. In 2013, the cooperative received an HRM capital grant of \$10,000 for wall insulation: completion of this project recommended. Deferred maintenance and upgrades can be phased. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for the purchase and installation of attic insulation to improve energy conservation.***

3.Veith House/The Halifax Children's Foundation – Halifax – Capital Grant/Community Garden

The property is owned by the Halifax Children's Foundation and has been leased to Veith House, a registered non-profit society, since 1987. The owner has confirmed continuation of the lease for five years as per the *Community Grants Program* funding requirements. Veith House is sustained by an operating grant from the Foundation, the United Way, and child care subsidies from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. The partners are developing a *Halifax Explosion Children's Memorial Garden*: the original Halifax Protestant's Orphanage at this location was destroyed in the Halifax Explosion. A grant of \$10,000 requested to fully fund the first of a two-stage project to construct a new panelled fence. The second phase is to paint a mural on the inside of the fence in collaboration with NSCAD's Community Service Learning & Outreach Program. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards Halifax Explosion Children's Memorial Garden.***

Tier 3

4.Cunard Street Children's Centre – Halifax – Building Assessment/Energy Efficiency

In 2013, the Centre acquired title to the former Manual Training School property. The society is sustained by service fees and individual subsidies provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. Built in 1903, the property has the potential to be a registered heritage property. A grant of \$2,000 requested towards professional fees for a building assessment including structural and operating systems. The aim is to reduce operating costs by lowering energy consumption and to guide repairs or upgrades with a view to potential registration as a municipal heritage property. An in-kind donation valued at \$3,000 is confirmed as the applicant's cost-share. *A grant of \$2,000 recommended towards professional fees for building assessment report.*

5.Nature Conservancy of Canada: Atlantic Region – Halifax – Capital Grant/Property Acquisition

The Conservancy is a registered Canadian charity that acquires ecologically sensitive lands. The Atlantic Region is largely sustained by property donations, government and foundation grants, and donations. The society wishes to acquire Young's Island located in Musquodoboit Harbour. The island is 84 acres and appraised for \$504,000; a donation of \$150,000 has been made by the private owner. The Conservancy has made application to the federal Natural Areas Conservation Program, Nova Scotia Crown Land Legacy Trust, and US Fish and Wildlife Service for funding. The provisional Agreement of Purchase and Sale closes June 30, 2014. *A grant of \$25,000 recommended towards the acquisition of Young's Island in Musquodoboit Harbour. Conditional upon confirmation of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale prior to March 31, 2015.*

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

6.Kinap Athletic Club – Porter's Lake – Capital Grant/Septic Repair

The Club's revenues are primarily camp and membership fees. A grant of \$2,034 requested towards the purchase of a new septic pump and water pressure tank (total \$2,484). The land is leased from HRM (automatically renewed) but the infrastructure and clubhouse are the property of the tenant. The facility abuts a lake used for swimming: well and septic standards abutting a public waterway is a funding priority of the *Community Grants Program*. *A grant of \$2,034 recommended for septic system repair.*

7.Bosom Buddies of Nova Scotia Society - Dartmouth – Equipment/Inclusion

The Bosom Buddies of Nova Scotia Society is a volunteer group that provides education, support and recreational activities for breast cancer survivors. Modest revenues are generated from

fundraising and sponsorship. The Society own and operate a dragon boat which is used for recreational and fundraising activities. A project grant of \$3,000 requested to assist in the purchase of adaptive life jackets and carbon boat paddles loaned to participants. ***A grant of \$2,380 recommended to fully fund the purchase of adaptive life jackets.***

8.Carroll's Corner Community Centre - Carroll's Corner - Capital Grant/Loss to Fire

The society is a registered Canadian charity that in addition to operating an HRM-owned Community Centre, independently owns and operates a sports field which includes a playground, bike park, soccer pitch and baseball field. A capital grant of \$9,619.90 requested towards assorted projects: (1) signs for an abutting trail, (2) purchase of a BBQ, and (3) a new dug out and shed for the sports field. The ball field dugout was destroyed by fire in 2013. Given an HRM's operating subsidy to the Centre and capital funding for trails development *Community Grants Program* funding is limited to construction of the amenities owned by the non-profit lost to a fire. ***A capital grant of \$3,036 recommended to fully fund building materials required to construct a new baseball dugout and the purchase of a storage shed for community-owned sports field.***

9.Martock Nordic Ski Club – Waverley/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Vehicle

Founded in 2011, the Club is now the largest Nordic ski club in Nova Scotia with 315 members in 2014. The Club provides instructional cross-country and biathlon programs for youth and adults at Ski Martock, Windsor, and McDonald Sports Park, Waverley. The Club also grooms two cross-country ski trails in HRM at McDonald Sport Park (6km) and Dollar Lake Provincial Park (11km) that are available to the general public at no cost. The Club is sustained by membership dues and equipment rentals. A grant of \$17,000 requested towards the purchase of a replacement snowmobile, snow grooming equipment, and a covered trailer (combined total of \$29,097). ***A capital grant of \$15,233 recommended for the purchase of a snowmobile with attachment for grooming equipment hook-up.***

10.Hammonds Plains Fire Hall & Community Centre Association - Hammonds Plains - Capital Grant/Accessibility

In 2012, HRM transferred title to a former fire hall to the Association for \$1 to sustain community access. The Association derives its revenues from facility rentals and bar sales. The wheelchair ramp currently in place is in violation of the building code and a funding priority under the *Community Grants Program*. The structure presents a hazard to those who require its use. In 2013, the Association was awarded a grant in the amount of \$8,000 to assist in replacing the front, side steps and deck of the facility. \$3,501 of the grant was subsequently refunded to HRM because the Association was able to repair rather than replace the deck: the applicant fulfilled their cost-share despite scaling back the scope of the project. A capital grant of \$7,732.60 requested towards the cost of replacing the facility's rear steps and a new accessibility ramp. ***A capital grant of \$3,975 recommended for the installation of a new accessibility ramp.***

11. North Ship Harbour Community Hall Auxiliary - Ship Harbour - Capital Grant/Energy Efficiency

In 1966, the Auxiliary assumed ownership of a former school building for the purpose of operating a community hall for social and leisure activities. The society is entirely voluntary with modest self-generated revenues through bingo, fundraising and room rentals. Starting in 2011, major structural work has been completed to upgrade building accessibility, energy efficiency, and programming on the first floor. In 2014, the Auxiliary plan to refurbish the basement for youth programming (insulation, replacement windows and door, and bathroom) and expand the parking lot. The group has committed to renovating the bathroom and request a grant of \$25,000 to fund the balance of work. A private parking lot is not a funding priority under the *Community Grants Program*, therefore the recommended grant is in a lower amount and directed to basement insulation. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended towards energy efficiency upgrades to the North Ship Harbour Community Hall.***

12. Moser River Wheels and Skis Association³ – Three Fathom Harbour – Equipment

Founded in 2003, this small club provides stewardship to the *Toad Fish Trail* and promotes the environmental protection of associated watercourses and habitat. Modest annual membership dues and fundraising sustain the club. A grant of \$1,000 requested to purchase a power trimmer and signage. ***A grant of \$1,000 recommended for the purchase of a power tool and signage.***

13. Sheet Harbour Rockets – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

The club owns and operates a baseball field and received a capital grant of \$12,000 in 2013 towards repairs to the field floodlights. The applicant has been unable to complete the project due to diverting funds to a security system for the clubhouse/storage building after a series of break-ins. A grant of \$12,662 requested to fully fund completion of the project. ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards repairs to outdoor sports field lighting. It is recommended that HRM's combined total contribution to this project not exceed \$22,000.***

14. Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Club - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Roof Repair

The Club is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a community hall. The charity is comprised solely of volunteers and modest revenues are generated from fundraising and donations. A capital grant of \$1,000 requested to assist in the cost of removing and replacing the building's rain gutters to prevent water damage to a new metal roofing system installed in 2012. The estimated total cost of the project is \$2,041. ***A capital grant of \$1,000 recommended towards the costs of install new rain gutters for community hall.***

³ The Association does not own the trail property (Crown land) so eligibility excludes any capital grant towards construction or repairs to the actual trail.

Tier 2

15. Acadia Recreation Club Society - Lower Sackville - Capital Grant/Park Development

The Society recently received registered Canadian charity status. The Club owns a community hall and 5 acre property. The land is being re-developed to replace baseball fields no longer required with a community park. Revenues are derived primarily from hall rentals, financial and in-kind donations, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards multiple facets of the project: (1) walking paths, (2) fountain, (3) bandstand, (4) sculptures, (5) outdoor rink and (5) a playground. It is anticipated that the work will be completed within the next year. The park is centrally located in the community and is fully accessible. The recommended grant focuses on electrical wiring for lighting (safety element) and foundation work for an accessible playground and bandstand. Other elements can be phased or application made to other funding programs (eg. public art). *A capital grant of \$17,000 recommended towards electrical work (\$4,300), bandstand foundation (\$3,050), and playground foundation (\$9,650).*

16. Halifax Circus Cooperative Limited - Halifax - Equipment

Halifax Circus Cooperative offers a free social program, *Circus Circle*, which teaches social, employment, and life skills through circus arts and is offered at St. Mathew's Church, Halifax, the Preston area, and at the Reigh Allen Centre, Dartmouth. The Cooperative generates revenues from grants, donations, and pre-professional instructional classes. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of assorted instructional equipment. *A grant of \$2,700 recommended towards the purchase of specialized circus arts equipment: a double trapeze (\$1,200) and tubular webbing cloud swing (\$1,500).*

Tier 3

17. Canoe Kayak Canada: Atlantic Division - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Equipment Repairs

The Atlantic Division of Canoe Kayak Canada comprises 12 member clubs, 9 of which are located in HRM. The umbrella organization is sustained by club membership dues and government grants. In 2013, a building audit identified serious deficiencies in the Judges Tower owned by the association located in Lake Banook. The tower and watercourse are used primarily by canoe and kayak clubs for training, regattas and competitive paddling events but rowing and triathlon also benefit from the amenities available at this location. The CKCAD member clubs have agreed that upgrades to the water course are of mutual benefit, hence the value of grant requested exceeds the regular funding threshold of \$25,000. Phase I of the project, due to commence in 2014, involves stabilization of the Judges Tower underwater foundation and is estimated to cost \$246,711 for which a capital grant of \$50,000 is requested. The applicant anticipates applying for additional funding for Phase II to renovate the interior of the structure in 2015. *A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards the costs associated with Phase I of the Judges Tower restoration project on Lake Banook.*

18.Cheema Aquatic Club⁴ - Waverley - Capital Grant/Equipment

The Cheema Aquatic Club, located on Lake Thomas, Waverley, offers a variety of canoe and kayak programs. Revenues are primarily self-generated through membership fees, instructional fees, grants and fund raising. In anticipation of increased programming demand resulting from replacement or major renovations to the existing clubhouse, the Club wishes to purchase additional boats and kayaks. A capital grant of \$24,964.75 requested to fund assorted equipment purchases: (1) 12 kayaks, (2) 2 canoes, and (3) a safety boat and motor at a combined estimated cost of \$32,964.75. The purchase of equipment could be phased as actual registration increases. Boats might be considered a core operating cost but in lieu of the scale of the Club's investment in a new clubhouse independent of funding from the *Community Grants Program* assistance with the purchase a safety boat is recommended. ***A capital grant of \$4,074 recommended to fully fund the purchase of a safety boat and motor.***

9.Musquodoboit Valley Home for Special Care – Middle Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Vehicle

The Home (*Braeside*) is small non-profit nursing home and registered Canadian charity. Operations are dependent upon an operating grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health, resident fees, and donations. A grant of \$10,000 requested towards the purchase of a 15-seat wheelchair accessible bus costing \$87,296 to replace the current vehicle which is 20 years old. The bus is used by other non-profit groups in the area such as the Valley Weeders Garden Club, Mount Traber Bible Camp, and Valley View Villa. The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club will help with fundraising. To date, the Home has \$41,000 in commitments and numerous requests to local businesses are still pending. The Board of Trustees will also be working with the Musquodoboit Valley Planning Committee to investigate other ways that the vehicle can be used to support community recreation and leisure activities. ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the purchase of a bus. Holdback pending confirmation of purchase prior to March 31, 2015.***

20.Nova Scotia Sea School – Halifax – Equipment

The Sea School is a registered Canadian charity that provides free or affordable sailing and adventure-based programs for youth. The organization is sustained by donations, tuition fees, and grants. A grant of \$3,970 requested to fully fund the purchase of a life raft for a new boat purchased by the society in 2013. ***A grant of \$3,000 recommended towards the purchase of a life raft.***

⁴ Both the Kinap Aquatic Club and Cheema Aquatic Club will benefit from the water course renovations undertaken by the Canoe-Kayak Canada: Atlantic Division. Other member clubs have agreed not to apply for individual funding in support of the Canoe-Kayak Canada submission.

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Tier 3

21.Green Stem Housing Cooperative Limited⁵ – Halifax – Capital Grant/Energy Efficiency
Incorporated in 1998, the cooperative owns and operates 18 units of affordable housing of which approximately 50% qualify for a government rent subsidy. A Nova Scotia Housing inspection report identified \$59,450 in repairs of which \$28,200 would be replacement windows. A capital grant of \$7,500 requested to cost-share partial window project. Applicant matching contribution of \$7,500 confirmed. *A capital grant of \$7,500 recommended for window replacement.*

22.Halifax Peninsula Housing Cooperative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Environmental Remediation

Incorporated in 1977, the Cooperative owns six (6) properties with a total of 13 rental units. The Cooperative's operations are unusual in that heating is included in the rent despite the age of the portfolio (c.1900-1920) and thus not energy efficient to operate. A capital grant of \$10,000 requested towards remediating damage caused by the failure of a bathroom sewage pipe that has resulted in structural damage and mold. Total costs are \$13,000 with cost-share confirmed. *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended for structural repairs and environmental remediation.*

23.Phoenix Youth Programs – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Phoenix is a registered Canadian charity serving homeless and at-risk youth. The society operates an emergency shelter and supervised apartment buildings in the urban core. Support services include educational upgrading and employment, health, parenting, and youth advocacy. Operations are sustained by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and government, foundation and corporate grants. A capital grant of \$14,500 requested to fully fund a major kitchen renovation to enhance functionality and assist in the development of community kitchen events for youth. The applicant also sought other sources of funding and has subsequently confirmed an ability to cost-share. *A capital grant of \$7,000 recommended for supervised apartment upgrade.*

24.Second Stage Housing Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

The Association is a registered Canadian charity operating under the name of Alice Housing. The organization assists women leaving domestic abuse and owns 18 units of supportive housing. Revenues are primarily self-generated through fundraising and donations supplemented by government grants and rental income. A capital grant of \$13,000 requested to fully fund roof repairs for two duplexes (total of 4 units). The project could be phased while the organization seeks other sources of funding. *A capital grant of \$6,000 recommended for roof repairs.*

⁵ Presently, Green Stem and Halifax Peninsula housing cooperatives are not in receipt of partial municipal tax relief: both paid full residential tax in 2013.

25. Shelter Nova Scotia⁶ – Halifax – Capital Grant/Energy Efficiency

Shelter NS is a registered Canadian charity that operates five (5) supportive housing properties located within Halifax accommodating the homeless and persons in conflict with the law. Operations are sustained by the Province of Nova Scotia and Corrections Canada supplemented by fundraising and project-specific grants. A capital grant of \$22,614.49 requested to fully fund (1) attic and wall insulation and (2) replacement windows, for the Sir Sanford Flemming House, a registered heritage property. The applicant commits to funding kitchen upgrades. The total project can be phased. As a registered heritage property the window project requires approval and would be eligible to apply under the Community History sector of the *Community Grants Program*. ***A capital grant of \$7,000 recommended for attic and wall insulation of the Sir Sandford Flemming House.***

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 1

26. Circle of Care Society – Dartmouth - Marketing

Founded in 2008, the society is a registered Canadian charity that provides household furnishings to lower income persons and community non-profit groups. The service is sustained by donations and delivery charges paid by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services for eligible clients referred by the department's social workers. A grant of \$3,000 requested to fully fund the development of a web site to increase public awareness and customer contact. The value of recommended grant excludes the recurring cost of annual hosting fees. ***A grant of \$1,200 recommended for web site development.***

27. Disaster Animal Response Team Nova Scotia – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2008, the society's volunteers assist in the care of animals evacuated, lost or abandoned during an emergency and those seized in animal hoarding cases. The service complements HRM's EMO role, animal control services, and minimum standards for residential property. The group is self-sustaining through membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested to fully fund the purchase of a cargo trailer; the group is raising money to purchase a truck. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for the purchase of emergency response vehicle (cargo trailer).***

28. Eastern Shore Ground Search & Rescue – Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Equipment

The society comprises 138 volunteers who assist with searches for missing persons, evidence searches, and provincial and municipal emergency response to natural and man-made events. The group is largely sustained through fundraising with project-specific government grants. In 2013, the group purchased a boat to aid in shore-line searches. A grant of \$4,196.10 requested to fully fund the purchase of equipment and instrumentation to enable night searches. ***A capital***

⁶ Former St. Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia.

grant of \$4,000 recommended for the purchase of equipment and instrumentation for emergency response boat.

29. Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search & Rescue – Middle Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Equipment

The society comprises 40 volunteers who assist with searches for missing persons, evidence searches, and emergency response to natural and manmade events. The group is largely sustained through fundraising with project-specific government grants. The group has relied upon a second-hand bus and an old (1996) 12-seat van to move equipment and volunteers. A grant of \$10,000 requested to replace these unreliable vehicles with second-hand 4x4 trucks. Cost-share confirmed. *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards purchase of emergency response vehicle.*

Tier 2

30. St. Mathew's United Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

The United Church of Canada through the congregation of St. Mathew's and the United Church of Canada Foundation are the principle sponsors of the seasonal *Out of the Cold Shelter* for the homeless with assistance from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, local charities and foundations. The church has renovated the church hall kitchen and expanded the space allocated to the shelter to enhance food services and storage of donated clothing and personal items for clients. A grant of \$4,435.01 requested to purchase assorted equipment: (1) a commercial grade refrigerator, (2) storage bins, and (3) bedding. *A grant of \$4,435 recommended for the purchase of a kitchen appliance and furnishings for the Out of the Cold Shelter program.*

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

Tier 1

31. German-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Marketing

This long-standing non-profit organization promotes the preservation of German-speaking cultures (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) through networking and social activities. The Association's primary source of revenue is the annual *Halifax Oktoberfest* event. In 2013, the group developed a 5-year plan to increase its membership and organizational capacity. A grant of \$4,459.90 requested for self-promotional display equipment, banners, and brochures. *A grant of \$1,000 recommended for the fabrication of display banners.*

32. Latispanicia Cultural Association – Halifax - Equipment

The Association incorporated in 2012 for the purpose of promoting Latin American culture. The volunteer group is sustained by fundraising primarily through their annual *Gala Latina* event. Dancers participate in community events (by donation, not performance fees) and collaborate

with other ethno-cultural groups. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of costumes to be owned by the society and loaned to performers. Based on an ability to phase inventory replacement or expansion, partial funding recommended. *A grant of \$2,000 recommended towards the purchase of dance costumes.*

33.Jamaican Cultural Association of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Marketing

The Association is a newly incorporated non-profit group seeking to promote and preserve Jamaican culture. The volunteer group is sustained by membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the development of a web site and the purchase of office equipment and supplies. Office supplies are ineligible for consideration under the *Community Grants Program*. Given the developmental nature of the group partial funding is recommended and a referral to staff for assistance with future grant submissions. *A grant of \$2,330 recommended for web site development professional fees.*

Tier 3

34.Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Development

Incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature, the Home is a long-standing institution. Although the operations of the former residence have been relocated within the community, the society wish to address the status of three (3) vacant buildings including restoration of a former two-room school to accommodate community use of the upper level and leased office space on the lower level. The estimated total cost of the project is \$410,000. Provincial accessibility funding is confirmed and the society has the ability to finance the balance of funding by liquidating investments or a combination of cash and debt. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards the *Henry G. Bauld Restoration Project*. Application for a building permit has been made and the centre is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2014. *A grant of \$25,000 recommended towards the Henry G. Bauld Restoration Project.*

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 1

35.Halifax Women's History Society – Halifax – Marketing

Incorporated in 2013, the society's aims are the preservation and presentation of local women's history. To date, the group is sustained by membership dues and donations. Application has been made for charitable status. A grant of \$5,000 requested to fund scanning of archival photographs for the Society's new web site. The material might also be used in future interpretation panels. Given the developmental nature of the group and an ability to phase the project partial funding is recommended. *A grant of \$2,000 recommended towards development of women's history web site.*

36.L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association – Head of Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Site Development

The former West Chezzetcook Grand Desert Community Interest Group has changed their name to reflect a new focus on the preservation of local Acadian history and culture. The group is self-sustaining through seasonal rentals, donations, and project-specific grants. The group's new vision encompasses rural economic development with renovations to expand the visitor experience: the scope of the project estimated to cost a total of \$147,547 includes: (1) commissioning a vacant period building, (2) construction of an outdoor stage for community events, and (3) marketing. ACOA funding plus the group's own contribution of \$36,994 is confirmed. The site has the potential to become a municipally registered heritage property. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards the *Acadian Museum Project*. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 recommended for the construction of an outdoor deck/stage for the Barn (\$16,000) and towards the interior restoration of Acadian residential building (\$9,000) at the Acadian Museum site conditional upon Heritage Planner approval.***

37.Moser River & Area Historical Society – Moser River – Capital Grant/Heritage Building

Since 2005, the local historical society has been working to protect, restore and use the McMann House, a registered heritage property located in the rural village of Moser River. The Society is self-sustaining through donations and the *Moser River Days* event. The building has been restored in phases based on the availability of funds. The main floor and part of the upper floor are now safe and functional. In 2013, windows were replaced. In 2014, the group plan to complete the window and door repairs, and replace an exterior safety rail and steps. A grant of \$1,500 requested towards installation of window flashing to prevent water damage. ***A grant of \$1,500 recommended to upgrade the McMann House conditional upon Heritage Planner approval.***

38.Parish of St. Barnabas/St. John's Church Hall – Necum Teuch – Capital Grant/Heritage Building

St. John's Church Hall is a former one-room school house and a municipally registered heritage property used by local residents for social activities. A grant of \$3,000 requested to install footings beneath the kitchen and interior painting. The interior painting is ineligible for consideration. ***A grant of \$1,200 recommended towards St. John's Church Hall foundation upgrades conditional upon Heritage Planner approval.***

39.Friends of St. James United Church Heritage Society – Spry Bay – Project Grant/Heritage Building

Founded in 2005, the Society is a registered charity whose mandate is the protection and preservation of the de-commissioned St. James United Church (c.1872) built from wood salvaged from local shipwrecks. The Society is self-sustaining through fundraising, donations

and project-specific grants. A building condition report commissioned by the Society in 2005 estimated restoration costs to total \$89,220 and therefore work proceeds in stages as finances permit. Structural repairs to the roof, windows, interior ceiling, and bell tower have been completed. In 2013, the bell tower was waterproofed and painted (~\$8,000) independent of municipal funding. The group has exhausted its financial resources and has requested a grant of \$4,000 to complete the exterior painting of the rest of the church. HRM Heritage Planner has approved the work. *A grant of \$4,000 recommended for exterior painting of St. James United Church.*

Tier 2

40. Calvin Presbyterian Church – Halifax – Project Grant/Historical Artefact

Located on the Calvin Presbyterian Church property is a large section of the anchor shaft from the Mont-Blanc, one of two ships whose collision in Halifax Harbour resulted in the 1917 Halifax Explosion. The church has requested a grant of \$5,000 as part of a two-stage project to relocate and replace the anchor's mounting (\$6,719.82). The second stage, scheduled for 2015, is the fabrication and installation of an interpretation panel. *A grant of \$5,000 recommended toward Mont-Blanc artefact project.*

41. Hooked Rug Museum of North America – Queensland – Capital Grant/Museum Development

Founded in 2006, the museum preserves and presents the traditional craft of rug-hooking. Located along a well-established tourist route the 3.7 acre site enjoys good visibility but the building is a former industrial manufacturing facility that needs adaption to adequately conserve the collection and encourage visitors and tourists. The society is self-sustaining and does not receive provincial operating funds. A grant of \$25,000 requested for assorted renovations, upgrades and equipment. Because the building was a former window fabrication plant there is a rear loading bay; removing the door and enclosing the space will create additional exhibition space and enhance energy efficiency. Refer to staff for assistance with future grant applications. *A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards removal of loading bay door and replacement with interior wall and exterior siding. Excludes interior painting.*

42. The Old School Gathering Place – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Building Repairs and Maintenance

In 2010, HRM conveyed title to the former Musquodoboit Harbour Elementary School valued at \$120,000 for \$1 to The Old School Gathering Place, a registered Canadian charity sustained by grants, donations, and program fees. A grant of \$25,000 requested to fully fund two capital projects: (1) minor repairs to the roof and (2) exterior painting. Elements of the exterior painting could be phased. *A grant of \$3,000 recommended to fully fund minor roof repairs.*

Tier 3

43.Parish of St. George – Halifax – Capital Grant/Heritage Building Renovation

St. George's Round Church is a local heritage landmark and plays an active role in the local community especially in relation to youth (St. George's Youthnet), music recitals, and neighbourhood history. The *Deck the Hall Renovation Project* aims to restore the 125 year old church hall to preserve its heritage significance, lower operating costs, and revitalize community use. To date, the Parish has raised \$270,000 in cash through fundraising and donations. The projected total cost is \$800,000 and must be phased. To date foundation, drainage and roof repairs, kitchen and storage upgrades, and a wheelchair ramp have been completed. In 2013, the Parish applied to the HRM Heritage Advisory Committee to permit vinyl replacement windows. On October 23, 2013, the HAC approved a compromise and permitted vinyl except for 8 large and prominent windows considered "character defining". A grant of \$25,000 requested towards the increased cost of wooden reproduction windows. Vinyl would have cost \$33,803.10 and wooden reproductions are \$67,528; a difference of \$33,724.90. The request would recover ~75% of this increase. *A grant of \$25,000 recommended for the fabrication and installation of eight wooden windows for St. George's Round Church Hall.*

44.Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society⁷ – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Heritage Building Repairs

Founded in 1982, the Society owns and operates a portfolio of residential properties for low or moderate income households. The property located at 53-55 Ochterloney Street is the Thomas Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House, a registered heritage property. The Society is unable to finance the roof repair using their Replacement Reserve because the property serves a non-residential purpose and is not under a funding agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. The upper floor of the building is leased. Hence, a roof repair will aid rental income. A grant of \$14,913.50 requested to fully fund the roof repairs. *A capital grant of \$14,000 recommended for roof repairs to Thomas Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House.*

45.Lake Charlotte & Area Heritage Society – Lake Charlotte – Capital Grant/Heritage Property Upgrades

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operates the Memory Lane Heritage Village in Lake Charlotte. The registered heritage property replicates rural life in the 1950's and an archives for small communities along the Eastern Shore. Revenues are primarily government operating and project-specific grants, sales revenue and fundraising. The *Visitor Enhancement Project* encompasses a wide range of capital improvements to the site (~\$404,000) which can be phased as funds become available. A grant of \$25,000 requested for assorted capital projects: (1) roof repairs to four buildings, (2) extension of underground electrical and communications throughout the site, and (3) the addition of fire alarms to three buildings. Fire prevention is a

⁷ Funds transferred from Affordable & Supportive Housing sector.

municipal priority and for this project is integral to the electrical upgrades; therefore the proposed grant focuses on these elements only with total costs of \$16,877.50 (less HST rebate); the Society's contribution would be \$877.50 plus the roof repairs. Refer to staff for assistance with future grant applications. *A grant of \$16,000 recommended for electrical upgrades and fire alarm system at the Memory Lane Heritage Village.*

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier 1

46.Halifax Makerspace Society – Halifax – Crafts/Equipment

Incorporated in 2013, the Society is in a developmental stage with the goal of promoting the merger of traditional crafts techniques with new technologies. Artisans, artists, hobbyists and entrepreneurs access studio space and specialized equipment for the development of prototypes. Presently, the group rent space in the NSCAD Institute of Creativity, monthly membership dues vary by income and the studio is open to the general public one night a week. A capital grant of \$10,454.15 requested to fund the purchase of specialized equipment (laptop, robotics, laser and air purifier). Due to the formative status of the group and modest revenues, partial funding is recommended. *A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase of a Desktop Laser Cutter and Air Purifier equipment.*

47.Secret Theatre Society – Halifax – Multi-Media Arts/Equipment

Incorporated in 2011, the company produces inter-disciplinary works demonstrating originality, innovation and public engagement through free public performances under the *Radical Hospitality* initiative. Free admission expands audience reach and diversity impacts the nature of the performance itself. The group is largely self-funded with project-specific government grants and has a strong national and international arts event profile. A grant of \$700 requested towards the purchase of computer software (\$957) to enhance self-promotion and Internet connectivity. Cost-share confirmed. *A grant of \$700 recommended towards the purchase of computer software.*

48.Vile Passeist Theatre Society – Halifax – Performing Arts/Theatre/Production

An emerging professional theatre company, the society incorporated in 2011 to promote the works of Jacobean and Elizabethan playwrights. Revenues are primarily self-generated through ticket sales, fundraising and project-specific grants. A grant of \$2,070 requested towards venue rental for production of *Gallathea* in November, 2014, at the Bus Stop Theatre venue. Total production costs estimated to be \$20,190. *A grant of \$2,000 recommended for facility rental.*

49.Xara Choral Theatre Society – Halifax – Performing Arts/Music/Marketing

Founded in 2008 as a youth initiative of the Halifax Camerata Singers, the choir for young adult women (ages 18-30) incorporated as a separate non-profit organization in 2012. The Society

provides instruction in choral music and performances include spoken word, movement, visual and lighting elements. Funding is largely self-generated through ticket sales and fundraising supplemented by project-specific grants. In addition to recitals, the choir participates in choral competitions, civic and community events, and collaborative projects. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the production of a self-promotional CD and print material. Total production costs are \$17,140 with cost-share confirmed. The CD is not a commercial venture and will be sold at cost as a means of marketing the organization. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards production of a self-promotional CD and marketing.***

Tier 2

50. Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative Limited – Halifax - Performing Arts/Film&Video/Equipment

The Cooperative's purpose is to provide equipment, facilities and funds for the production of independent, non-commercial film and to provide instruction and training. Revenues include project-specific grants, rental dues, fees and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 requested to fully fund the purchase of a wireless microphone system (\$6,514.75). ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase of audio equipment.***

51. Nova Scotia Talent Trust – Halifax – Visual & Performing Arts/Marketing

The Trust is a registered Canadian charity and non-profit society dependent upon the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage/Arts NS for ~78% of its revenues; these funds are distributed in annual grants to individual artists. The Trust also operates the Nova Scotia Talent Trust Foundation, an endowment fund whose investment earning supplement the Trust's revenues. On average ~60% of grant recipients reside within HRM (Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Lower Sackville, Head of Jeddore, Hammonds Plains). A grant of \$5,000 requested to fund web site upgrades including social media integration: data indicates that 45% of grant applicants access the web site through a mobile device (phone or tablet). ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for web site upgrades.***

52. Theatre Nova Scotia – Halifax – Performing Arts/Theatre/Marketing

Theatre Nova Scotia is a membership-based umbrella organization that supports professional and community theatre companies, theatre educators, and individual practitioners through information and networking resources. Revenues are primarily project-specific grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards of web site upgrade and brochures to publicize community and professional theatre. The web site project will feature the creation of a database of individual theatre practitioners who create their professional profile within a searchable on-line database. Total costs for web site upgrades and promotional brochures estimated to be \$20,584. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for web site upgrades to facilitate self-promotion and networking among theatre arts practitioners and related service providers. Excludes annual print materials.***

Tier 3

53.Halifax Dance Association – Halifax – Performing Arts/Dance/Equipment

Incorporated in 1973, the Association offers pre-professional and recreational instruction in dance and creative movement. Classes include *Parent & Tot* (2-3 years of age), children (3-12), teens, adult, and a *Special Needs Inclusive Movement* class (ages 4-12). With its focus on pre-professional and community engagement, the Association is ineligible for government professional arts core operating funding. Revenues are self-generated through fees, fundraising, and project-specific grants. The organization leases premises in the private sector that are not climate controlled which in combination with high volume use places demand on the studio pianos (4 out of 5 studios have pianos). A grant of \$9,000 requested towards the purchase of two replacement pianos. Because the 50/50 cost-share is unconfirmed, a grant of smaller value is recommended towards the purchase of one instrument. Cost-share is confirmed. ***A grant of \$6,650 recommended towards the purchase of a piano.***

Supplementary Information on Prior Funding to an Organization or Project

Community Grants Program: Previous Awards 2009 to 2013						
Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Other*
Deanery Project					\$10,000	HRM Tax
Acadia Recreation Club Society			\$15,000			Tax Exempt
Bosom Buddies of NS			\$1,849			
Cheema Aquatic Club		\$5,000				HRM Tax
Halifax Circus Cooperative		\$5,000				
Hammonds Plains Fire Hall & Community Centre					\$4,499	
North Ship Harbour Community Hall			\$20,000	\$20,000		HRM Tax
Green Stem Housing Cooperative Limited			\$7,500		\$9,766	
Phoenix Youth Programs	\$20,000	\$7,500				Tax Exempt
Second Stage Housing Association (Alice Housing)			\$5,000		\$11,500	HRM Tax
Shelter NS (St. Leonard's Soc)			\$25,000		\$2,175	HRM Tax
Eastern Shore Ground Search & Rescue		\$15,000				
St. Mathew's United Church			\$2,272	\$2,217	\$4,000	Tax Exempt
Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing		\$6,286				HRM Tax
Friends of St. James United Church		\$4,370		\$12,000		Tax Exempt
Hooked Rug Museum of North America	\$20,000	\$20,000			\$5,000	HRM Tax
Lake Charlotte & Area Historical Society	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$3,000	HRM Tax
Moser River & Area Historical Society				\$1,200		HRM Tax
Parish of St. Barnabas/St. John's Church Hall		\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$2,500	Tax Exempt
NS Home for Colored Children					\$3,216	Tax Exempt
Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative			\$5,000		\$4,000	
Secret Theatre Society				\$2,000	\$2,000	
Ville Passeist Theatre Society					\$1,400	

In alphabetical order, the following 19 organizations are new to the *Community Grants Program*: Calvin Presbyterian Church; Circle of Care Society; Disaster Animal Response Team of Nova Scotia; German-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia; Halifax Peninsula Housing Cooperative Limited; Halifax Makerspace Society; Halifax Women's History Society; Jamaican Cultural Association of Nova Scotia; Latispanica Cultural Association; Martock Nordic Ski Club; Moser River Wheels & Skis; Musquodoboit Valley Home for Special Care; Nova Scotia Talent Trust; Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society; Upper Musquodoboit Fellowship Club; Xara Choral Theatre Society.

Attachment 4

Subject to the Grants Committee's approval, the following 14 professional arts organizations will be referred to the *Professional Arts Organizations Grant Program* in 2014.

1.2b Theatre Association – Halifax –Performing Arts/Theatre/Equipment

Incorporated in 2000, the Bunnies in the Headlights Theatre Association changed its name to the 2b Theatre Association in 2004. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of two laptop computers, software, and a projector (\$6,080).

2.Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative Limited – Halifax – Facility/Equipment

Former sole proprietorship incorporated as a non-profit cooperative in 2013. Capital grant of \$13,000 for the purchase of lighting equipment, installation and training for performance venue leased in the private sector.

3.Luna Sea Theatre – Halifax – Performing Arts/Theatre/Marketing

Incorporated in 2007, Luna Sea is a professional theater company with a focus on women's stories and perspectives. A grant of \$3,800 requested to fully fund web site upgrades and training, and to purchase a printer and office supplies.

4.Kinetic Studio Society – Halifax – Performing Arts/Dance/Equipment

Incorporated in 2003, the Society promotes professional dance through presentation, production and professional development workshops. A grant of \$3,885 requested to purchase a projector, video camera, laptop computer, and video editing software (total \$4,785).

5.Mocean Dance – Halifax – Performing Arts/Dance/Equipment

Founded in 2001, this professional contemporary dance company has requested a grant of \$3,000 to fully fund the purchase of a digital projector and accessories.

6.Onelight Theatre Society – Dartmouth - Performing Arts/Theatre/Marketing

Founded in 2002, the Society is a professional theatre company that produces original works and the *Prismatic Arts Festival* (now a separate non-profit). A grant of \$10,000 requested for the design, fabrication and installation of indoor and outdoor signage at Alderney Landing.

7.Opera Nova Scotia – Halifax – Preforming Arts/Music/Marketing

A grant of \$1,000 requested to print season's program and mailing costs. Recurring annual self-promotional material and operating cost (postage).

8.Live Art Productions Society – Halifax-Performing Arts/Dance/Marketing

The Society operates under the name Live Art Dance Productions and is primarily a presenter of professional dance and inter-disciplinary dance productions. A grant of \$3,500 requested for production of web-based promotion.

9.Music Industry Association of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Performing Arts/Music/Equipment

The Association is a registered society that operates under the name Music Nova Scotia. The society's aims are the development of the music industry in Nova Scotia. A grant of \$4,000 requested to purchase sound equipment (total \$5,349) for new office venue and to share with the Halifax Pop Explosion.

10.Neptune Theatre Foundation-Halifax-Performing Arts/Theatre/Facility Repairs

The Foundation was incorporated in 1954 to establish a professional repertory theatre. A grant of \$21,000 requested to fully fund partial roof repair.

11.Shakespeare by the Sea Theatre Society – Halifax – Performing Arts/Theatre/Equipment

Shakespeare by the Sea is a professional theatre company dedicated to the production of outdoor classical theatre. A grant of \$19,483.37 requested to fully fund the purchase of 200 chairs, a storage shed for the chairs, blankets (\$1,000), and a cargo trailer for storage.

12.Society for Art Presentation – Halifax – Performing Arts/Film&Video/Equipment

The Society operates under the name The Centre for Art Tapes and since 1979 has operated a non-profit artist-run centre to support electronic media with production facilities, exhibitions, instruction and mentoring, and financial support. A grant of \$20,475.30 requested to purchase 2 laptop computers, 3 cameras, assorted camera lenses, tripods and accessories (total \$22,475.30).

13.Symphony Nova Scotia Society – Halifax – Performing Arts/Music/Equipment

The Symphony's mandate is to establish and promote a professional symphony orchestra in the Province of Nova Scotia. A grant of \$25,000 requested for the purchase of 52 chairs, 2 trolleys, 8 acoustic shields and carrying case (total \$34,371).

14.Zuppa Theatre Company – Halifax-Performing Arts/Theatre/Equipment

Zuppa is a professional theatre company that stages theatrical productions and offers pre-professional and professional workshops. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of lighting equipment.