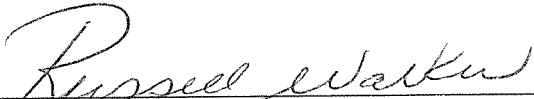




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Item No. 11.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
June 29, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: June 14, 2010

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program 2010-2011: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The HRM Grants Committee meeting of June 14, 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the *HRM Community Grants Program* awards as detailed in the Discussion section of the May 17, 2010 staff report for a total of 73 grants with a combined value of \$464,948 from operating account M311-8004 (Grants & Concessions).

BACKGROUND

As per the staff report dated May 17, 2010.

DISCUSSION

The HRM Grants Committee reviewed staff's recommendation, as contained in the May 17, 2010 staff report, during their June 14, 2010 meeting. During the discussion, the Committee raised concern regarding the persistently higher value of awards to both the Neptune Theatre Foundation and Symphony Nova Scotia. Even though this funding level is a legacy issue, the Committee passed a motion requesting that staff send a letter to the Neptune Theatre Foundation and Symphony Nova Scotia to advise that any subsequent application to the Community Grants Program, starting in fiscal year 2011-2012, comply with the program's maximum funding guidelines (ie. up to \$5,000 for a project grant and up to \$25,000 for a capital grant). Further, that the Community Grants Program guidelines be applied irrespective of whether a separate funding program for professional arts is approved, or not, by Halifax Regional Council.

Further discussion can be reviewed as per the staff report dated May 17, 2010.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As per the staff report dated May 17, 2010.

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

As per the staff report dated May 17, 2010.

ALTERNATIVES

As per the staff report dated May 17, 2010.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Staff Report dated May 17, 2010.

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

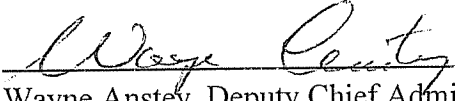
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HRM Grants Committee
June 14, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of HRM Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: May 17, 2010

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program 2010-2011: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual grants to registered non-profit organizations located within the geographic boundary of HRM. The focus of these grants is primarily the provision of modest assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. The 2010-2011 program received 98 applications for a combined total of \$836,125.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the *HRM Community Grants Program* awards as detailed in the Discussion section of this report for a total of 73 grants with a combined value of \$464,948 from operating account M311-8004 (Grants & Concessions).

BACKGROUND

HRM's Grants & Contributions portfolio is one of the primary means by which HRM advances its local community economic development goals. Community economic development is defined as "action by residents to create economic opportunities and better social conditions". Examples in this year's program of volunteer-led initiatives with economic potential include the Hubbards Community Waterfront Development Association's of waterfront amenities, including a marina and associated services, the Friends of Macnab's Island's ambitious plans to attract visitors, the development of a Hooked Rug Museum in Queensland, and assorted local arts productions. Likewise, efforts to enhance the region's social conditions is demonstrated by non-profit groups across all sectors.

The Municipal Government Act (1998) gives municipalities the authority to issue 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; the final report is posted to the HRM web site and a press release issued.

DISCUSSION

The 2010-2011 program received 98 applications for a combined total of \$836,125, of which 12 were deemed ineligible (\$107,995). Of the remaining 86 eligible applicants, 73 grants have been recommended for a total of \$464,948 (see **Attachment 1**). The balance of the 13 applicants (\$91,581) not recommended for funding are listed in **Attachment 2**. If required, a separate report will be prepared to address appeals.

Ineligible Applicants: Of 12 applicants deemed ineligible, it is important to note that only four (4) were ineligible because of the nature of the project/expense. This is the lowest count to date for the program. The majority (6) were ineligible due to delinquent reporting for a grant issued in a prior year and one (1) was submitted after the application deadline. Misdirected applications for events funding or HRM-owned facilities have decreased in number, in part due to better communications across various municipal assistance programs.

Proposed Revisions: In the opinion of staff, the program's policies would benefit from additional clarity with respect to (1) applications from groups using another organization's registration number, (2) workshop funding, and (3) requests for capital funding from groups who are not the asset owner. Staff will address these and other refinements in a separate report to the HRM Grants Committee for consideration in the 2011-2012 program.

Appeals: 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. Appeals must be in writing and received within two (2) weeks of written notification of the grant application decision"

(Guidebook, p.35). Appeals from applicants deemed ineligible due to delinquent reporting will only be considered if the overdue report is also submitted and is complete and accurate.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommended awards conform to the program budget of \$503,700. If approved, the recommended 73 awards will be issued from operating account M311-8004 (Grants & Tax Concessions) for a total value of \$464,948 leaving a balance of \$38,752 pending any Council and/or applicant appeals, and providing conditions are met.

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 to 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. List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2010-2011
2. Applications Not Recommended for Funding 2010- 2011
3. Table 1. Distribution of Applications and Proposed Awards by Sector
4. Table 2. Year-to-Year Variance in Distribution of Awards by Sector
5. Review Team Members 2010-2011

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

List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2010-2011

Methodology

The *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) categories¹ each of which has specific funding priorities that guide evaluation. Individual files are reviewed by sector team members using a standardized scoring form. Individual scores are then moderated and ranked based on budget capacity, other HRM assistance, priority funding, etc.

Submissions are evaluated individually on project merit using a standardized scoring form. To moderate variance in scoring among individual sector reviewers, the applicants are then ranked within each sector based on project merit, financial need, and the sector's budget allocation. The designation Tier 1 (<\$50,000), Tier 2 (\$50,000 - \$250,000), or Tier 3 (>\$250,000), groups applicants by prior year's gross revenues. This distinction was added because some of the smaller volunteer groups assumed they were competing directly with organizations with greater financial capacity and paid staff. All 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.

It should be noted that, in general, a minimum score of 50 is considered for funding but that individual scores do not correlate with the value of a recommended grant (ie. a higher score does not translate into a larger grant). Other factors 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 alternate sources, and the eligibility of individual project expenses. The individual project descriptions include the total estimated cost of a project. However, readers are cautioned that in a minority of cases total projected costs may be inflated by (a) the inclusion of a proportional share of recurring core operating costs, (b) in-kind labour costs, (c) or poorly quantified expenses.

Albeit multi-year funding is not provided under the Community Grants Program, application may be made annually. 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 financial assistance eg. A rent subsidy or tax exemption. All applicants are screened for debt to HRM.

Unless noted otherwise, an 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 express consent of Revenue Canada.

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

It should be noted that within the Recreation & Leisure sector a number of applications are received annually from church groups. As per the program's approved guidelines, HRM does not fund religious or congregational activities. Hence, grants awarded to religious organizations tend to be for church halls located within communities that are too small to support a public recreation/community centre, church-owned camp sites that provide programming for children and youth, or registered heritage buildings and sites. Likewise, public funding to service clubs or membership-based sports clubs takes into account the degree of public access to programming and assistance for lower income individuals and families.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 1

1. Community-Based Environmental Network - Halifax - Program/Environmental Stewardship

Over the past eight years the St. Mary's University Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network has developed an equipment lending program that provides access to specialized 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 growth has led to increased demand. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of water monitoring devices. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of environmental monitoring equipment.*

2. Friends of McNabs Island Society - McNabs Island - Capital Grant/Equipment

The Friends of McNabs Island is a registered Canadian charity operated by volunteers dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of McNabs, Lawlor, and Devils islands. The Society hosts a number of annual community events on McNabs Island, disseminates educational materials, and has undertaken the development and on-going maintenance of public trails. Revenues are primarily self-generated from memberships and donations, supplemented by special project grants. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested in support of the society's long-term development plan (ie. landscaping, benches, composting toilets, interpretive signs, renovation of tea house) estimated to cost a total of \$643,000. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of composting toilets. Conditional: washroom amenities must adhere to Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources environmental regulations.*

3. Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs/Valley Weeders Garden Club - Dartmouth/Middle Musquodoboit - Program/Beautification

The NS Association of Garden Clubs is a provincial umbrella organization whose main objective is to promote landscape beautification through coordination and support for garden clubs, horticultural societies, and other like-minded community groups throughout Nova Scotia. Five member clubs are located within HRM. The Valley Weeders are a longstanding self-funded

group of volunteers whose activities include community beautification², a bursary program for local youth, and participation in community events. A grant of \$4,340 is requested for the purchase of plant material, soil, compost, and specialized watering equipment for hanging baskets and planters in various private and public locations in Middle Musquodoboit. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,160 for mobile watering equipment.*

Tier 3

4. Bide Awhile Animal Shelter - Dartmouth - Program /Public Education

The Bide Awhile Shelter cares for abandoned and stray animals, and encourages responsible pet ownership through public education initiatives. Revenues are self-generated through donations and fundraising. The Shelter plans to expand marketing of the “Fix the Problem” program which promotes pet spay or neutering at a projected total cost of \$10,000. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards graphic design fees. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards public education campaign. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

5. Clean Nova Scotia - Dartmouth - Program/Habitat Restoration

Clean Nova Scotia is registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to encourage public participation in environmental sustainability. Initiatives include energy conservation, climate change awareness, and solid waste reduction. Revenues are primarily from contracts, sponsorships, and donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards stream restoration on the Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, and assorted school-based environmental education programs. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$3,000 towards the purchase of safety equipment and computer software. Conditional upon authorization from the Halifax Water for on-site work on the Ellenvale Run.*

6. Nova Scotia SPCA Metro Shelter - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility & Equipment

The NS SPCA Metro Shelter is a registered Canadian charity that advocates for animal rights and cruelty prevention. The society also operates a shelter for seized or abandoned animals and on-site and on-line education for current and future pet owners. Revenues are generated primarily from adoption fees, fundraising and donations. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested for facility upgrades and equipment estimated to cost a total of \$25,254. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$12,500 towards facility upgrades (ie. window replacement, kennel flooring, and cleaning equipment) . Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

7. Sackville Rivers Association - Sackville - Program/Habitat Restoration

The Association provides community-based stewardship for the Little Sackville River, associated lakes and watershed areas. Activities include river restoration, fish habitat preservation, trails

² Staff note that the eligibility of business development groups, including tourism, should be determined by the Grants Committee and any policy clarification advanced prior to next year’s program. In some cases local beautification is funded through a BID levy.

development, and public education. Revenues are from federal and provincial grants, foundations and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards restoration of the Little Sackville River estimated to cost a total of \$39,830. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of laptop computer (\$1,015), water quality probe (\$1,744), safety equipment (\$300), an electrofisher (\$441), and professional consulting fees (\$1,500).*

8. Sierra Club: Atlantic Canada Chapter - Halifax - Program/Public Education

The Sierra Club: Atlantic Canada Chapter is a subsidiary of the Sierra Club of Canada, a registered Canadian charity dedicated to empowering residents, community groups, and educational institutions to actively engage in environmental preservation and restoration. Revenues comprise individual and corporate donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the development of an interactive web site for the "Ecobuddies" program. The total project is estimated to cost \$46,250. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for website development. Conditional upon confirmation of copyright consent.*

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

9. Columbus Club of Sackville - Lower Sackville - Capital Grant/Facility

The Columbus Club of Sackville comprises members of the Knights of Columbus Council 7077 of Lower Sackville. The Club was incorporated as a non-profit society in 1980 to enable expansion into the community through property ownership. In 2000, the club acquired a former church on Cobequid Road a portion of which houses amenities for the club's membership and the balance made available for free or at a nominal fee to local community groups (eg. Scouts, Guides, Anchor Industries, Special Olympics, and the Avon Boat Club). Over the past six years the Club has initiated substantial building upgrades including an expansion and accessibility upgrades (e.g. wheelchair ramp). A capital grant in the amount of \$15,000 is requested towards expansion of the parking lot and construction of retaining walls. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$43,772. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards retaining walls for enhanced site stability. Excludes funding towards parking lot grading and surfacing. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

10. Halifax Circus Cooperative - Halifax - Programming/Equipment (Youth)

Halifax Circus Cooperative in collaboration with other community partners, offers a free social program that teaches social and employability skills to marginalised and /or youth at risk (i.e. homeless youth, youth living in poverty, youth in care). The Cooperative generates revenues from grants, donations, and nominal fees for youth performances and programming. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase of specialized circus equipment for a community lending program the total cost of which is estimated to be \$6,600. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount \$5,000 to assist in the development of an equipment lending program.*

11. Church of the Good Shepherd - Beaver Bank - Capital Grant/Facility

In addition to congregational use, the Church of the Good Shepherd's church hall is used extensively by an array local groups for recreational activities (ie. scouts, guides, brownies, youth dances, seniors cards, etc). Revenues are generated from congregational offerings and fundraising. In 2010, the church will undertake major renovations to expand the church hall and create accessibility for persons with special needs. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$220,000. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested for accessibility features (washrooms and main entrance). *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$10,000 towards accessibility upgrades. Excludes elevator. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

12. Lakeview Windsor Junction Fall River Fireman's Association - Capital Grant/Facility

The Association owns and operates a community hall that in addition to serving its' members provides access to local community groups (eg. Fall River Friendly Group of Seniors, LWF Historical Society, Lions Club etc). Operations are sustained primarily from source bar sales and facility rentals. A capital grant of \$14,640 is requested for various upgrades (washroom upgrades, exterior deck, driveway, electrical) the estimated total cost of ~\$17,140. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards washroom accessibility upgrades. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

13. Musquodoboit Archers Association - Musquodoboit - Program/Equipment (Sport)

The Association provides instruction and competitive opportunities in the sport of archery to adults and children of the Musquodoboit/Eastern Shore area. The club recently promoted their services to the Oyster Pond Academy School and are recruiting new youth participants through physical education classes. Full funding of \$4,968.61 is requested for the purchase of archery equipment. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$2,500 towards the purchase of archery equipment.*

14. Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club - Musquodoboit Harbour -Capital Grant/Facility

The Lions Club is largely self-supporting through fundraising events supplemented by grants and donations. The Club supports a variety of community groups (eg. Lions Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, Eastern Shore Food Bank, darts league and community events) and local events. In 2008, the Club purchased a former seniors' club property and have undertaken extensive upgrades to the facility that have expanded capacity for hosting meetings and a food bank. A capital grant of \$5,000 is requested for grading to correct improper site drainage, re-location of interior sump pump to discourage the growth of mould, and for an alarm system to be installed in the food bank. The upgrades are estimated to cost \$6,962. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards facility upgrades. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

15. Petpeswick Yacht Club - Musquodoboit Harbour - Program/Equipment (Sport)

The Petpeswick Yacht Club own and operate a club facility with clubhouse, docks, and storage amenities. Managed solely by volunteers, the Club provides beginner and advanced CYA *Learn*

to Sail summer programs for children and youth ages 8 to 18. Program fees are \$50 to \$75 per week and financial assistance is available to lower income individuals in cooperation with Kidsport Nova Scotia. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of two C420 boats at a total cost of \$21,000. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of sail boats. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

16. Seaforth Community Society - Seaforth - Capital Grant/Facility

The Seaforth Community Society own and operate the local community centre. The facility is used for a variety of community based activities including quilting, yoga, Scottish dance, art classes and exhibits. Revenues are primarily generated through non-recurring rentals, instructional classes, social functions and membership fees. A capital grant of \$14,724 is requested for replacement of the heating system which is estimated to cost of total of \$18,724. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$14,000 towards energy efficiency upgrades. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

17. St. James Church Hall - Spry Bay - Capital Grant/Facility

Built in c. 1900 the St. James Church Hall is a former one room school house that now provides a venue for parish activities and serves the broader community as a place for social gatherings and leisure activities (eg. picnics, card games, community suppers, and family gatherings). Operations of the hall are self funded by the user groups and revenues are modest given the size of the local population and limited public amenities. A grant of \$4,500 is requested for assorted facility repairs estimated to total \$6,305 (ie. exterior siding, fascia, windows, and guttering). *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$4,000 to be used for window and siding repairs. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

18. Upper Musquodoboit Community Association - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Facility

The Association owns and operates a community hall that offers room rentals for a variety of recreational and leisure activities (eg. martial arts, hip hop dance, bingo, school volley ball, Canada Day celebrations, etc). The hall is self-sustaining with revenues from fundraising, grants, and increasingly from hall rentals from other organizations including the local elementary school. Due to renewed interest in the hall, rental demand has increased and necessitates further repairs and improvements, for a total estimated cost of \$31,962. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards assorted repairs and upgrades (eg. window replacement, exterior siding, ceiling, electrical, soundproofing, and exterior painting). *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$15,000 towards window replacement, exterior siding, and electrical upgrades. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

Tier 2

19. Cheema Aquatic Club - Waverley - Capital Grant/Accessibility (Sport)

The Cheema Aquatic Club, located on Lake Thomas, Waverley, offers a variety of canoe and kayak programs for residents of all ages and experience. Revenues are primarily self-generated

through memberships fees, instructional fees, grants and fund raising. In 2009, the Club purchased new floating docks that will help with implementation of a *Paddle All* program, a canoe / kayak program for persons with a disability. A capital grant of \$16,000 is requested to assist with building of a retaining wall and site grading to complement the new docks. The total estimated cost of the site enhancements is \$18,000³. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards site accessibility upgrades. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

20. Hubbards Community Waterfront Association - Hubbards - Capital Grant/Waterfront Development

The Hubbards Community Waterfront Association are stewards of waterfront property formerly owned and operated by the federal government. Amenities include a wharf, moorings, support services and a public boat launch. The Association's mandate is to maintain public access to Hubbards Cove. Revenues are primarily from mooring and wharf rentals to commercial and pleasure mariners, supplemented by fundraising and grants. The Association's long-term plan is for the enhanced development of the wharf and associated amenities, including a park to host community events, at a total estimated cost of \$259,000. A capital grant of \$25,000 is to be used towards the construction of public washroom facilities at a total cost of \$208,914. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 towards construction of public washrooms. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

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

The Lake District Recreation Association is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operates one of the few non-municipal arenas in HRM. Facility rentals include local hockey leagues and school teams, with summer lacrosse and ball hockey programs. Revenues are generated primarily through facility rentals. Full funding requested in the amount of \$25,000 is requested to replace the arena's de-humidifier⁴. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 for de-humidifier replacement.*

22. Lakeview Windsor Junction Fall River (LWF) Ratepayers Association - Windsor Junction - Capital Grant/Equipment (Playground)

The LWF Ratepayers Association comprises volunteers from three community catchment areas that levy an area tax rate to fund community recreational assets and/or related programs. Revenues are also generated through donations, grants, and fundraising. The Association's portfolio of assets include the LWF Recreation Centre, Lakeview Park, and the Windsor Junction Community Centre. A capital grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the replacement of playground equipment at the Windsor Junction Community Centre. The project is estimated to cost a total of

³ In 2009, the club were able to purchase floating docks from the World Canoe Championships at a discount; HRM contributed \$2,000. The prior year's expenditure has not been included in staff's review of the 2010 application.

⁴ The applicant's capital reserve is committed to future facility expansion.

\$23,000. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards playground equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

Tier 3

23. Boys and Girls Club of Dartmouth - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility (Youth)

The Club is a registered Canadian charity whose primary focus is recreational and social programming for children and youth from lower income households. The Club is sustained through provincial funding, United Way grants, program fees, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$5,144.40 is requested to upgrade the facility's electrical system estimated to cost \$6,644. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$4,000 for electrical upgrades.*

24. Duncan MacMillan Nursing Home Society - Sheet Harbour - Capital Grant/Equipment (Seniors)

The Duncan MacMillan Nursing Home is located in the rural community of Sheet Harbour and is owned and operated by a registered charity. The facility provides residential health care to 25 seniors. Operations are sustained by resident fees and per diem contribution from the Nova Scotia Department of Health. Full funding of \$2,813 is requested for repairs to an outdoor gazebo used by facility residents. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,500 towards gazebo repairs. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Tier 2

25. Metro Non-Profit Housing Society - Dartmouth/Halifax - Program/Emergency Shelter

Metro Non-Profit Housing Society is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operates a portfolio of supportive housing for mental health consumers and persons at risk of homelessness. Operations are sustained by core funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services supplemented by grants and donations. The society has recently collaborated with local church groups in operating the *Out of the Cold Homeless Shelter*, a temporary (overnight set-up) emergency shelter for 'hard-to-house' individuals in various church halls located in downtown Halifax. The total program costs are estimated at \$34,500 including staff wages and administration. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards operating costs and small equipment. The *HRM Community Grants Program* does not fund recurring core operating costs but can assist with the purchase of equipment for residents and/or volunteers. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,000 towards the purchase of portable beds and security equipment.*

Tier 3

26. Adsum Association for Women & Children - Dartmouth/Halifax - Supportive Housing

Adsum Association for Women and Children is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operates a portfolio of properties including an emergency shelter and transitional housing (ie.

short-stay residential housing to transition former shelter residents to independent living) for women and children leaving domestic violence. Operations are sustained by core funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and rental fees supplemented by grants, donations and fundraising. Full funding in the amount of \$2,500 is requested for fire escape repairs and minor bathroom upgrades at their Dartmouth location. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$2,500 for fire escape code compliance repairs to the fire and bathroom safety upgrades.*

27. Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Affordable Housing

The Dartmouth Non-Profit Society own and operate a portfolio of 45 buildings comprising 112 units of affordable housing for lower to middle income individuals and families. Revenues are primarily from tenant rentals and Nova Scotia Department of Community Services rent subsidies. A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested for repairs to a property located on Albro Lake Road to the walkway, entrance stairwell, and tenant parking lot. The total estimated project cost is \$97,377. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$6,285 towards walkway and stair repairs. Excludes funding for parking lot. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

28. Phoenix Youth Programs - Halifax - Capital Grant/Supportive Housing (Youth)

Phoenix Youth Programs is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operates a portfolio of 3 buildings that offers emergency shelter for homeless youth and runaways and second stage housing (ie. supervised short-stay accommodations) to help transition former shelter residents to independent living. Operations are sustained by core funding from per diem contributions from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services supplemented by donations and fundraising. A capital grant of \$10,600 is requested for roof repairs and exterior painting for a property located on Willow Street, Halifax, that operates a *Supervised Apartment Program* for youth. Total project costs estimated to be \$11,600. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$7,500 for roof repairs. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

SAFE COMMUNITIES

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 1

29. Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue - Chezzetcook - Capital Grant/Facility

The Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue is a registered Canadian charity whose members provide volunteer services in cooperation with HRM Fire & Emergency Services, Halifax Regional Police, and the RCMP. Revenues are primarily generated from fund raising, training workshops, and an annual operations contribution from HRM Emergency Operations. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested for construction of a garage to house equipment and a half ton truck. The total estimated cost ~\$31,200. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$15,000.*

towards construction of a garage for rescue vehicle/ equipment storage. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

Tier 2

30. Deafness Advocacy Association of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Program/Disabled

The Deafness Advocacy Association is a registered Canadian charity and serves as an umbrella advocacy association for various deaf and hard of hearing associations across the Nova Scotia. The Association's revenues are primarily from a United Way grant, the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, membership fees and donations. Over the past six years the Association and its' community partners have developed an information booklet and DVD pertaining to emergency preparedness for people with disabilities and frail seniors. Using the information gathered, the Association and its' partners wish to launch a *Train the Trainer* program for their member organizations and affiliates. A grant of \$4,810 is requested for an inaugural training workshop (eg. facility rental, travel, meals, trainer's manuals, ASL interpreters). The projected total cost ~\$4,810. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$1,360 towards interpreter costs and printed materials. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share. Future reprints of training materials shall be ineligible for municipal funding.***

31. Saint Paul's Family Resources Institute - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment

St. Paul's Family Resources Institute is a registered Canadian charity that provides a variety of support programs for families living in the Spryfield and surrounding communities (eg. food bank, collective kitchen, community garden, adult educational upgrading). Operations are sustained primarily from grants from the United Way and the United Church Mission and Service Fund. A capital grant of \$3,000 is requested for the purchase of a commercial grade refrigerator for the food bank/community kitchen programs that will cost \$3,427. ***Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the purchase of kitchen equipment.***

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Tier 1

32. Farrell Benevolent Society - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility

The Farrell Benevolent Society owns and operates a community hall in Dartmouth's North End. Operations are sustained by weekly bingo operations supplemented by hall rentals, grants and fundraising. The facility is used for various community and private functions; rental rates for non-profit groups in the immediate neighbourhood may be free or at nominal cost. The Society also offers modest annual bursaries to local residents and community endeavours. Full funding of \$6,000 is requested for outdoor lighting to illuminate the parking lot that has been the source of safety concerns. HRM Police Services have confirmed that lighting would help reduce the incidence of loitering on the premises. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$4,000 towards installation of outdoor lighting.***

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 1

33. Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Society - Dartmouth - Program/Public Education

The Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Society is a newly incorporated group whose aim is to encourage recognition for the achievements of black athletes in the sport of ice hockey and to preserve the history of the “Coloured Hockey League of the Maritimes”. The Society anticipates revenues will come from various grants and donations. The Society would like to develop a professional public relations program to assist in telling the story of this unique aspect of Nova Scotia’s sports and social history. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for assorted operational, events, and promotional costs (eg. web site development, graphic design, plaques, clothing, ice rental, and medals at a total estimated cost of \$7,050). *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,500 for the design and printing costs of self-promotional materials. Future reprints of promotional materials shall be ineligible for municipal funding.*

34. Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association - Cole Harbour - Program/Public Education

In addition to development of the Salt March Trail system, the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association has been mapping the area once known as the *Halifax County Poor Farm* c. 1800's. Revenues are primarily government grants and fundraising. In collaboration with local archeologists, the academic community and members of the public, the Association has hosted a “public dig” and consequently have discovered artefacts and remnants of the former farm. In 2010, the Association was awarded the *Friend of Archaeology Award* by the Nova Scotia Archaeology Society. A grant of \$2,155.59 is requested towards assorted program expenses that total \$7,926 (eg. equipment rental, grass-cutting, reproduction of archival aerial photographs, posters, and interpretation panel). *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for equipment rental and photographic reproduction.*

35. Downey Road Cemetery Society - North Preston - Capital Grant/Land Survey

The Downey Road Cemetery Society owns and cares for the only non-denominational cemetery servicing the community of North Preston. Parcels of the existing cemetery are over 200 years old and represent a significant chapter in the history of the community. Full funding of \$6,725 is requested for professional surveyor fees to complete a land survey allowing the Society to acquire additional adjacent lands thus expanding their capacity to generate revenues from plot sales and sustain operations. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$6,725 for professional surveyor fees. Conditional upon application by the Society for registration as a municipal heritage site. Referred to HRM Heritage Planner for assistance.*

36. Friends of St. James United Church Heritage Society - Spry Bay - Program/Public Education

Formed in 2005, the Friends of St. James United Church Heritage Society is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is the restoration and preservation of the Saint James United Church (c.1872), a registered heritage property that no longer serves as a place of worship. Title to the property is held by the Society. Since the release of a building condition report in 2005 the Society has been implementing many of the necessary repairs identified in the study. Included in the study was an identified benefit of having interpretation signs to provide residents and visitors with knowledge pertaining to the community's cultural history. The proposed panel will use pictures and text to enhance the public's understanding of local Aboriginal and European history. A grant in the amount of \$4,625 towards the fabrication and installation of an interpretive panel is expected to cost \$6,419. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$4,370 for heritage interpretation panel.*

37. Friends of Schmitville Society - Halifax - Program/Advocacy

Friends of Schmitville is a community organization comprising volunteers who are primarily residents of a neighbourhood known as Schmitville, the second oldest residential neighbourhood in Halifax, whose development dates to the late 1700's. The society's aim is to preserve the area's built heritage and advance efforts to become a municipal Heritage Conservation District. The society is self-funded through donations, grants and fundraising. A grant of \$1,000 is requested towards consulting fees for a "heritage audit" to identify historically or architecturally significant properties located within the area. Total cost of audit and report preparation estimated to cost \$2,000. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for professional consulting fees for heritage audit.*

38. Friends of the Public Gardens - Halifax - Program/Public Education

The Friends of the Public Gardens is a registered Canadian charity and non-profit society operated solely by volunteers dedicated to the preservation, enhancement, and protection of the Halifax Public Gardens, one of a few remaining Victorian Gardens in North America that was declared a National Historic Site in 1984. Revenues are primarily from membership fees, donations and volunteer fundraising. The Society also administers restricted trust funds donated for specific capital or operating projects by the donor. Full funding of \$5,000 is requested to develop social media enhancements to the society's web site to appeal to a younger audience and features to enhance a forthcoming capital fundraising campaign. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$3,500 for professional fees for web site development.*

39. Fultz Corner Restoration Society - Sackville - Capital Grant/Facility

The Fultz Corner Restoration Society own and operate the Fultz House Museum (c.1860) which is home to a collection of historical artefacts from the area. The museum is open seasonally and admission is free. Revenues are primarily from donations, grants and fundraising. The Society recently acquired title to abutting lands from the Provincial government that include the local Cenotaph, park lands, and a small residential building (not a heritage property). A capital grant of

\$5,000 is requested towards building repairs expected to cost \$10,316; the aim is to use the former residence for storage and meetings in relation to the museum operations. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for window and roof repairs.*

40. Halifax Rifles Armoury Association - Halifax - Program/Commemorative

The historical significance of the Halifax Rifles Armoury Association dates back to 1860 when a group of volunteers were formed to assist in the defence of Canada during times of conflict. Since its inception, the Association has evolved to carry out various volunteer duties during times of war and peace. The Association is self-sustaining through membership fees. In 2009, the Government of Canada formally recognized the Association that has since embarked upon a mission to promote the history of the Halifax Rifles. A grant of \$2,500 is requested towards the fabrication and installation of a commemorative plaque that highlights their history and significance to HRM's heritage to be located on Citadel Hill, Halifax. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$2,500 towards a commemorative plaque. The siting of the plaque has been approved. Conditional upon confirmation of responsibility for the on-going maintenance of the plaque.*

41. Hooked Rug Museum of North America Society - Queensland - Capital Grant/Museum

Incorporated in 2006, the Hooked Rug Museum of North America is a registered Canadian charity. In 2009, the Society purchased a property in Queensland and plans are underway to establish a museum and gallery for the preservation and display of traditional and contemporary hooked rugs created by local, national and international artisans. The society has established a collection of rugs through donations and purchases, many of which have a connection to Nova Scotian heritage. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards capital upgrades estimated to cost \$250,000 (roof repairs, electrical system, interior storage and display fit-up)⁵. *Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for electrical upgrades and climate control to protect the fabric arts collection to be stored and displayed on site.*

42. St. John's Church Hall - Necum Teuch - Capital Grant/Heritage Restoration

The St. John's Church Hall is a former one-room school house that will be registered as a municipal heritage property in 2010. The hall is used by the community for leisure activities and social function and represents an important element of the local heritage. Revenues are self-generated from donations and fundraising. Full funding of \$5,000 is requested for repairs to exterior wall shingles. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$3,000 towards exterior shingle repairs. Conditional upon confirmation of cost share. Referred to HRM Heritage Planner for approvals.*

⁵ HRM staff recommend that on a go-forward basis applications from museums, archives or historic attractions be supported by independent verification of the quality of collection and collections policies as applicable.

43. St. Martin's Church - Tangier/Spry Harbour - Capital Grant/Heritage Restoration

St. Martin's Church is a registered heritage property (c.1885) located in Tangier. The church continues to serve as a place of worship and congregational activities for the local community. The church is one of the few remaining heritage churches in the area. Full funding in the amount of \$20,000 is requested towards roof repairs and exterior painting. ***Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$11,500 towards exterior painting. Conditional upon confirmation of cost share. Referred to HRM Heritage Planner for approvals.***

Tier 2

44. Holy Cross Cemetery Trust - Halifax - Capital Grant/Heritage Restoration

Holy Cross Cemetery is owned by the Archdiocese of Nova Scotia and stewardship provided by the Trust, a registered Canadian charity. Revenues are self-generated through donations, membership dues, grants and fundraising. Located on the site is the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel (c. 1843), a gothic-style wooden structure built in a day by ~ 1,800 volunteers. A recent survey of the chapel by a structural engineer identified the need for immediate structural repairs to the front wall to address instability. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a total project cost estimated to be \$46,133. The Trust has consulted the requisite restoration experts to guide the work. ***Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 towards structural repairs to the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel. Conditional of confirmation of cost-share. Referred to HRM Heritage Planner for approvals.***

45. Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society - Lake Charlotte - Capital Grant/Heritage Restoration

The Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society own and operate the Memory Lane Heritage Village, an historical attraction that depicts rural life in the 1950's. Revenues are primarily from government grants, tour and cookhouse revenues, and donations. In 2009, the society had to make immediate repairs to the roof of the *Hosking Store*, a registered heritage building. A capital grant of \$8,152.91 is requested to complete the roof repairs estimated to cost \$11,832. ***Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of materials to complete the Hosking Store roof repairs. Excludes funding for staff wages. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share. Referred to HRM Heritage Planner for approvals.***

46. Old Burying Grounds Foundation - Halifax - Capital Grant/Heritage Restoration

The Old Burying Ground (c. 1749) is owned by St. Paul's Church, Halifax, and stewardship provided by the Foundation, a registered Canadian charity. The site is a registered municipal, provincial, and National Historic Site, with ~5,000 visitors annually. Revenues are primarily from grants and donations. The Trust is not eligible to receive funding from HRM's Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Incentives Program because the restoration applies to artifacts. In 2008, the Foundation engaged a professional conservator to assess and prioritize the condition of 1,130 grave markers. The total restoration project is estimated to cost \$86,000 and in 2009 the Foundation began work on a multi-phased project. A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested for stonework restoration of grave markers. ***Staff recommend a capital grant of***

\$15,000 for the restoration of historic artifacts. Conditional upon confirmed cost-share. Staff recommend that HRM's contribution be limited to a combined total of \$25,000 for this particular project⁶.

47. Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation - Shearwater - Program/Public Education

The Shearwater Aviation Museum is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to present exhibits that interpret the history of naval aviation. Revenues are primarily from memberships, donations, grants and fundraising. By purchasing portable display equipment, the museum would like to expand its outreach capacity eg. community events, schools, and other off- site venues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase of portable display equipment. ***Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$2,500 towards the purchase of mobile display equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.***

48. West Chezzetcook Grand Desert Community Interest Group - West Chezzetcook - Capital Grant/Heritage Attraction

The group own and operate L'Acadie De Chezzetcook, a collection of buildings (not registered heritage) and artefacts that represent the history of Acadian settlement in the area. The site is open to the general public with displays on local heritage and hosts year-round community events. The *Old House* building is undergoing restoration so to make operational for artifact storage and exhibit, and to preserve distinct Acadian architectural features. Full funding of \$1,885.50 is requested for the purchase and installation of two exterior doors. ***Staff recommend a capital grant in the amount of \$1,885 towards building upgrades.***

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

Tier 2

49. CKDU FM Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Community Outreach)

CKDU is a long-standing community radio station located on the Dalhousie University campus and a registered non-profit society supported through student fees and on-air advertising revenues. All programmers are volunteers and the station's broadcasting capacity extends throughout HRM. Current programming caters to a broad range of ethno-cultural and socio-cultural communities of interest. The Society has applied for a grant in the amount of \$4,314 to purchase audio equipment to upgrade their interview room. The total projected cost is \$14,244. ***Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$4,314 to be used to purchase broadcasting equipment.***

⁶ In 2009-2010, HRM contributed \$10,000. To date, funding from federal and provincial government or non-government sources has not been confirmed. If the staff recommendation is approved, HRM's combined total contribution would be \$25,000 or ~25% of the total projected cost.

50. Halifax Refugee Clinic - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Community Outreach)

The Halifax Refugee Clinic Society 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. Full funding in the amount of \$4,663.73 is requested for the purchase of six second-hand computers and audio-visual equipment for on-site client access. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$3,704 for the purchase of refurbished laptop computers (\$2,684), a multimedia data projector (\$898), and projection screen (\$122).*

51. Halifax Independent Living Nova Scotia - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Disabled)

Independent Living Nova Scotia is a registered Canadian charity that offers programs, resources (eg, print materials) and support services for individuals and families facing intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Operations are sustained through core funding from Independent Living Canada, federal and provincial grants (eg. Service Canada, Nova Scotia Department of Health, Nova Scotia Department of Education, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services), foundations, and donations. A grant of \$3,620 is requested for program recurring operating costs (eg. office supplies, administration costs, admission fees, bus passes, wages) and small equipment for the *Teen Support Program*. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,000 towards the purchase of small equipment as per the list to be provided in HRM's funding notification letter. Excludes proportional share of recurring core operating expenses. Staff recommend payment via reimbursement.*

52. Lesbian Gay Bisexual Youth Project Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Community Outreach)

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Youth Project Society is a registered Canadian charity supported through a sustaining grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection, supplemented by grants, donations, and fundraising. The Society has developed a specialized resource lending library consisting of over 700 books, periodicals, resource materials, and videos. The distinct niche served by the library is evident in the scope of users: LGBT youth and friends, family members and the adult LGBT community, school teachers, doctors, counsellors, social workers, police officers and the general public. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to contract an information management consultant to develop an inventory system and the purchase of library furnishings. The total cost of the library upgrades project is estimated to be \$7,763. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for professional fees and library equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier 1

53. Ink Storm Screen Printing Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Community Outreach - Visual Arts)

The Ink Storm Screen Printing Society is a volunteer-run non-profit art space located in the Roberts Street Social Centre, Halifax. The group's mandate is to provide a publicly accessible studio for screen-printing and print-making workshops. The Society would like to construct portable workshop kits to be used in off-site workshops. A grant in the amount of \$4,200 is requested towards assorted program costs (eg. the fabrication of workshop kits, instructor wages, art supplies, and space/equipment rentals at a total estimated cost of \$4,300). *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$1,200 for the fabrication of mobile screen-printing equipment. Excludes direct costs associated with provision of instructional workshops. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

54. Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild - Lawrencetown - Program/Equipment (Crafts)

The Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild is a teaching guild whose current membership is primarily drawn from Dartmouth and the Eastern Shore. The guild promotes the art of fabric, wool, and cloth techniques from recycled material through instructional classes, workshops, and exhibitions. The Society also offers a charitable program that allows any member of the community to request a finished quilt free of charge. Revenues are self-generated through membership fees and fundraising. A grant of \$2,500 requested for the purchase of audio-visual and specialized quilting equipment (display stands, quilt frames) that cost \$3,500. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$2,500 towards audio-visual and display equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost- share.*

55. LunaSea Theatre - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Theatre)

LunaSea Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre company whose mandate is to produce works that highlight the contributions and talents of women in theatre, and to mentor young artists. Revenues are from ticket sales, government grants, and fundraising. Due to growth in the number of productions and audience development, LunaSea need to purchase computer equipment/software in order to manage their operations and develop self-promotional materials (i.e. book keeping, attendance tracking, promotional brochures/flyers/posters at a total cost of \$5,223). A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is requested for equipment. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,300 for computer equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost -share.*

56. Nova Voce Male Choral Society - Halifax - Program/Marketing (Performing Arts - Music)

The Nova Voce Male Choral Society is a registered Canadian charity operated by volunteers. Revenues are generated primarily from membership fees, ticket sales, and donations. The choir's repertoire incorporates a variety of languages, styles, cultures, and historical eras performed in a

diverse of venues throughout the region. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production and marketing of a cd featuring songs of Nova Scotia and the Maritimes expected to cost \$19,854. As a non-professional arts group, the choir has limited access to government arts funding which focuses on production or presentation by professional arts organizations. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$3,475 towards cd productions costs. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share. Further reproduction or duplication is ineligible for municipal funding.*

57. Nova Scotia Down Syndrome Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Theatre)

The Nova Scotia Down Syndrome Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides advocacy, education and support services to clients with Down Syndrome and their family/caregivers. Revenues are self-generated from donations, modest program fees, and fundraising. A grant of \$2,000 is requested for the construction of giant puppets for the *Team Possible Painted Theatre Puppet Project*; an arts program for clients. The total program costs are estimated to be \$10,700. The puppets will also be used by the program participants in community events such as festivals, parades and community celebrations (ie. Natal Day Parade). *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for the construction of theatre props for special needs youth arts program. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

58. Pomorze Polish Folkdance Ensemble - Head of St. Margaret's Bay - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Dance)

The Pomorze Polish Folkdance Ensemble is a non-professional dance group dedicated to producing and performing Polish folk dance. Revenues are self-generated primarily from fundraising, ticket sales, and donations. The group have performed in local, national, and international venues and own a unique collection of Polish folk dance costumes. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for replacement costumes and web site development that total \$11,000. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for web site development.*

59. Veith Street Gallery Studio Association - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Visual Arts - Disabled)

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that operates the *Veith Gallery*, a resource centre and studio for the Creative East Artist Collective (artists with disabilities), and offers workshops and outreach eg. the *Pedway Gallery*, Dartmouth. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, art sales, grants, and donations. A grant of \$1,920.22 is requested to support the development of the *Press Project*, a new program to enable group members to produce exhibition catalogues, limited edition prints, posters, cards, and other art work for exhibition or sale. Specifically, the grant requested is for the purchase of a format photo printer, photography lighting, and specialized software. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$1,920 towards the purchase of self-publishing studio equipment.*

60. Vocalypse Productions Society - Halifax - Program/Marketing (Performing Arts - Music)

Formed in 2006, the Vocalypse Productions Society creates, commissions, and presents unique musical events which incorporate contemporary, classical, and improvised vocal music. An emphasis is placed on commissioning and presenting new works by local and Canadian composers and creating opportunities for the general public to learn more about experimental vocal music. Revenues are from donations, ticket sales, and grants. The society has built its' profile through collaboration with numerous local and Canadian musicians, visual arts groups, and literary/spoken word artists with performances staged in a range of local arts venues (eg. Dalhousie University Department of Music, St. Mary's University Art Gallery, St. Cecilia Concert Society, and Art Gallery of Nova Scotia). A grant of \$3,005 is requested towards presentation of *Trudeau: Long March / Shining Path* a "chamber opera" created by Canadian writer/poet George Elliott Clark and jazz composer/pianist D.D. Jackson. The production includes costumes designed by local artist Arianne Pollett-Brannen noted for her creation of "sculptural art wear". The total cost of the production is estimated to be \$47,155. ***Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to be used for costumes and marketing to enhance audience development.***

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61. Centre for Art Tapes - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Film/Video)

The Centre is an artist-run facility whose programming promotes the production and presentation of media arts via workshops, screenings, and exhibitions. The society is largely dependent upon core funding from the Canada Council for the Arts, grants, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase of computer equipment (\$11,125) to expand production capacity for the *New Media* production amenities. ***Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for the purchase of computer equipment to assist in the development of New Media works.***

62. Eastern Front Theatre - Halifax - Program/Marketing (Performing Arts - Theatre)

Eastern Front Theatre is a professional theatre company that present works featuring Atlantic Canada culture and artists. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales and government grants. Since leaving Alderney Landing Theatre, the company has had to "re-invent itself" with an aggressive marketing and communications campaign in order to retain and grow audience participation. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards marketing campaign estimated to cost \$43,000. ***Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for professional marketing and design fees.***

63. Flamenco Festival Atlantic Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Dance)

The Flamenco Festival Society is a registered Canadian charity whose main mandate is to promote and disseminate flamenco and Spanish culture. Two of their main activities include *Flamenco in Februaries*, a series of workshops, and the *Fall for Flamenco Festival*. Revenues

are from ticket sales and government grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for a portable, sprung dance floor (\$8,647) to enhance community outreach. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a portable stage.*

64. Halifax Camerata Singers - Halifax - Program/Marketing (Performing Arts - Music)

The Halifax Camerata Singers are a registered Canadian charity. This long-standing chamber choir performs in concerts, recordings, and tours throughout the region and works in close collaboration with chamber orchestra ensembles. Revenue are from donations, foundation grants, government grants, and ticket sales. The organization is in the process of undergoing a re-branding with the goal of shaping and strengthening its public profile at a total cost of \$8,925. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards marketing campaign. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for web site and design professional fees.*

65. One Light Theatre Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Theatre)

One Light Theatre is a professional theatre company whose mandate is to develop and stage original works. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales, government grants, and fundraising. The Society has applied for a capital grant of \$6,500 to purchase digital photography equipment and related computer software. *Staff recommend a grant of \$3,250 towards the purchase of a digital camera. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

66. Shakespeare by the Sea - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Theatre)

Shakespeare by the Sea is a professional theatre company and registered Canadian 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, Cambridge Battery in Point Pleasant Park, Halifax, is currently undergoing reconstruction and contingency plans are underway to source alternate locations. Full funding of \$5,000 is requested to purchase portable staging for the new venue. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards the purchase of portable staging.*

67. St. Georges Youthnet - Halifax - Program/Community Outreach (Visual Arts)

St. Georges Youthnet is a registered Canadian charity that offers a variety of recreational and social programs for youth, including summer days camps, after school drop-in program, breakfast and lunch programs. Revenues are primarily from donations, government grants, and the United Way. A grant of \$1,900 is requested towards an outdoor mural project that engages local artists and youth from Halifax's North End neighbourhoods expected to cost \$2,250. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for artist fees. Excludes Youthnet staff wages.*

68. Zuppa Circus Theatre Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (Performing Arts - Theatre)

Zuppa Theatre is a registered Canadian Charity; a professional theatre ensemble whose works

feature physical theatre, mime, and clowning. Revenues are primarily from grants and ticket sales. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase of lighting equipment (\$5,236) for the production *Five Easy Step (to the end of the world)* and subsequent programming, thereby reducing the cost of equipment rental fees. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,500 for the purchase of lighting equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost -share.*

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69. Ecology Action Centre - Halifax - Program/Community Outreach (Visual Arts)

The Ecology Action Centre is a registered Canadian charity whose advocacy and educational programming covers an array of environmental issues including coastal protection, energy conservation, ecological agriculture, bio-diversity, transportation, and urban design. The organization's primary source of revenues are contractual fees, grants, fundraising and membership dues. The Centre would like to develop a community art program with environmental themes that engages youth and other residents in Halifax's North End. In 2010, it is proposed that a piece of outdoor public art would be commissioned for the Centre's own property located in the area. The project is estimated to cost \$10,920. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards project design, materials, and installation. *Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for artwork installation. Excludes Ecology Action centre staff wages or operating expenses. Conditional upon confirmation of any copyright or insurance liability coverage.*

70. Live Art Dance Productions - Halifax - Program/Marketing (Performing Arts -Dance)

Live Art Dance presents contemporary dance productions by local, national, and international professional and semi-professional performers. Revenues are primarily from federal and provincial grants, and ticket sales. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the design, development, and management of a web site at a combined cost of \$7,000. *Staff recommend a grant of \$3,500 for the design and development of a web site. Excludes recurring annual management fee. Conditional upon confirmation of cost -share.*

71. Neptune Theatre Foundation - Halifax - Program/Facility (Performing Arts - Theatre)

The Neptune Theatre Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that built and operates the Neptune Theatre complex, a regional venue containing a theatre school, the Mainstage and Studio theatres. Core funding is provided through federal and provincial government grants with additional revenues from ticket sales and subscriptions, corporate sponsorship, donations and fundraising. The theatre offers discounts and special pricing to enhance access. The Studio Theatre specializes in smaller developmental productions such as new works by emerging performing arts groups and special events. Admission fees do not cover facility operating costs and therefore productions are indirectly subsidized by Neptune Theatre's Mainstage and the Foundation's fundraising. A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards the *2010 Studio Series*. *Staff recommend a one time grant of \$20,000 for the 2010-2011 Studio Series.*

72. Symphony Nova Scotia - Halifax - Program/Community Outreach (Performing Arts - Music)

Symphony Nova Scotia is a registered Canadian charity. Programming includes orchestral and collaborative performances and support to an assortment of educational and artistic programs throughout the region. Core funding is provided through the federal and provincial government grants with additional revenues from ticket sales and subscriptions, corporate sponsorship, donations and fundraising. Discounts and special pricing are offered to enhance access. The Symphony rents performance venues and administrative offices. A grant of \$30,000 is requested towards community engagement and young audience projects. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$20,000 for the 2010-2011 community outreach programming for children and youth. Excludes public school programming⁷.***

73. Theatre Nova Scotia - Halifax - Program/(Performing Arts - Theatre)

Theatre Nova Scotia is a registered Canadian charity that serves as an umbrella organization for 18 professional and 25 community theatre companies⁸. Revenues are primarily from government grants and programs fees. In addition to programs and services for the theatre sector, the society works in collaboration with other arts groups (eg. Dance Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Choral Federation). A grant of \$2,200 is requested for the purchase of a laptop computer (\$2,504) for multi-media presentations, including the theatre sector's annual awards event. ***Staff recommend a grant in the amount of \$1,500 towards the purchase of a laptop computer.***

⁷ HRM provides Supplementary Education Tax revenues to public school, including arts programming.

⁸ Within the context of this report the term "community theatre" refers to non-professional theatre groups ie. performers are not paid artist fees.

Attachment 2

Applications Not Recommended for Funding 2010-2011

The following 13 submissions, for a combined totals of \$91,581 were not recommended for funding due to (a) program budget, or (b) project merit:

ENVIRONMENT - (Combined total of \$13,511)

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Halifax - Dartmouth (\$5,000)
East Coast Environmental Law Association - Halifax (\$5,000)
Hope for Wildlife Society - Seaforth (\$3,511)

RECREATION & LEISURE - (Combined total of \$60,000)

Bayside United Baptist Camp - Sambro (\$25,000)
Friends of Ivy Meadows - Beaver Bank (\$25,000)
Hammonds Plains Fire Hall & Community Centre - Hammonds Plains (\$5,000)
St. Paul's Church Hall, Moser River - Moser River (\$5,000)

DIVERSITY - (Combined total of \$7,220)

Atlantic Council for International Cooperation - Halifax (\$4,300)
Nova Scotia Interpreting Services - Halifax (\$2,920)

ARTS & CRAFTS - (Combined total of \$10,850)

Aeolian Singers - Halifax (\$3,000)
Alderney Needlearts Guild - Dartmouth (\$350)
Khyber Arts Society - Halifax (\$5,000)
Playwrights Atlantic Resource Centre - Halifax (\$2,500)

Attachment 3

Table 1. Distribution of Applications and Proposed Awards by Sector 2010-2011 Excludes Ineligible Applicants*					
Funding Sector	Number of Eligible Applicants	Combined Value of Applications	Proposed Number of Awards 2010	Combined \$ Value of Proposed Awards	% Total of Proposed Funds Awarded
Healthy Communities (Awards:\$ 216,945) 47%					
Environment	11	\$92,095	8	\$62,660	13%
Recreation & Leisure	20	\$257,159	16	\$136,000	29%
Affordable Housing & Shelters	4	\$38,100	4	\$18,285	4%
Sector Sub-Total	35	\$387,354	28	\$216,945	47%
Safe Communities (Awards: \$23,360) 5%					
Emergency Assistance	3	\$32,810	3	\$19,360	4%
Neighbourhood Safety	1	\$6,000	1	\$4,000	1%
Sector Sub-Total	4	\$38,810	4	\$23,360	5%
Cultural Communities (Awards:\$224,643) 48%					
Community History	16	\$137,043	16	\$109,980	24%
Community Diversity	6	\$24,818	4	\$14,018	3%
Arts & Crafts	25	\$140,105	21	\$100,645	22%
Sector Sub-Total	47	\$301,966	41	\$224,643	48%
TOTAL	86	\$728,130	73	\$464,948	100%

* 12 Applications deemed ineligible for a total of \$107,995. The total combined value of all applications was \$836,125 (\$728,130 + \$107,995).

Note: The % of funding allocated to the Arts & Crafts sector is skewed by operating grants to Neptune Theatre Foundation and Symphony Nova Scotia. The combined value of grants (\$40,000) to these two cultural organizations represents ~20% of funding to the sector.

Attachment 4

Table 2. Year-to-Year Variance in Distribution of Awards by Sector (Excludes Appeals)			
Sector	2009-2010 Awards	2010-2011 Proposed Awards	Proposed Change Over Prior Year
Healthy Communities	\$189,450	\$216,945	\$27,495 (+)
Safe Communities	\$78,000	\$23,360	\$54,640 (-)
Cultural Communities	\$191,561	\$224,643	\$33,082 (+)
TOTAL	\$459,011	\$464,948	\$5,937 (+)

Attachment 5

Applicant Reviewers: Staff Review Team	
Environment	Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer, Sustainable Environment Office,
	Andrea MacDonald, Manager, Animal Control/Taxi & Limousine Service, Community Projects, Halifax Regional Police
Recreation & Leisure	Betty Lou Killen, Planning and Development, Service Delivery, Community Development
	Tara Legge, Coordinator Community Facilities, Service Delivery, Community Development
	Judi Rice, Special Projects, Client Services, Business Planning & Information Services
	Claudette Levy, Area Coordinator, Community Recreation, Community Development
	Lee Moore, Community Developer, Community Relations and Cultural Affairs, Community Development
Affordable & Supportive Housing	Fred Wendt, Planner, Regional & Community Planning, Community Development
Emergency Assistance Neighbourhood Safety	Phillip Hammond, Community Developer, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs, Community Development
Community History	Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, Heritage & Design, Community Development
	Karen Patterson, Cultural Researcher and Analyst, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs, Community Development
Community Diversity	Laughlin Rutt, Diversity Consultant, Human Resources
Arts & Crafts	Jamie MacLellan, Public Art Facilitator, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs, Community Development
	Christine Lavoie, Team Lead, Culture & Heritage Development, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs, Community Development
	Kate MacLennan, Art Facilitator, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs, Community Development
	Leticia Smilie, Cultural Planner, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs, Community Development

Applicant Review: HRM Grants Committee	
Councillor Russell Walker (Chair)	Chebucto Community Council
Councillor Jim Smith	Harbour East Community Council
Councillor Peter Lund	Western Region Community Council
Deputy Mayor Brad Johns	North West Community Council
Councillor Jennifer Watts	Peninsula Community Council
Councillor Barry Dalrymple (Vice Chair)	Marine Drive, Valley & Canal Community Council
Geoff Baker	Community Volunteer
Monica Jordan	Community Volunteer
Gina Byrne	Community Volunteer
Andrew Higdon	Community Volunteer
David Woo	Community Volunteer
Pamela Henley	Community Volunteer