

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



SUBMITTED BY: _____
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SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2012-2013:
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. The 2012-2013 program received 98 applications for a combined total value of \$1,134,517.55 in requests.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the 56 awards detailed in Attachment 2 of this report for a combined total cost of \$413,478 from operating account M311-8004 (Community Grants Program).

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Charter (2008) gives municipalities the authority to issue cash grants to specific categories of community endeavour. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any such 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. A synopsis of the review methodology is included in **Attachment 1**.

DISCUSSION

The 2012-2013 *Community Grants Program* received 98 applications for a combined total of \$1,134,517.55 in requests. Twenty-one (21) applications totalling \$203,454.62 in requests were deemed ineligible and are listed in a separate Information Report. Of the remaining 77 eligible applications, twenty-one (21) have not been recommended for funding in 2012-13 and are listed in a separate Information Report. Fifty-six (56) grants totalling \$413,478 are recommended as described in **Attachment 2** of this report.

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).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The combined value of recommended awards conforms to the program budget of \$500,000 (M311-8004).

2012-13 Community Grants Program Budget	\$500,000
Less Combined Total Value of Recommended Awards (56)	<u>(\$413,478)</u>
Balance Pending Appeals	\$ 86,522

Subject to the approval of the Grants Committee and Regional Council, a balance of \$86,522 pending committee or Council amendments, allows for any appeals. This balance could increase if an applicant is unable to meet the proposed conditions of funding or their project is unable to proceed.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

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 HRM Customer Service Centres and the HRM Call Centre. Public participation on the HRM Grants Committee is convened through the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee could overturn or amend a staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Review Methodology.
2. List of Recommended Grants by Sector.

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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Attachment 1

Review Methodology

The *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) categories¹ each of which has specific funding priorities that guide evaluation. Individual files are reviewed by staff members using a standardized scoring form. Individual scores are then moderated and ranked based on budget capacity, other HRM assistance, priority funding, etc. Staff reviewers must declare any conflict of interest in relation to an applicant. In such cases the file is reviewed by a peer and there is no preferential access to information.

To moderate variance in scoring among reviewer scores, applicants are ranked within each sector based on project merit, financial need, and the sector's budget allocation. The sector ranking is shown in parenthesis (x). The designation Tier 1 (<\$50,000), Tier 2 (\$50,000 to \$250,000), or Tier 3 (> \$250,000), refers to the applicant's prior year's gross revenues. This distinction was added because some smaller volunteer groups assumed they were competing directly with organizations with greater financial capacity and/or paid staff.

It should be noted that in general, a score of 50 is considered the minimum threshold for funding but that individual scores do not correlate with the value of any recommended grant (i.e. a higher score does not translate into a larger grant). Other factors taken into consideration include the applicant's financial capacity to self-fund or cost share, systemic barriers to fundraising, urgency of need including safety or public health issues, efforts to access funding from other sources, and the eligibility of individual project expenses. The individual project description includes the total estimated cost of the project. However, readers are cautioned that in a minority of cases total projected costs might not be indicative of actual cash expenses. For example, some submissions include a proportional share of recurring core operational costs, in-kind labour costs, or poorly quantified expenses.

The *Community Grants Program* does not provide multi-year funding but organizations are able to apply every year. In circumstances where there is insufficient capacity to fund all qualified applicants, preference may be given to groups who have not received a grant in a previous year or those who do not receive other forms of HRM assistance e.g. a rent subsidy or tax exemption. All applicants are screened for debt to HRM.

Unless noted otherwise, the applicant is a duly registered non-profit society as per the Societies Act. Charitable status is noted because this designation is subject to tight financial and reporting accountability as compared to other forms of non-profit incorporation. Charities may also be restricted in their ability to accrue funds unless for an identified capital project and with the

¹ Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable & Supportive Housing, Emergency Assistance, Neighbourhood Safety, Community History, Community Diversity, Arts & Crafts

express consent of Revenue Canada. A non-profit cooperative is also noted and, if applicable, has been screened to ensure that no portion of a municipal grant is paid to an individual member.

Attachment 2

List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2012-2013

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 1

1. Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust - Chebucto Peninsula – Project Grant/Environmental Education (3)

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust is a registered charity whose mandate is to protect, conserve, and restore the natural habitat, watersheds, and wildlife on public lands known as the Five Bridges Wilderness Area. Programming focuses on public awareness through guided walks, meetings, and publications. Modest revenues are comprised solely of membership dues and donations. A grant of \$439 requested towards production of a brochure identifying plants along the Bluff Wilderness Trail. Total estimated project cost \$878.

A project grant of \$439 recommended towards production of a brochure interpreting the flora of the Bluff Wilderness Trail.

2. Sackville Rivers Association - Sackville – Project Grant/Environmental Remediation (2)

The Sackville Rivers Association is a registered charity that provides community-based stewardship for Sackville River, Little Sackville River, and associated tributaries. A grant of \$5,000 requested for installation of additional in-stream structures, repairs to the Sackville River and Harvey's Brook, and the purchase of water testing equipment. Staff recommend the applicant be referred to the Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network equipment lending program.

A project grant of \$1,793 recommended towards repairs to the Sackville River fish-way.

3. St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association - St. Margaret's Bay – Project Grant/Environmental Education (1)

St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association is a registered charity comprising exclusively volunteers. Under an agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, the Association serves as steward of Micou's Island located in St. Margaret's Bay. A grant of \$4,500 requested for the production of an illustrated youth activity guide (~\$4,250) and associated way-finding signage (\$250) on Micou's Island.

A project grant of \$4,000 recommended towards production of a youth activity guide on Micou's Island, St. Margaret's Bay, and associated walking trail signage.

4. Young Naturalists Club - Halifax – Project Grant/Environmental Education (7)

The Young Naturalist Club engages youth in environmental activities such as tree planting, beach clean-ups, and visits to ecologically significant areas in HRM. Activities are open to all youth and provided free of charge. The Club is sustained by government and private sector grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards web site re-design project estimated to cost \$8,000.

A project grant of \$2,500 recommended towards Young Naturalists Club web site re-design. Holdback. Award conditional on confirmation of cost-share.

Tier 2

5. Cat Rescue Maritimes - Halifax- Project Grant/Animal Control (8)

The Cat Rescue Maritimes is a registered charity with chapters located in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The organization's mandate is to reduce the feral cat population using a trap-neuter-return and cat adoption approach. The organization is comprised solely of volunteers and revenues are primarily donations. A grant of \$5,000 requested in support of a one-day spay/neuter clinic in HRM expected to cost \$6,189. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund veterinary supplies, therefore eligible expenses are limited to trapping and storage equipment.

A project grant of \$787 recommended for the purchase of trapping equipment in support of a community-based feral cat animal control initiative.

Tier 3

6. St. Mary's University (Community-Based Environmental Network) - Halifax – Project Grant/Environmental Stewardship (4)

The St. Mary's University Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network has developed an equipment lending program to provide access to specialized monitoring and testing equipment, free of charge, to a variety of environmental non-profit groups. Network revenues are primarily grants with substantial in-kind support from St. Mary's University. Participation in the program continues to grow thus leading to an increase in demand. A grant of \$3,500 requested to fully fund the purchase of specialized water quality monitoring equipment (YSI multi-parameter meter).

A project grant of \$3,000 recommended for the purchase water quality monitoring equipment for community equipment lending program.

It is recommended that further municipal funding be conditional upon the Network's incorporation as a separate non-profit entity that includes community representation and independent financial reporting.

7. Habitat for Humanity - Dartmouth – Capital Grant /Equipment (5)

Habitat for Humanity is a registered charity that builds affordable housing for lower income families. The organization is essentially self-funding with the revenues from the sale of properties re-invested in new construction, supplemented by corporate donations, government

grants, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards the purchase of a new cube van costing a total of \$40,000 to enhance capacity at the *Restore* outlet (revenue generated through the sale of new and used building materials) that has expanded its service to include kitchen dismantling and removal. The *Restore* program provides financial support in the development of affordable housing and compliments HRM's interests in waste diversion and recycling to extend landfill capacity. The review concluded that a low-mileage second-hand vehicle would be a less expensive alternative, especially given the environmental focus of the program.

A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the purchase of a vehicle for the Restore Program. Holdback. Award is conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

8. Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Provincial Animal Shelter) - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Animal Control (6)

The Nova Scotia SPCA is a registered charity that advocates for animal rights and cruelty prevention, operates shelters for seized or abandoned animals, and provides on-site and on-line education for current and future pet owners. Revenues are primarily from adoption fees, fundraising, and donations. The Dartmouth shelter is working to expand their facility by converting a carport into a second intake room for cats (\$14,680), the project also includes a second laundry (\$4,345.65) and the purchase of additional cat kennels (\$5,578.65). A grant of \$24,604.50 requested to fully fund the project; the applicant to provide donated supplies and corporate in-kind discounts. Partial funding has been recommended given an increase to full exemption of municipal taxes in 2011. The project may have to be phased subject to the applicant's budget capacity.

A capital grant of \$14,680 is recommended towards expansion of the metro animal shelter located in Burnside Industrial Park, Dartmouth. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

9. Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre Society - Grand Lake - Capital Grant/Equipment (9)

The Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre Society own and operate a community centre and sports field (playground area and ballfield). Society operations are sustained by an area rate supplemented by facility rentals and donations. A grant of \$25,000 requested for the purchase and installation of playground equipment. The total project costs are estimated to be \$100,000. The *Community Grants Program* does not fundraising, therefore the award is conditional pending a progress report and confirmation that the equipment will be installed in 2012.

A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards the purchase of new playground equipment. Holdback. Award is conditional upon confirmation of any construction completed to date and balance of funding.

10. Halifax Rowing Club - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment (5)

The Halifax Rowing Club offers a variety of rowing programs for people of all ages and abilities. Fees for participation are modest and discount rates are available. Operated by volunteers, the Club generates modest revenues from membership fees and fundraising. A capital grant of \$3,500 to purchase of a safety boat to be used for all rowing programs; the club is to purchase the outboard motor (\$2,700).

A capital grant of \$3,500 recommended towards the purchase of a safety boat. Holdback. Award is conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

11. Mulgrave Park Caring and Learning Centre - Halifax – Capital Grant/Children and Youth (11)

The Mulgrave Park Caring and Learning Centre offers a variety of recreational and social programs for children, youth, and families that reside within Mulgrave Park and the immediate neighbourhood. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of kitchen appliances and kitchenware for the *Cooking With Kids Program*, office equipment, and assorted games equipment totalling \$6,650.65. The review supported the concept of a cooking program for children from lower income homes but would require further details on attendance and sustainability in support of any future funding submission.

A capital grant of \$700 recommended for the purchase of a dishwasher for the Mulgrave Park Caring and Learning Centre.

12. North Ship Harbour Community Auxiliary Club - Ship Harbour - Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade (3)

In 1966, the Auxiliary assumed ownership of a former school building for the purpose of operating a community hall for social and leisure activities for area residents. The Club is entirely voluntary with self-generated revenues through bingo, fundraising and room rentals. The Club has undertaken expansion and upgrades to the building to enhance accessibility, energy efficiency, and programming. Major structural work was completed in 2011. The next phase of the project focuses on interior finishing (insulation, floor, walls, and ceilings), electrical upgrades, and kitchen cabinetry at an estimated total cost of \$87,658.70. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested.

A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards electrical and energy upgrades to the North Ship Harbour Community Hall.

13. Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club - Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Feasibility Study (1)

The Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club provides seasonal canoe and kayak recreational and instructional programs for youth and adults. Revenues are primarily membership dues and government grants. The combination of an aging facility and increasing participation rates requires the Club to

consider replacing their existing facility. A capital grant of \$5,000 has been requested representing 50% of the cost of a building feasibility study. The Club's cost-share is confirmed.

A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended towards professional fees for a study to determine the feasibility of facility replacement.

14. Upper Musquodoboit Community Association - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Facility Repairs (14)

The Association own and operate a community hall that offers room rentals for private functions and assorted social and leisure activities. Revenues are generated primarily from rental income and fund raising. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards assorted repairs and upgrades estimated to cost a total of \$32,545: roof replacement (\$17,710), bathroom renovations (\$10,925) and doors (\$3,910). Given the modest financial status of the applicant a phased approach may be warranted.

A capital grant of \$8,855 recommended towards roof replacement. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of 50% cost-share.

Tier 2

15. Lakeview Windsor Junction Fall River (LWF) Firemen's Association - Fall River - Capital Grant/Facility Repairs (13)

The LWF Fireman's Association own and operate a community hall that serves as a social club for members but is made available for local groups and private rentals. Operations are sustained by membership dues, room rentals, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$11,900 requested for roof (\$15,700) and deck (\$4,100) repairs.

A capital grant of up to \$6,300 of 40% of total costs recommended for roof repairs. Holdback. Award is conditional pending confirmation of cost- share.

16. Windsor Junction Community Centre Society/ Lakeview Windsor Junction Fall River (LWF) Rate Payers Association - Windsor Junction - Capital Grant/Facility Expansion (10)

The Windsor Junction Community Centre Society own a community hall and playground operated under a management agreement by the LWF Rate Payers Association. The hall offers summer swimming and lifeguard programs for children and youth and a clubhouse for adults. The Society has applied jointly with the LWF Rate Payers Association for a \$25,000 capital grant towards an addition and siding. The project is estimated to cost a total of \$50,000.

A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards an expansion of the Windsor Junction Community Centre.

17. Shubenacadie Canal Commission - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Equipment (12)

The Shubenacadie Canal Commission is a registered charity whose mandate is the stewardship and promotion of the Shubenacadie Canal system. The Commission is dependent upon core

operating funding from the Province of Nova Scotia supplemented by project-specific fundraising and grants. To increase access to Lake Thomas the Commission proposes the installation of mobile floating docks, shoreline upgrades, and signage. The estimated total project cost is \$24,980 for which a capital grant of \$23,730 has been requested. The land is owned by the Province of Nova Scotia, hence shoreline stabilization is ineligible. Eligible expenses are limited to docks (\$17,480) that can be re-located, promotion and signage (\$1,250).

A capital grant of up to \$8,740 recommended for the purchase of publicly accessible floating dock for Lake Thomas. HRM's contribution not to exceed 50% of costs. Holdback. Award is conditional upon confirmation of applicant's 50% cost-share.

18. The Anglican Church of the Apostles - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade (6)

The recent merger of the Anglican Church of the Apostles, St. Phillips Anglican Church and St. Matthias Anglican Church has resulted in the consolidation of operations at the Connaught Avenue, Halifax, location. This facility includes a church hall and gymnasium available to the public and local non-profit groups. The church is fully accessible but the gymnasium, a later addition to the facility, is not. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards the purchase and installation of a lift to provide access to the gymnasium and second floor accessible washrooms. The total cost of the project is \$40,000. The value of recommended grant is limited due to the number of public and non-profit gymnasiums in the district.

A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the purchase and installation of an accessibility lift. Holdback. Award is conditional pending confirmation of cost-share and installation in 2012.

Tier 3

19. Atlantic Division: Canoe Kayak Canada - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade (8)

Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada comprises 12 member clubs, 9 of which are located in HRM with a total combined membership of 2,268 (2011). The umbrella organization is sustained by club membership dues and government grants. The member clubs all use Lake Banook for regattas and competitive paddling events, including the "judges tower" that accommodates event officials. The facility is also used by other sports including rowing and triathlon, and a war canoe fundraising event. Built in 1988, the tower requires extensive upgrades (windows, electrical, painting, etc) at a total cost of \$12,489.84. A capital grant of \$7,489.84 requested to fund electrical upgrades. The Atlantic Division has confirmed \$5,000 towards the project; the staff review suggests that funding be sought from other sports clubs/associations who benefit directly from use of this facility.

A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended towards electrical upgrades to the judges tower located in Lake Banook.

20. Canadian Mental Health Association (Halifax/Dartmouth Branch) - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Equipment (15)

The Canadian Mental Health Association Halifax/Dartmouth is a registered charity that provides client advocacy, public education, and social programs for mental health consumers and their caregivers. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, government grants, and foundations. The Association operates a social club in both Dartmouth and Halifax. The clubs provide community-based support and leisure programs. A grant of \$4,103.19 requested to fully fund the purchase of two commercial-grade refrigerators for a new cooking instructional program. Staff recommend partial funding grant in support of launching a pilot program in Dartmouth. For several years the Dartmouth branch has been accommodated in various short-term locations and the *Among Friends Club* could benefit from the opportunity to re-establish its profile. Presently, the club is renting in the private sector and would derive benefit from an investment in programming equipment.

A capital grant of \$2,052 recommended for the purchase of a commercial grade refrigerator for the launch of a cooking program for the CMHA Among Friends Program, Dartmouth.

21. Lake District Recreation Association - Lower Sackville - Capital Grant/Facility Repairs (4)

The Lake District Recreation Association is a registered charity that own and operate one of the few non-municipal arenas in HRM. Facility rentals include local hockey leagues, school teams, and summer lacrosse and ball hockey programs. Revenues are generated primarily through facility rentals. A capital grant of 25,000 requested towards the replacement of the arenas' roof that is estimated to cost a total of \$175,000.

A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 recommended towards the cost of replacing the LDRA arena roof.

22. Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron - Halifax - Capital Grant/Accessibility Upgrades (7)

The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron has won the bid to host the *2014 International Association For Disabled Sailing World Championship*, an Olympic qualifying event. The Club will also host the *2103 Mobility Cup*. Locally, the Club offers a free sailing program for persons with disabilities. To accommodate programming and events for persons with a disability the Club requires substantial accessibility upgrades including site grading and accessible pathways, fully accessible docks and access ramp estimated to cost in excess of \$255,000. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested to enhance the Club's event hosting capacity.

A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended towards the cost of accessibility upgrades to the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron to enhance event hosting capabilities for persons with a disability.

23. YMCA Greater Halifax Dartmouth - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade (2)

The YMCA is a registered charity that owns and operates properties in Halifax (2) and Dartmouth. Revenues are primarily self-generated through child care services, membership dues,

program fees, grants, and investment earnings. A capital grant of \$24,444 requested towards upgrades (roof, gymnasium, kitchen, locker rooms, washrooms, and exterior doors) at the YMCA facility located on Gottingen Street, Halifax. The project is estimated to cost a total of ~\$390,000 of which the YMCA has raised \$255,601. Staff recommend that HRM's contribution target gymnasium amenities to increase facility use.

A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards the purchase of bleachers and dividing curtains to enhance use of the YMCA gymnasium, Gottingen Street, Halifax.

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Tier 3

24. Affirmative Industries Association of Nova Scotia - Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Development (1)

Affirmative Industries is a registered charity that provides employment and work place training for mental health consumers and persons living with a disability. In recent years the Association has expanded its role to include affordable housing. A former commercial site has been purchased for the purpose of developing a mixed use complex expected to include ~34 apartment units. The total cost of the development project has not been confirmed. A capital grant of \$24,905 requested towards professional fees for environmental assessments, and traffic, architectural and engineering studies. A partial contribution is recommended based on the in-kind contribution of the consulting companies identified in the applicant's submission ie. these are sole source quotes.

A capital grant of \$17,135 recommended towards the cost of professional fees for site environmental assessment (\$5,175), traffic study (\$2,760), engineering services (\$4,025), and an assessment of storm water management (\$5,175). Conditional upon confirmation that the project will advance in 2012.

25. Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia - Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades (3)

The Freedom Foundation is a registered charity that owns and operates a transition home for adult males in recovery. Revenues are primarily from per diem rates provided through Nova Scotia Department of Community Services (based on municipality of residence), Nova Scotia Department of Health grants, rental income and fund-raising. A capital grant of \$10,820.50 requested to fully fund replacement of the oil heating system with natural gas. The upgrade is expected to reduce operating costs.

A capital grant of \$8,821 recommended to purchase and install a natural gas heating system for men's residential addictions recovery residence. Holdback. Award conditional pending confirmation of cost-share.

26. Metro Non-Profit Housing Association - Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility Development (2)

Metro Non-Profit Housing Association is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a portfolio supportive housing facilities for homeless or at-risk adults in urban Halifax and Dartmouth. Revenues include rental income, government rent subsidies, grants and donations. The Association has partnered with the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Ecology Action Centre, St. Paul's Home, and Ark, to relocate the former Morris House residence and construct an expansion for use as a residence for at-risk youth. The total project is estimated to cost ~\$1,011,822 and is dependent upon federal funding. St. Paul's Home has purchased a vacant lot on Creighton Street, Halifax, and municipal approvals have been granted. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested for site preparation and foundation for the Morris House re-location.

A capital grant of \$25,000 recommended towards site preparation and construction of a foundation for the re-location of the Morris House in support of assisted housing for at-risk youth.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 2

27. Calvin United Church - Lawrencetown – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade (1)

The Calvin United Church is a registered charity. Modest revenues are derived from congregational offerings and fundraising. The church hall is officially recognized as a comfort centre under a Memorandum of Association with HRM's Emergency Management Organization/Fire and Emergency Services. In this capacity the church will serve an EMO support function under the auspices of the Eastern Shore Emergency Management Team. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested to upgrade the church hall's water treatment system and to purchase a commercial dishwasher at a total cost of \$10,000. The church's 50% cost-share is confirmed in the application.

A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended towards water treatment system upgrades for EMO comfort centre.

28. Halifax Ground Search and Rescue - Lakeview – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade (3)

Halifax Ground Search and Rescue is a registered charity whose members provide volunteer support in emergency ground searches for missing persons, evidence searches under the direction of the RCMP or HRP, and emergency response capabilities. Revenues are primarily self-generated through fundraising. The former school located in Lakeview was donated to the Society by HRM for the purpose of volunteer training and equipment storage but is also used by local community groups. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards facility repairs and expansion totalling \$147,500. The applicant is in receipt of a municipal grant of \$32,500; if an additional \$15,000 is approved HRM's combined contribution will be ~50% (excluding contingency).

A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended towards the cost of volunteer search and rescue facility upgrades.

Tier 3

29. Avalon Sexual Assault Centre - Halifax – Project Grant/Public Awareness

Avalon Sexual Assault Centre is a registered charity that provides services for those affected by sexual violence, with primary emphasis on crisis support, education, counselling and advocacy services for women. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of three (3) outdoor banners and two (2) display boards for events and public awareness at a total cost of \$5,205.88.

A project grant of \$3,000 recommended towards the purchase of banners and mobile display equipment for use in public awareness events for the prevention of sexual violence.

30. St. Mathews United Church – Halifax – Project Grant/Facility Upgrades and Equipment (2)

St. Mathews United Church, a registered charity located in downtown Halifax, has committed to collaborating with other community-based organizations in providing a permanent location for the *Out of the Cold Shelter*. The program provides temporary overnight accommodations, November to May, for homeless persons who cannot readily access the existing shelter system due to mental health or behavioural issues, couples who do not want to be separated, and/or capacity issues. The shelter serves men, women, transgendered persons, and youth. A grant of \$3,810.91 requested to upgrade the church hall's kitchen amenities and purchase small equipment.

A project grant of \$3,340 recommended to purchase a fridge (\$275.98), microwave (\$275.98) and shelving (\$109.20) and exterior emergency door replacement (\$1,736.21) in support of the Out of the Cold Shelter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

The 2012-13 *Community Grants Program* received only two (2) applications under the Neighbourhood Safety sector. Staff re-assigned both files to the Emergency Assistance sector based on the alignment of each project.

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 1

31. Friends of St. James United Church Society - Spry Bay – Capital Grant/Heritage Building Restoration (5)

The Friends of St. James United Church Society is a registered charity whose mandate is the restoration and preservation of the St. James United Church (c. 1872); a registered heritage property that no longer serves as a place of worship. Revenues are generated primarily from donations, fundraising, and grants. In 2006, the Society commissioned a building condition

report that has guided and prioritized repairs and restoration. A capital grant of \$24,581 requested towards restoration of nine windows and fabrication of protective storm windows estimated to cost a total of \$33,331. The project has been approved by HRM's Heritage Planner.

A capital grant of \$12,000 recommended towards professional conservator fees for window restoration of St. James United Church, a municipally registered heritage property.

32. Hammonds Plains Historical Society - Hammonds Plains – Project Grant/Heritage Interpretation (3)

The Hammonds Plains Historical Society is a local group of volunteers who aim to preserve the history of Hammonds Plains. Modest revenues are generated from membership dues, donations, and fundraising. A grant of \$3,220 requested fully fund the purchase of video and audio recording equipment for an oral history project *Out of the Past, Into the Future*.

A project grant of \$3,220 recommended towards the purchase of video and audio recording equipment in support of Hammonds Plains oral history project.

33. Local Council of Women - Halifax - Capital Grant/Heritage Building Restoration (1)

Incorporated in 1913, the Local Council of Women promoted women's educational, physical, social and political participation in local society. In 1919, local philanthropist George Wright donated the former residence at 989 Young Street, Halifax, to the Council with the intent of establishing an endowment fund for the property's operations. Mr. Wright subsequently died in the sinking of the Titanic before a trust could be established. The building is a registered heritage property (c.1904) noted for its iconic architectural style.

The operations of the Council and the property are sustained through sub-leasing (residential and office), non-recurring room rentals, and donations. In recent years the Council has sought collaborative relationships with local women's groups, universities, and non-profit organizations that has broadened the interests served by the building. A capital grant of \$9,500 requested for exterior wall repairs totalling \$11,800.

A capital grant of \$9,500 recommended towards exterior wall repairs to the Wright House, a municipally registered heritage property. Holdback. Award conditional pending confirmation of the Council's cost-share.

34. Moser River and Area Historical Society - Moser River - Capital Grant/Building Repairs (8)

Moser River and Area Historical Society is a registered charity that own and operate McMann House, a former residence of historical significance to the area. The house is not a registered heritage property but serves as a meeting space and community 'museum' during the summer months. A capital grant of \$4,500 requested for interior minor repairs and painting. Interior painting (aesthetic not artistic or artefact) is ineligible for funding, therefore eligible expenses are limited to minor drywall repairs.

A capital grant of \$1,200 recommended for minor interior drywall repairs to the McMann House. Grant excludes interior painting.

35. Parish of St. Barnabas (St. John's Church Hall) - Necum Teuch - Capital Grant/ Building Repairs (6)

The St John's Church Hall is a former one-room school house and municipally registered heritage property. The hall is used by the immediate community for small social functions. Modest revenues are self-generated from donations and fundraising. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested for roof repairs, window replacement, and exterior wall shingle repairs. The project costs a total of \$7,807.

A capital grant of \$4,000 recommended towards partial roof re-shingling and replacement window for St. John's Church Hall, a municipally registered heritage building. Holdback. Award conditional upon Heritage Planner approval.

Tier 2

36. Army Museum: Halifax Citadel - Halifax - Project Grant/Heritage Interpretation (7)

Located in the Cavalier Building, Halifax Citadel, the Army Museum is registered charity that operates the museum and amenities under a fee-for-service agreement with Parks Canada. Additional operating revenues are from government grants and public donations. The museum houses an extensive collection of artefacts and archival material related to Nova Scotia's military history. Admission is free.

The society has requested a grant of \$9,320.75 to fully fund two projects: (1) professional fees to commission a model replica of Melville/Deadman's Island that includes an interpretive panel to explain the historical significance of the island, and (2) artist fees to commission a painting to commemorate the War of 1812. Given that the society has already demonstrated an ability to self-fund commissioning an artwork, and in the absence of a detailed description of the selection process, staff recommend a contribution towards interpretive materials in relation to Melville/Deadman's Island that is estimated to cost a total of \$7,020.75.

A project grant of up to a maximum of \$3,500 or 50 % of total project costs recommended towards construction of a scale model of Melville/Deadman's Island and associated interpretation panel(s). Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

37. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society - Cole Harbour - Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades (4)

The Society own and operate a collection of farm buildings and artefacts preserving the occupational history of farming and rural lifestyle. Revenues are generated from government grants, a seasonal tea room/gift shop, and fundraising. The Society wishes to renovate the upper floor of the Harris House, a registered heritage building, to meet archival standards. This type of upgrade may leverage eligibility for future funding from the Council of Nova Scotia Archives. A \$5,000 capital grant requested towards total project costs of \$7,316.45.

A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended for the development of archival capacity for Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum, a municipally registered heritage site. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

Tier 3

38. Symphony Nova Scotia Society - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment (2)

Symphony Nova Scotia Society oversees the operations of Nova Scotia's professional orchestra and related outreach programming. The Society owns an extensive collection of sheet music dating from the early 1930's which includes rare and out-of-print material of historical and cultural significance. The collection has been appraised in the \$750,000-\$1,000,000 range but some pieces cannot be replaced. In addition to the Symphony's use, the collection is made available for rent to other orchestras, ensembles and choirs locally and across Canada. The current office open-shelf storage is inadequate and susceptible to fire, water damage, and theft. Use of the collection will be enhanced using specialized software that has been customized for music archives and is widely used by professional orchestras in North America. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested for the purchase of specialized storage shelves (\$15,317) and the *Orchestra Planning and Administration System* computer software for collections management (\$10,500).

A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended for the purchase of specialized shelving to protect Symphony Nova Scotia's archival collection (\$15,000) and a partial contribution (\$5,000) towards the purchase of archival records management software.

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

Tier 1

39. Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Society - Dartmouth - Project Grant/Public Education (3)

The Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Society comprises volunteers whose goal is to promote recognition of the participation and achievements of the African Canadian community in the sport of ice hockey and the history of the "Coloured Hockey League of the Maritimes". Modest revenues are generated from donations and small grants. In 2011, the Society partnered with the Black Cultural Centre to develop and install interpretive panels depicting the history of African Nova Scotian's and their connection to ice hockey. This year the Society has requested a grant of \$5,000 to fully fund the fabrication of additional panels and stipends for researchers/writers and visitor guides. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund stipends or wages, therefore eligible expenses are limited to the fabrication of interpretive panels.

A project grant of \$4,370 recommended towards the fabrication of four (4) interpretation panels to increase public awareness of the role of local African Nova Scotia athletes, coaches, officials and sport administrators in the sport of ice hockey.

40. Halifax Refugee Clinic - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility Development (2)

The Halifax Clinic is a registered charity that offers a variety of educational, legal, and settlement services to refugees newly arrived in HRM. The Society is primarily sustained through a grant from the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia supplemented by private donations. A property located on the Halifax Peninsula was recently donated to the Society and work is underway to

prepare the premises for occupancy. A capital grant of \$3,185.24 requested to purchase materials for minor interior repairs, painting, and replacement flooring at a total cost of \$4,102.62. Interior painting is an ineligible expense, therefore HRM's contribution is for the purchase and installation of flooring.

A project grant of \$2,945 recommended for the purchase and installation of interior flooring for the new Halifax Refugee Clinic.

Tier 2

41. Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Youth Project Society - Halifax - Capital Grant/Building Repairs (1)

The Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Youth Project Society is a registered charity supported through a sustaining grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection, supplemented by grants, donations, and fundraising. Although not a registered heritage property, the building owned by the Society located on Brunswick Street, Halifax, is considered an historically significant former residence (c 1800's). The property serves as a drop-in centre for clients and a resource lending library for clients, family members, professional service providers, and the general public. A capital grant of \$15,163.50 requested to replace the oil heating system with natural gas costing a total cost of \$16,663.50.

A capital grant of \$14,000 recommended towards replacement heating system for outreach facility serving local LGBT youth and affiliates. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier 1

42. Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association - Head of Jeddore - Capital Grant/Equipment (4)

Incorporated in 1998, the Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association is a long-standing volunteer group self-funded through membership dues and donations. The Association's mandate is the stewardship of the forest ecosystem on the Eastern Shore. A grant of \$4,724 requested to fully fund the purchase of small tools, a video camera and projector, and the fabrication of mobile interpretation displays used in the *Green Wood Working Program*. Program participants sustainably harvest wood to create functional art, small implements and furniture; the program is a merger between environmental stewardship and traditional woodworking crafts.

A project grant of \$1,774 recommended to purchase small equipment for the Green Wood Working Program.

43. Halifax Theatre for Young People - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Equipment (14)

Incorporated in 2010, the Halifax Theatre for Young People is an emerging professional theatre company presently based out of the Alderney Landing Theatre, Dartmouth. Revenues are

primarily from grants and modest ticket sales. A capital grant of \$4,850 requested to purchase a projector and bulb, and a laptop computer. Total costs are \$5,822.82.

A capital grant of \$1,800 recommended for the purchase of projection equipment. Holdback. Award conditional pending confirmation of cost-share.

44. Vile Passeist Theatre Society – Halifax – Project Grant (13)

Incorporated in 2011, Vile Passeist is an emerging professional theatre group that presents Elizabethan and Jacobean works. Revenues are self-generated through ticket sales, sponsorship and fundraising. A grant of \$3,225 requested towards staging two plays. The staff recommendation is considered developmental, not a sustaining grant.

A project grant of \$2,000 recommended for lighting equipment rental (\$300) and partial funding towards performance venue rental (\$1,700). Holdback. Award is conditional upon confirmation of federal and provincial production grants.

45. DaPoPo Theatre Society – Halifax – Project Grant (12)

DaPoPo Theatre is an established professional theatre company that incorporated as a non-profit society in 2011. The company performs original works, accepts commissions (eg. scriptwriting or development, or interpretive guides for walking tours and exhibitions), youth workshops, and the bi-annual *Café DaPoPo*, a participatory production. Revenues comprise ticket sales, workshops, donations, and project-specific grants. A web site re-design and marketing plan is intended to increase the society's profile. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards total project costs of \$5,745.

A project grant of \$2,000 recommended for web site design professional fees. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation that the project can proceed in 2012.

46. Viewpoint Gallery – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment (11)

View Point Gallery is an artist-run co-operative whose members are photographers working collaboratively to exhibit their work and engage the broader photographic community. A grant of \$2,000 requested to fully fund the purchase of large format photo printer to increase the organization's self-publishing capacity. The equipment is second-hand, therefore full funding recommended.

A capital grant of \$2,000 recommended for the purchase of a large-format printer to enhance organizational capacity.

47. Dartmouth Pipe & District Pipe Band Association – Dartmouth - Project Grant/Equipment (7)

The Association is a long-standing registered charity that provides instruction for recreational and competitive band members, community-based activities including events, parades, and ceremonial performances. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, fundraising, and stipends. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of a wide assortment of small replacement parts for piping instruments and drums.

A project grant of \$2,000 recommended towards the purchase of carrying equipment and drums.

48. Secret Theatre Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment (10)

Incorporated in 2003, this professional theatre company's productions incorporate multi-media technology, film/video, music and acting. Revenues are self-generated ticket sales, commissions, and grants. A grant of \$4,827 requested to fully fund the purchase of a laptop computer and software to develop self-promotional materials.

A capital grant of \$2,000 recommended for the purchase of computer software. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation balance of funding.

49. Mariners Quilt Guild – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment Rental (3)

The Mariners Quilt Guild is a non-profit "teaching guild" that limits its' membership to ~60 so as to provide sufficient mentors to inexperienced quilters. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, donations and fundraising. The Society will be participating in the *Quilt Canada 2012*, national symposium to be hosted in Halifax/Dartmouth. A grant of \$1,270 requested for the rental of exhibit equipment in support of the Guild's participation in the *Quilt Canada 2012*.

The *Community Grants Program* does not fund participation in conferences, symposia, workshops, accreditation etc. The Guild's participation in *Quilt Canada 2012* is as an exhibitor only and serves to raise awareness of local artisans to a national audience as well as a self-promotional purpose in recruiting members. The *Community Grants Program* would not have provided funding had HRM not been the host.

A capital grant of \$1,270 recommended for exhibition equipment rental in support of the Mariners Quilt Guild's participation in the Quilt Canada 2012 national symposium hosted in HRM.

Tier 2

50. Shakespeare by the Sea – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment (5)

Shakespeare by the Sea is a professional theatre company and registered charity that presents the works of William Shakespeare, and adaptations/new works for family audiences. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales, fundraising, corporate donations, and a provincial government operating grant. The Society's main venue is Cambridge Battery in Point Pleasant Park. A grant of \$4,200 requested to fully fund the purchase of 140 folding chairs to replenish half of the company's current inventory. The chairs are loaned to audience members at outdoor performances.

A capital grant of \$4,000 recommended for the purchase of portable chairs for outdoor theatre performances.

51. Khyber Arts Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment (9)

The Society is an artist-run centre that rents a portion of an HRM-owned building for administrative offices, an exhibit gallery, and special events. The organization is sustained by a Canada Council of the Arts grant supplemented by room rentals, grants, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$4,931.26 requested to purchase computer equipment (laptop, scanner, hard drive, memory card), a digital camera, and computer software for digitizing works for an on-line archive. Total projects costs are \$5,917.75.

A capital grant of \$1,771 recommended for purchase of computer software (\$1,495) and camera (\$276); excludes laptop computer, external hard drive and memory card. Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of cost-share and that the archival project can proceed in 2012.

52. Zuppa Theatre Company – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment (8)

Zuppa Theatre Company is a professional theatre ensemble and registered charity whose works feature physical theatre, mime, and clowning. Revenues are primarily from grants and tickets sales. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of a video camera, laptop computer and software to enhance production capacity.

A capital grant of \$2,286 recommended for the purchase of a video camera (\$1,597) and computer software (\$689). Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

Tier 3

53. Lake Charlotte & Area Heritage Society – Lake Charlotte – Capital Grant/Facility Development (2)

The Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society own and operate Memory Lane Heritage Village, a municipally registered heritage site that depicts rural life in the 1950's. Revenues are primarily from government grants, tour and cookhouse revenues, and donations. Capital repairs and upgrades are needed to expand programming throughout the year, including enhanced exhibit and performance amenities (roof repairs, lighting, heating). A capital grant of \$22,945.79 requested towards interior upgrades to the Clam Factory building to develop a performance and exhibit space. Total costs are estimated to be \$24,345.79 and include electrical upgrade, audio and lighting equipment, fixed and free-standing exhibition panels.

A capital grant of \$12,500 recommended for electrical upgrades (\$6,404), audio and stage lighting (\$5,896) and materials (\$200). Holdback. Award conditional upon confirmation of balance of funding and that the project will proceed in 2012.

54. Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing (15)

The Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts is a non-profit society incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature. The society own and operate the former Chebucto School acquired at less than market value from HRM. The facility offers programming for students of all ages and abilities including instruction in music, voice, dance and theatre. Revenues are

primarily from program fees and sub-leasing supplemented by ticket sales, grants and donations. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards a series of music/dance performances and marketing to increase studio and concert hall revenues. Total projects cost are \$35,000. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund artist fees, transportation, recurring administration or refreshments, therefore eligible expenses are limited to marketing and venue rentals.

A project grant of \$1,200 recommended towards marketing materials to promote studio and concert hall rentals. Eligible costs include exterior display banner (\$400) and self-promotional brochure (\$700) excluding reprints.

55. Neptune Theatre Foundation – Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility (6)

Neptune Theatre Foundation is a registered charity that owns and operates the Neptune Theatre complex comprising two performance venues and a theatre school. Core funding is provided through federal and provincial operating grants and municipal tax exemption with additional revenues from ticket sales, corporate sponsorship, donations and fundraising. The theatre offers discounts pricing to enhance access, an artist-in-residence program, and access to the Studio Theatre for emerging performing arts groups, events, and rentals. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards the purchase and installation of a new digital sound console to replace an out-dated analog system. The total cost of the equipment and installation is \$99,997.60 plus HST.

A capital grant of up to \$20,000 or 20% of total costs recommended towards the purchase and installation of a replacement digital sound system in regional theatre venue.

56. Society for Art Presentation: Centre for Art Tapes – Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility Development (1)

The Society promotes the production and presentation of film, video and media arts through access to specialized equipment, instruction, exhibition and an artist-in-residence program. The organization is re-locating to the new Hub premises located in North End Halifax, and is undertaking a major leasehold improvement project to fit-up the leased space. A capital grant of \$18,000 requested towards equipment purchase and installation, office furnishings, and acoustic treatment. Total costs are estimated to be \$22,401. Leasehold improvements are ineligible for funding under the *Community Grants Program*; therefore HRM's assistance is towards specialized equipment that can be re-located.

A capital grant of \$12,500 recommended for the purchase of specialized equipment for the development of film/video production amenities: blackout curtain (\$4,840), green screen (\$6,811) and projection screen (\$849).