


Halifax Regional Council
May 10th, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Dale MacLennan, Director - HRM Financial Services

DATE: May 2, 2005

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2005-06: Ineligible Applications**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities. Staff were asked by Regional Council to provide ineligible applicants with prompt notice (or a referral to an alternate program) so as to manage expectations.

BACKGROUND

Each year the *HRM Community Grants Program* receives submissions that are ineligible for various reasons such as: not registered, not registered within 12 months of application, out-of-province project, type of project not funded under program criteria, late application or incomplete.

At the HRM Grants Committee meeting of April 18th, 2005, 12 grant submissions for 2005-06 were deemed ineligible by the Committee. A total of twelve (12) applications were declined further consideration, of which four (4) were referred to alternate HRM assistance programs. An additional two (2) referrals from the Festivals and Events Grants Program were also declined, for a combined total of fourteen (14).

DISCUSSION

A total of fourteen (14) applications, for a combined total of \$102,720, have been deemed ineligible for further consideration in the review process:

1. Bay of Islands Sustainable Economic Development Centre Association - Event

A request for \$30,060 towards the *Stone Soup Festival*. Referred to HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Festivals & Events grants.

2. East Coast Blues Society - Halifax - Event

A request for \$5,000 for an inaugural music festival. Referred to HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Festivals & Events grants.

3. Ecology Action Centre - Halifax - Event

A request for \$1,200 towards the annual *September Harvest Festival*. Referred to HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Festivals & Events grants.

4. Cole Harbour CAP Association - Cole Harbour - Education

A request for \$2,000 for purchase of a computer. HRM provides public access to the Internet and computers through the Halifax Regional Library. Education and technology are not within the program's funding mandate: the CAP program is a provincial/federal initiative.

5. Halifax Association for Community Living - Halifax - Social Supports

A request for \$15,000 for playground construction and equipment for the Halifax Developmental Preschool. The daycare is a program of the Halifax Association for Community Living and is located on public school property at Joseph Howe Elementary School. The daycare does not pay rent to the Halifax Regional School Board, there is no formal lease and therefore no property tax account for their proportional share of the premises. Referred to Revenue, Financial Services regarding property tax status.

6. Mainline Needle Exchange - Halifax

A request for \$5,000 for wages for part-time staff to collect discarded drug paraphernalia in the vicinity of the program office. Mainline Needle Exchange does not have a separate registration as a non-profit organization, it is a program under the auspices of the Mic Mac Native Friendship Centre (only one application permitted per organization); the *HRM Community Grants Program* does not pay wages.

7. Musquodoboit Rural High School Reunion Association - Musquodoboit Valley - Event

A request for \$6,260 for reunion and history of local high school. Applicant has not been registered 12 months.

8. River Community Centre - Moser River - Event

A request of \$9,200 for a local event. Applicant has not been registered 12 months. Referred to HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture - Festivals & Events Grants program.

9. Tinnitus Support Group of Atlantic Canada - Social Supports

A request for \$5,000 for distribution of patient referral kits to New Brunswick, PEI and Newfoundland. Out-of-province program.

10. Victoria Road United Baptist Church - Dartmouth - Ethnocultural

A request for \$5,000 for a March Break African Heritage Camp. No reporting for prior year's grant (\$5,000 oral history project) and this year's application is incomplete.

11. Korean Association of Nova Scotia - Ethnocultural

A request for \$10,000 towards planting of national flowers of Korea in Cornwallis Park, Halifax. Application incomplete. HRM has to identify and approve an appropriate park - there is an existing partnership agreement with the Westin Hotel re: Cornwallis Park.

12. Prospect Road Citizens On Patrol - Shad Bay - Fundraising

A request for assistance (no specified amount) for a *Dinner, Dance, Auction* to raise funds for the Prospect Road Citizens on Patrol. The Grants Program does not fund, fund-raising.

13. Conseil Communautaire di Grand-Havre

A grant request for \$3,000 towards a *Gala des prix Eloizes* an awards ceremony for professional Acadian artists to be staged in December, 2005. Grants Program does not provide sponsorship.

14. Leave Out Violence - Recreation

A grant request for \$6,000 towards a one-week work experience for youth on an organic farm. Application received April 14th, 2005. Declined - missed application deadline.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

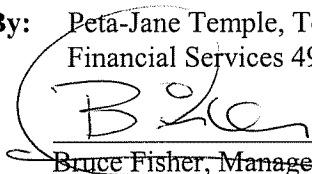
ATTACHMENTS

None.

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