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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
James Hobin, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: May 6, 2003

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program: Awards 2003-2004**

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities. The focus of these grants is to provide modest assistance to community-based, volunteer initiatives. For the 2003-2004 year the *Community Grants Program* received 137 applications and the total value of requests was \$1,536,470.

The selection of grant recipients is a three-tier process: inter-departmental staff review teams make recommendations to the HRM Grants Committee who then submit a final list of recommendations to Regional Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve the Community Grants Program as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, for a total of 101 awards with a combined total value of \$537,199 for 2003-2004.

BACKGROUND

Grant application forms and an HRM Community Grants Program Guidebook 2003-2004 were distributed in September 2002 and the deadline for applications was January 31st, 2003. This year's applications show a slight decrease in the number of applications -8% (-13) but the combined value of requests declined by only 3% (-\$42,419); the number of awards decreased -10 as compared to last year.

These changes can be explained as follows:

In 2003-04 budget \$30,000 was transferred from the Community Grants Program to the Festivals & Events Division, HRM Recreation, Culture & Heritage for events funding. Specifically, \$5,000 each for the Multicultural Festival, Atlantic Jazz Festival, Fringe Festival, Word on the Street, and the Atlantic Film Festival, plus \$5,000 for new applicants.

In 2002-03 the HRM Grants Committee approved a pilot project in collaboration with the Community Recreation Division of HRM Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$5,000 for 5 volunteer development workshops throughout the region. This inter-departmental service agreement is in effect in 2004 and will be evaluated. These workshops are free for local volunteers and are not intended for staff development.

Of the 137 applications 11 were ineligible for consideration in accordance with the program's eligibility criteria. A total of 36 applications were declined awards for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

The *HRM Community Grants Program* continues to receive applications from community groups who have not previously applied (41), especially in the Property Development (buildings and trails) and the Community-Based Social Supports (inclusion) sectors.

The **Community-Based Arts Sector** requires further review in terms of the number of repeat applications, and the combined value of awards relative to number of applicants as shown in Table 1. In part, this pattern can be explained by the inclusion of several large multi-year stabilization grants to "cultural institutions".

Submissions received in the **Property Development and Community Facilities** sector showed some improvement in the quality of application. In part, this may have been a consequence of changes to the standard letter notifying applicants who did not receive a grant of assistance available from staff. Of those applicants who did not receive a grant in 2003-04, almost 50% subsequently requested feedback, meetings or referrals to alternate funding sources.

Overall, the program continues to transition away from the cost-prohibitive provision of operating subsidies to a project-specific grants program. Staff anticipate this transition could be helped through (a) the development of an *HRM Community Property Lease Program* and an *HRM Community Property*

Acquisition Program in collaboration with HRM Real Property & Asset Management, and (b) the Review of HRM Assistance to Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Non-Profit Organizations Project undertaken by HRM Financial Services. These initiatives should provide substantive data with respect to the scope, cost, and distribution by sector of public subsidy by the municipality.

Table 1. Distribution of Applications, Awards and Funding 2003-04.					
Sector	Number of Applications	\$\$-Value of Applications	Number of Awards	\$\$-Value of Awards	Sector as % of Total Funds Awarded
Community Social Supports	46	\$357,364	36 (78%)	\$142,109	26%
Property Development & Community Facilities	39	\$393,167	26 (66%)	\$149,090	28%
Community Arts	29	\$685,328	21 (72%)	\$164,650	31%
Community Heritage	23	\$100,611	18 (78%)	\$76,350	14%
Volunteer Development	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$5,000	1%
TOTAL	137	\$1,536,470	101 (73%)	\$537,199	100%

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

A total of \$532,199 in direct financial assistance to volunteer programs and services and \$5,000 in the provision of 5 Volunteer Development Workshops throughout the region.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommended awards conform to the approved program budget allocation for 2003-2004.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could dispute an award, the value of an award, or the lack of an award to a particular organization.

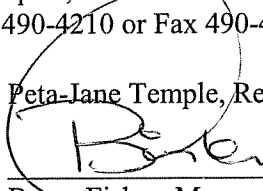
This action is not recommended. Applications are reviewed on their respective merit and relative to other applicants in the same funding sector according to the criteria and priorities outlined in the HRM Community Grants Program Guidebook 2003-2004; the *Guide* also includes the score sheet used by reviewers in evaluating an application.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Recommended Grants by Sector, 2003-2004.
2. Review Team Members, 2003-2004.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210 or Fax 490-4208.

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Community-Based Social Supports

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Inclusion Programs						
Inclusion						
Black Community Advocates of Nova Scotia		\$15,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		The BCANS association provides training and assistance to volunteers to enable self-directed advocacy on the part of the black community with respect to the justice system. A multi-year request (\$5,000 x 3 years) for developmental assistance in support of instructional workshops. Staff recommend one-time grant of \$2,000 for workshop and \$2,000 x 3 years developmental grant. Also requesting office space, equipment, operating expenses - declined
Canadian Mental Health Association - Dartmouth Branch	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$3,600	\$3,600	HRM lease subsidy	The CMHA provides educational and social support services to mental health consumers and public awareness on mental health issues. A one-time grant request in support of the Among Friends Social Club for adult mental health consumers (200 members). One-time grant for programming
Canadian Mental Health Association - Halifax Branch	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$3,600	\$3,600	HRM lease subsidy	The CMHA provides educational and social support to mental health consumers and public awareness on mental health issues. One-time grant requested in support of the Sharing & Caring Social Club and the Building Bridges Program. One-time grant for programming
Community Justice Society	\$0	\$4,939	\$1,000	\$1,000		Community Justice Society provides restorative justice services and mediation to youth in conflict with the law and their caregivers. Primarily funded through NS Dept. of Justice. A major initiative focuses on Black youth aged 12-18. The "Life Lessons for Black Youth Project" aims to reduce repeat offenses. One-time grant towards cost-shared purchase of laptop projector for workshops and outreach
Canadian National Institute for the Blind - NS-PEI Division		\$21,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	Tax exempt 100%	The CNIB provides advocacy, information and support services to the visually impaired and blind. The CNIB is conducting a national "That All Can Read" capital campaign to develop a talking book library, replace equipment, and conversion to digital format. A one-time request for purchase of 30 playback machines which are not available in HRM Libraries. One-time grant towards cost of 7 machines. Conditional equipment to be located in HRM with free public access
Dartmouth Stroke and Support Club		\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	HRM lease	The Dartmouth Stroke Club is a self-help group for stroke survivors, care-givers and volunteers. Grant request for rent at HRM-owned recreation facility (\$200/year) and equipment purchase. One-time grant towards rehabilitation equipment purchase. No rent subsidy
Gerald Hardy Memorial Society Sheet Harbour		\$5,000	\$3,275	\$3,275		The Society was established in 1995 to enhance the quality of life for adults with cognitive or developmental disabilities. Grant request to purchase a computer, scanner, and software for clients. One-time grant towards equipment purchases
Reach Nova Scotia Halifax		\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		Reach Nova Scotia is a registered charity and serves advocacy and educational role for persons with disabilities and their caregivers. Grant requested for workshops (10). One-time grant awarded towards equipment and instructional materials
Sackville Wellness Network		\$3,063	\$1,675	\$1,675		The Sackville Wellness Network formed in 2003 to promote wellness among economically disadvantaged persons. Grant request towards establishing informal social/educational sessions to be hosted at the local library. One-time grant towards promotional materials and advertising. No rent subsidy
Seniors						
Sackville Seniors Advisory Council	\$2,000	\$3,804	\$1,800	\$1,800		The Sackville Seniors Advisory Council Association serves Sackville, Beaverbank, Windsor Junction, Mount Uniacke and area. The organizations provides social, educational and support services to seniors. Grant for purchase of chairs and dishes for the Seniors Hot Lunch Program. One-time grant towards purchase of kitchenware
Young at Heart Club Halifax		\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	By-law T-201 75% exempt	The Young at Heart Club has 65 senior members who gather for social and recreational activities at the Golden Age Social Centre. Grant request for purchase of tables and chairs. Termination of federal New Horizons Seniors Program has decreased support to seniors programming. One-time grant towards cost-shared purchase of furniture for Lunch Program
Literacy						
Dartmouth North Community Newspaper Society		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Society is a newly formed organization that aims to produce a community newspaper for the Dartmouth North area promoting local events, organizations, business, and advocacy on issues of concern to residents, many of whom are from economically disadvantaged circumstances. Reporting and production to be done entirely by local volunteers. Grant request for equipment (computer, scanner, digital camera). One-time grant towards equipment purchases
Category Subtotal		\$84,006	\$34,650	\$34,650		
B. Emergency Shelters & Affordable Housing						
Community Care Network (Parker Street Food Bank) Halifax	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$12,500	By-law T-201 100% Application pending for new site	The Community Care Network facility on Maynard Street, Halifax, provides food, clothing, and household furniture for economically disadvantaged residents. The facility also runs educational upgrading and computer skills workshops in association with the NS Community College. Two abutting lots and a building are to be purchased to provide for programming expansion and re-location of office space. A multi-year grant (\$12,500 x 4) awarded conditional upon approval of business plan 2004
Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia Dartmouth		\$3,479	\$3,479	\$3,479	By-law T-201 75% exempt	The Freedom Foundation operates a short-stay drug rehabilitation facility which assists clients transition into the community. Grant request for the purchase of furniture, microwave and vcr. One-time grant awarded towards purchase of kitchen equipment and furniture
Habitat for Humanity Halifax/Dartmouth	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	By-law T-201 pending	Final year of a multi-year grant to assist in the development of a local branch of Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer organization which builds affordable housing for low income families. Grant towards promotional materials and equipment
Halifax Transition House Association (Byrony House) Halifax		\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	By-law T-201 75% tax exempt	Byrony House is a shelter for women and their children leaving domestic violence; services include emergency shelter, counselling and referral. Grant request for the purchase of a computer, software and cd burner for statistical database development and information storage. This information is increasingly important in developing a profile of the homeless and at-risk of homelessness. One-time grant towards equipment purchase
Category Subtotal		\$65,679	\$15,679	\$28,179		

Community-Based Social Supports

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
C. Emergency Assistance						
Avalon Sexual Assault Centre Halifax	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$1,800	\$1,800		The Avalon Sexual Assault Centre provides an emergency response for victims of sexual violence. Direct services include a call line, counselling, referral, therapy and support groups, and information. Grant request towards the After-Hours Response Line. Refer to Police Services for link with HRM Victim Services. One-time grant for emergency telephone assistance program.
Eastern Shore/Musquodoboit Valley Critical Incident Stress Management Team		\$5,450	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Eastern Shore Critical Incident Stress Management Team serves Middle Musquodoboit, Musquodoboit Harbour, Sheet Harbour and area. Volunteers provide help to persons who have experienced trauma. Grant requested for uniforms, promotional materials, and training during their developmental start-up. One-time grant towards instructional materials and volunteer recruitment.
Help Line Halifax	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		The Help Line Society provides telephone crisis intervention and referral throughout the region. A new strategic direction will add greater emphasis on suicide prevention and awareness. The emergency call centre supplements HRM's 911 service which allows for cost-effective and appropriate triage of public assistance. This is the final year of an HRM rent subsidy. Refer to EMO and 911 Project re linkage.
Meals on Wheels Musquodoboit Valley		\$3,500	\$3,180	\$3,180		The local chapter of Meals on Wheels serves seniors and disabled persons living within a 10 mile radius of Musquodoboit Valley. Volunteers cook and deliver a hot meal to shut-ins at minimal or no cost to service users. Grant requested for purchase of kitchen equipment. One-time grant for equipment purchases.
Category Subtotal		\$36,950	\$19,980	\$19,980		
D. Community-Based Family Support						
Parent N' Tot Meeting Place (Fairview United Church Family Resource Centre)	\$3,000	\$1,850	\$850	\$850		The Parent and Tot Meeting Place provides parenting education and referral for local families. Grant requested for staff certification in infant massage (\$850) and bus tickets for parents to travel to the centre or off-site programming (\$1,000). One-time grant towards staff certification which provides for program continuity.
Provincial Autism Centre Association Halifax		\$9,324	\$1,150	\$1,150		The Autism Centre provides outreach to families of autistic persons. A multi-year developmental grant requested for implementation of web-enabled library catalogue, shipping equipment, and purchase of books, audio and visual educational resources. One-time grant towards equipment purchase and web site development.
Ward 5 Neighborhood Centre Halifax	\$6,000	\$16,000	\$0	\$5,000		The Ward 5 Community Centre operates out of the St. Mark's Community Centre, Russell Street, Halifax. Grant request for operating subsidy in support of varied services provided to community (food bank, seniors lunch program, events, and after school programs for children). One-time grant awarded and a meeting arranged to transition group to project-specific funding.
Category Subtotal		\$26,174	\$2,000	\$7,000		
E. Community-Based Recreation Programming						
Autism/PDD Society of Mainland Nova Scotia		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500		The Autism/PDD Society provides support to parents and care-givers of individuals with autism. Grant application in support of summer camp for children and youth aged 8-14. Clients require one-to-one support which exceeds HRM Recreation's programming capacity. One-time grant for equipment purchase and promotion.
Bedford Youth Development Association		\$2,240	\$2,000	\$2,000	HRM property Facility Management Agreement Operating subsidy	The Youth Centre operates out of the former fire hall in Bedford and provides recreational programs for teens aged 12-19. Grant request for equipment (newsletter production) and camping equipment. One-time grant towards purchase of camping equipment.
Carroll's Corner Community Centre	\$600	\$4,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	HRM Property Lease agreement By-law T-201 100% exempt	Carroll's Corner Community Centre has undertaken a major re-organization and now focuses on programs for children and youth. A grant request for purchase of games equipment and kitchen appliances. A new agreement has been negotiated and a new Board elected. One-time grant for purchase of games equipment for development of youth programming.
Chebucto Boys & Girls Club Spryfield	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year 2 of 3-year multi-year stabilization grant. Reporting received.
Cole Harbour Boys & Girls Club	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year 2 of 3-year multi-year stabilization grant. Reporting received.
Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year 2 of 3-year multi-year stabilization grant. Reporting received.
East Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year 2 of 3-year multi-year stabilization grant. Reporting received.
Lake of the Woods Home Owners Association		\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	HRM property Facility Management Agreement	Multi-year grant request (\$5,000 x 2 years) for development of skateboarding facility for youth. HRM capital projects tend to focus on regional facilities for this type of facility. One-time grant towards cost-shared design and construction costs.
Preston Area Boys & Girls Club	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year 2 of 3-year multi-year stabilization grant. Reporting received.
Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club Lower Sackville	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	By-law T-201 100% exempt	The Sac-A-Wa Club provides recreational canoe and kayak programs for youth and water safety instruction. Competitive sport also an option. In process of re-building the club to increase participation and expanding programming to accommodate adults. Grant request for purchase of dinghy and outboard motor for instructor's boat. One-time grant towards purchase of instructor's boat.
Sackville Boys & Girls Club	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year 2 of 3-year multi-year stabilization grant. Reporting received.
Saint George's YouthNet Halifax	\$0	\$4,000	\$1,800	\$1,800		The YouthNet Program operates under the auspices of St. George's Church, Brunswick Street, and provides mentoring for youth. A one-time developmental grant requested for a "Wilderness Adventure Program", free to participants from disadvantaged homes. Assistance requested for promotion and equipment purchases. One-time grant towards equipment purchases.
St. Margaret Sailing Club	\$5,000	\$40,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	By-law T-201 Deferral	The St. Margaret's Sailing Club owns and operates a facility which provides summer sailing instruction and water safety courses. A multi-year grant request (\$10,000 x 4 years) for purchase of 8 dinghies for the Junior Sailing Program. Fees subsidized by club through Luke Haley Trust Fund. One-time grant awarded towards boat purchase. Final year of funding.
Category Subtotal		\$100,740	\$50,300	\$52,300		
Total Grants Awarded		\$313,548	\$122,609	\$142,109		

Property Development and Community Facilities

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Community-Owned Sites and Buildings						
Beacon House Interfaith Society/Sackville	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	By-law T-201 100% exempt	Beacon House is an inter-denominational organization which provides food, clothing and household items to low income families and individuals Year 2 of a 3 year award towards the purchase of a building Relocation from an HRM-owned property required due to deteriorating condition of the facility and over-crowding Final year of capital grant
Cole Harbour Woodside United Church/Dartmouth		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	The church-owned hall provides a community resource for local community non-profit groups and requires expansion and adaptation for the disabled The total capital project costs \$610,000 and funding includes a loan from the United Church of Canada in the amount of \$100,000 One-time capital contribution requested towards accessibility The Cole Harbour Boys & Girls Club is located adjacent to this site and is expected to benefit from access to an enlarged facility One-time capital grant
Halifax Area Leisure & Therapeutic Riding/Halifax	\$2,447	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		Grant request towards building upgrades to accommodate disabled riders Total project costs \$150,000 Improvements include a barrier-free washroom, physiotherapy assessment room, wheelchair ramp re-grading of floor, and a covered link to the riding arena HALTR request a contribution towards the washrooms, ramp and assessment room All instructors are volunteers and certified, and equipment is loaned One-time capital grant
Harbourites New Horizons Seniors Club/Musquodoboit Harbour	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	By-law T-201 100% exempt	A multi-year capital grant request towards the expansion of the present building which provides social and recreational programming for seniors and free access to other non-profit community groups in the area The facility was built 25 years ago and is owned and operated independently by the organization The total project will cost \$46,000 The design of the building expansion (addition of one room) does not lend itself to a multi-year grant One-time capital grant
Prospect Peninsula Resident's Association	\$1,000	\$4,415	\$2,300	\$2,300	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	Grant request to upgrade electrical system and improve accessibility in local church community hall which is leased to the Association by Our lady of Mount Carmel Church Recommend contribution towards electrical upgrades conditional upon signed Memorandum of Understanding One-time capital grant
Rockingham Community Centre Halifax	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	Rent subsidy from Real Property Services	The Rockingham Community Centre has undergone an organizational review and the lease agreement has been re-negotiated with the Community Centre Board (replacing the Basinview Seniors Centre) The new agreement transitions the centre towards covering facility operating costs over a 3-year period: from \$3,000/year to \$15,000/yr Real Property Services will cover 66% in year 1 33% in year 2 Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 Conditional approved business plan for capital and operating
St. Barnabas Church/Head of Chezzetcook	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	St Barnabas provides a venue for local social and volunteer activities (Scouts Guides crafts etc) in a small rural community Grant request towards installation of an indoor chair lift for accessibility Staff site visit confirmed extensive community use of the facility One-time capital grant
St. Mark's Church/Halifax		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Tax status under review by HRM	St Mark's Church Community Centre is located on Russell Street, Halifax, and accommodates the Ward 5 Community Centre, North End Day Care, and occasional rentals and congregational social events The building is in need of repairs to comply with building code standards. The grant is towards repairs and building code compliance, accessibility, and safety fixtures The church provides a rent subsidy to tenants which includes a food bank and a daycare One-time capital grant for repairs and efficiencies
Category Subtotal		\$108,415	\$103,300	\$106,300		

B. Regional Trails System Developmental Grant						
Atlantic View Trail Association/Lawrencetown	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$1,785	\$1,785		The Atlantic View Trail runs through the Lawrencetown area This year's project will add 3 km of trail in Three Fathom Harbour One-time grant towards administration
Bay of Islands Sustainable Economic Development Centre Association/Moser River		\$7,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The development of a trail around Kelly Lake and Round Lake One-time grant request towards planning of new trail route One-time grant towards administration
Beachville Lakeside Timberlea Rails to Trails Association/Lakeside	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The multi-use trail is to run from Lakeside Industrial Park, Beachville to the Lake of the Woods community A one-time grant towards administrative expenses
Boardwalk Around the Harbour Project Society/Dartmouth		\$2,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The aim of the project is to develop a multi-use boardwalk from Eastern Passage around Halifax Harbour to the Northwest Arm One-time administrative grant
Canoe to the Sea Society/Dartmouth	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The Lake Charles Trail extends upon 2 km of trail along the western shoreline of the lake This year's project aims to add 2.5 km of trail for hiking One-time grant towards administration
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association/Cole Harbour	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The Salt Marsh Trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail system and connects Cole Harbour-Lawrencetown Heritage Park and Cole Harbour Place This year's plan is to add 6 km of multi-use trail One-time grant towards administration
Friends of First Lake/Lower Sackville		\$3,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The existing walkway around First Lake is limited in use due to poor condition This project will fund a study to plan the development of the walkway and link to other trails such as Second Lake Trail and the Sackville Rivers trail One-time grant towards administrative expenses
Greater Chabucto Community Development Association/Sambro	\$2,000	\$25,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		The Pennant Point Trail is a walking trail which has been marked from Mackerel Cove to Pennant Point, the next stage of the project will upgrade this route for public use One-time grant towards administration
Musquodoboit Trailways Association/Musquodoboit Harbour	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$1,785	\$1,785		The Musquodoboit Trail is a 42 km wilderness trail that links Gibraltar Rock to Dollar Lake Provincial Park One-time grant towards administration
Porters Lake & Myra Road Wilderness Area Association/Porters Lake	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		Development of a Wilderness Trail System along the south edge of Waverley/Salmon River and Long Lake Wilderness Area A system of inter-connected trails around Porters Lake, Lake Echo and Crowbar Lake One-time grant towards administration
Portland Estates Resident's Association/Dartmouth		\$2,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		Development of a new 2.1 km multi-use trail around Morris Lake and Russell Lake and then connect to Dartmouth trails system A boardwalk and 2 lake viewing stations One-time grant towards administration
Second Lake Regional Park Association/Sackville		\$2,000	\$1,785	\$1,785		Second Lake Park is located in Sackville The Association plans to develop trails around the lake and research the area's local history (Aboriginal settlement is evident) The aim is to develop a series of inter-connecting trails from Armdale Estates, around Second Lake, and link to other Sackville area trails One-time grant towards administration
St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association/Tantallon	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$1,785	\$1,785		Multi-use 33 km trail from Timberlea to Hubbards, includes a wheelchair accessible portion One-time grant towards administrative expenses

Property Development and Community Facilities

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
West Chezzetcook/Grand Desert Community Interest Group/West Chezzetcook	\$2,000	\$70,000	\$1,785	\$1,785	By-law T-201 100% tax exempt on 2 properties (heritage)	Completion of the Blueberry Run Trail and the Chezzetcook Inlet Connector Trail from Porters Lake to East Chezzetcook and Gaetz Brook. Grant requested towards planning, construction, and administration. Capital request referred to HRM Property & Asset Management. One-time grant towards administration.
Category Subtotal		\$127,500	\$24,990	\$24,990		
C. Environmental Protection, Restoration and Conservation						
Sackville Rivers Association	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Sackville Rivers Association has applied for a one-time grant in support of a Sackville River Watershed Water Quality Analysis and Fish Habitat Enhancement Project. The total estimated project cost is \$23,500. One-time grant for testing fees and equipment purchase.
Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro-Halifax	\$5,000	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300		The Society has worked closely with HRM staff in field testing water quality, the group also does shoreline and under water clean-ups. A one-time grant has been requested for equipment purchases and computer upgrades. One-time grant for equipment purchase.
Woodens River Environmental Organization Tantallon	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500		The Association has requested a one-time grant for water quality testing in the upper lakes of the Woodens River Watershed area. The group monitors environmental protection and the impact of residential development along lakeshore areas. The grant is towards water analysis fees and equipment.
Category Subtotal		\$12,800	\$12,800	\$12,800		
D. Community Proposal						
Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		One-time grant in support of Communities In Bloom Program in association with HRM Real Property & Asset Management Services. The focus of funding is on recruitment of the local HRM business sector in support of this national program. Conditional: subject to approval of service agreement by HRM Grants Committee.
Category Subtotal		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Total Grants Awarded		\$253,715	\$146,090	\$149,090		

Community-Based Arts

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Visual Arts/Crafts						
The Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		One-time grant towards purchase of a film editing system. Total equipment cost \$66,000. The purchase would enable local filmmakers to convert film into broadcast video or interactive web sites. \$61,000 confirmed fundraising by the group. One-time grant for equipment purchase.
Khyber Digital Media Society Halifax		\$5,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	By-law T-201 pending HRM owned building leased to Khyber Arts Society	The Khyber Digital Media Society is a non-profit group which promotes non-commercial use of digital computer-based artwork. One-time grant requested for artist residency program in new media art (computer generated or assisted art). One-time grant towards equipment purchase. Refer to CAP site funding.
Mikmaq Native Friendship Centre Halifax	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	By-law T-201 partial tax exemption	The Mikmaq Native Friendship Centre serves off-reserve aboriginal persons throughout the region. A one-time grant for purchase of art supplies for a public art mural to be painted on the front of their premises located on Gottingen Street. Halifax by youth members. Grant for paint supplies. Refer to HRM Planning & Development Services for permits.
Visual Arts Nova Scotia	\$5,000	\$4,850	\$4,000	\$4,000	By-law T-201 partial tax exemption to Cultural Federation of NS	VANS is a registered charity which promotes the visual arts. A one-time grant requested towards promotional and interpretive materials for a series of 4 exhibitions: traditional textiles (collaboration with NS Crafts Council), sculpture from the NS Art Bank, Acadian Art exhibit (in conjunction with 5th Annual Festival of Acadian Art & Culture), and a members exhibit (115 Halifax members).
Category Subtotal		\$16,350	\$13,500	\$13,500		

B. Performing Arts						
Theatre						
Bunnies in the Headlights Theatre Association Halifax	\$1,000	\$4,050	\$2,500	\$2,500		Bunnies in the Headlights is a small amateur theatre company of local performers. A grant has been requested for sets, equipment rental, props, costumes and promotional materials. One-time grant.
Eastern Front Theatre Society Dartmouth	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000		Eastern Front Theatre is the core resident company at the Alderney Landing facility on the Dartmouth waterfront. The company emphasises Atlantic Canadian content, local performers, writers and technicians. A grant has been requested towards facility rental fees for the Alderney Theatre. One-time grant.
Exodus Theatre Society Halifax	\$2,950	\$3,950	\$3,950	\$3,950		Exodus Theatre is an amateur theatre group comprising local performers whose target audience is university and high school students. A one-time grant request towards the production of "Beowulf" in 2003-04 for rental and insurance costs for use of the Dufresne Theatre, Halifax. This play is part of the high school curriculum and presentation aids in youth audience development.
Nations In A Circle	\$3,250	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$3,500		The Nations In A Circle organization's mandate is to present, promote and educate the non-native community about the art, culture and traditions of First Nations persons. The annual event, September, Halifax, includes visual arts exhibit and sales, workshops, music, dance, crafts, theatre and fashion by Aboriginal artisans (both amateur and professional). Multi-year developmental grant requested for sustainability. One-time grant towards marketing. Refer to Festivals & Events Program.
Neptune Theatre Halifax	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	By-law T-201 100% tax exempt	Neptune Theatre is a regionally and nationally recognized venue for performance and training in the theatre arts. The facility includes two stages, a theatre school, and workshops. Year 3 of a multi-year stabilization grant to support capital debt reduction. Progress report received.
Northwood Community Centre Halifax		\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000		The Northwood Players are a seniors amateur theatre group whose members comprise residents of Northwood Community Centre and the local community. The group stages small scale musical recitals and plays. A one-time grant requested for the production of "Showdown at Rocky Ridge" musical at Alderney Landing, Dartmouth, for a seniors audience. One-time grant for rental costs and promotion.
Shakespeare by the Sea Halifax	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Rent subsidy and 100% tax exempt	Shakespeare By the Sea presents a seasonal series of outdoor plays in Point Pleasant Park and local heritage amenities (Martello Tower, Provincial Courthouse). Grant towards production of the 2003 season has been requested. Refer to Parks re outdoor facility needs. One-time grant towards marketing.
Zuppa Circus Theatre Company Halifax	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$1,500		Zuppa Circus is a distinct form of physical theatre which has performed on the Halifax Waterfront annually. Grant request for equipment and rehearsal space to perform this year's show (tent with a sound system) to encourage audience development. One-time grant towards equipment rental or purchase.
Music						
Aeolian Singers Halifax		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		A one-time grant requested by the Aeolian Singers a local women's choir (40 singers) for the cost of recording a cd of the 2003 "Celebrating Women" concert in association with International Women's Day. The total project cost is \$10,000. Conditional: excludes recording costs; production only.
Association Les Voix d'Acadie Halifax		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		A one-time developmental grant requested in support of an Acadian Suite (song, text, dance, theatre) for the International Acadian Congress in 2004. One-time grant towards original composition and choreography.
Fine Arts Parents Association		\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000		The Fine Arts Parents Association has applied for a grant on behalf of the Halifax Boys Honor Choir for the purchase of sweaters to identify the choir at public performances. The Boy's Choir was founded in 1985 for children aged 8-13. The choir is developmental although they have won a Kwamis Music Festival Award for the past 3 years. No fees for choir membership.
Musique Royal Halifax	\$1,400	\$5,000	\$500	\$500		Located in the Maritime Conservatory of Music, Halifax, Musique Royale promotes the region's cultural heritage through performances in significant historic buildings. Grant has been requested to expand the series of performances (from 3 to 6) into rural areas of HRM. One-time grant for promotion for new venues.
Scotia Chamber Players Halifax	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	100% tax exemption as per By-law T-200	The Scotia Chamber Players have completed the construction of The Music Room which includes a 116 seat performance venue and recording capabilities open to a wide variety of amateur and professional musicians, local schools, and non-profit community arts groups. A multi-year stabilization grant requested to assist in retirement of \$350,000 capital debt over 3 years. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3.
Symphony NS Halifax	\$25,000	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$25,000		Year 3 of a 4-year multi-year stabilization grant. Progress reports received. Staff meeting arranged for operating debt retirement plan and facility rental costs.
Dance						
Live Art Productions Society Halifax	\$2,500	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,500		Live Arts Productions presents dance works by established and developing dancers and dance companies, community outreach, and professional development opportunities. Operating grant requested for 2003-04 season. One-time grant towards marketing.
Category Subtotal		\$224,500	\$122,950	\$123,450		

Community-Based Arts

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
C. Literary Arts						
Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia		\$5,000	\$2,700	\$2,700		The Writers Federation of NS works with amateur and professional writers, school groups, and children's book awards. Request for funding in development of an annual Writer's Festival using four themed weekend events which will host readings by established and developing writers. One-time grant towards facility rental and marketing.
Category Subtotal		\$5,000	\$2,700	\$2,700		
D. Community Proposal						
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Halifax		\$125,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	Capital Pledge grant approved by Regional Council for addition to AGNS. Payment to be made from Community Grants Program using multi-year grant. The total pledge was for \$250,000 of which \$125,000 was paid in 2002-03. The balance will have to be paid using a multi-year grant. Staff to negotiate payment schedule with AGNS.
Category Subtotal		\$125,000	\$25,000	\$25,000		
Total Grants Awarded		\$370,850	\$164,150	\$164,650		

Community Heritage

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Heritage Conservation						
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	By-law T-201 100% exempt	Final year of a 3 year award for capital repairs to the Giles House and the Settle Barn. Specifically, roof and wall repairs. The materials workmanship and style shall be in accordance with heritage authenticity. Conditional upon building permits. Progress reporting received. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.
Hubbards Heritage Society		\$5,400	\$5,000	\$5,000	By-law T-201 100% exempt	One-time grant for equipment purchase (computer, digital camera, scanner, color printer etc) for documenting local heritage and adding to web site. The group has acquired an extensive collection from a local amateur photographer documenting the local area. The collection needs to be catalogued and is a potential resource for exhibitions, displays, and a pictorial history publication. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.
Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	By-law T-201 100% exempt	Final year of a 3 year award towards capital repairs and upgrades to Memory Lane, an historical attraction featuring rural life in the 1950's. Specifically, plumbing, electrical and structural repairs. The materials workmanship and style are in accordance with heritage authenticity (excludes, operating expenses, equipment purchases, or management fees). Progress reports received. A major genealogical cataloging project has also been completed by the group. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.
Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	By-law T-201 100% exempt	The Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society owns and operates the Halifax County Exhibition Grounds. The site includes 9 buildings, of which Harrison House is a registered heritage property. The annual agricultural fair is a major event attracting visitors from across the region. One-time grant for electrical upgrades to bring the site up to building code. Conditional upon applicable permits. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.
Moose River Gold Mine Museum			\$4,500	\$4,500	By-law T-201 100% exempt	Moose River is a small rural community whose residents have collected artifacts re: the local gold mine. The display is located in a former school house which requires capital repairs. One-time grant request towards window replacement. Conditional grant recommended for replacement with authentic style of window and applicable permits. Referral to Heritage Planner for technical assistance and Heritage Property Program.
Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association		\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,500		One-time request for cemetery improvements, signage, and repair of thrashing machine artifact donated to the group for public display. Grant towards Phase II of genealogical project (cemetery inventory) only. Refer to Heritage Officer for assistance.
North Star Rowing Club Dartmouth	\$3,000		\$2,500	\$2,500	By-law T-201 100% exempt HRM-owned property with lease agreement	One-time grant request for landscaping to Oakwood House grounds (c. 1880's). Includes purchase of plants, irrigation and equipment. One-time grant towards purchase of plant materials. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner for assistance with heritage design and alternate grant sources.
Old Burying Ground Foundation		\$1,000	\$750	\$750	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	The Old Burying Ground Foundation was established in 1987 to provide stewardship for the original common burial ground of the City of Halifax. A one-time grant for the installation of a bronze name plaque on the entrance gate. Site is a registered heritage property. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner for compliance with heritage signage guidelines.
Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		Year 2 of a 3 year award. This grant is towards organizational development, printing, supplies, advertising, promotional materials, educational materials, administrative costs (excluding staff wages or honoraria). The Association collects and preserves artifacts related to volunteer and civic fire personnel for one of the oldest fire services in Canada (c. 1700's). Progress report received.
Category Subtotal		\$39,400	\$39,250	\$39,250		
B. Heritage Public Education						
Dartmouth Heritage Museum		\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	Facility Management Agreement \$50,000 annual subsidy	One-time grant request for production of CD "Life on the Lakes: Exploring Dartmouth's Social and Natural History". The project focuses on the natural features of Lake Banook and its role in the social and economic development of the area. A grant of \$5,000 from Historical Foundation confirmed. CD's to be distributed to local elementary and junior high schools in Dartmouth area in 2003-04.
Presbyterian Church of Saint David		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	The Church of St. David is located in the Old Methodist Burial Ground, a registered municipal heritage property, and the site of the former Grafton Street Methodist Church (c.1868-9). A one-time grant request for research and publication of the history of the church and of Presbyterianism in Halifax.
Shoarwater Aviation Museum Eastern Passage	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Grant request for accessibility project. The artifacts and interpretation materials located on the second floor are inaccessible; this project will use visual and auditory interpretation for the disabled (as well as French translation) to make access available. The resources would also be available for community outreach programs. One-time grant.
Saint Mary's University Art Gallery		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt under Assessment Act	A one-time grant towards a photographic exhibition "The Halifax Home" which documents the architecture of residential homes in Halifax 1749-1880's. Contribution towards interpretive catalog to explain the significance of the images.
Tangier Gold Mines Historical Society		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	By-law T-201 100% exempt	The community of Tangiers was one of the first commercial gold mines in Nova Scotia. Grant request for fabrication and installation of an interpretive panel to illustrate the local history and the visit of Prince Albert. One-time cost-share grant towards panel production costs and installation on site.
Category Subtotal		\$20,700	\$20,700	\$20,700		
C. Cultural Heritage						
Asian Heritage Month	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$500		Final year of a multi-year developmental grant towards establishing an annual event celebrating Asian culture. Event includes food, literature, dance, literature readings, and film/video. Grant towards promotion and administrative expenses. Progress reports received.
Black History Month Association	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$2,400	\$2,400		Black History Month is an annual series of events celebrating the African Nova Scotian community's culture. One-time grant towards event marketing.
Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society		\$5,000	\$3,500	\$3,500		The Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society works to protect and interpret both the distinct buildings and the lifestyle of lighthouse-keepers and their families in the region. Grant requested to continue with an oral history project detailing the family life of this occupational group which is being replaced by modern technology. One-time grant towards equipment and materials.
Category Subtotal		\$9,000	\$6,400	\$6,400		

Community Heritage

Name	2002 Award	2003 Request	Staff Recommendation	Grants Committee Recommendations	Other HRM Support	Discussion
D. Community Proposal						
Nova Scotia Inuvavot Command: Royal Canadian Legion and Juno Beach Association		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		The Juno Beach Centre Project is a national initiative of WWII veterans to commemorate Canada's role in the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. HRM played a major role as a naval base, training military personnel, merchant shipping, and volunteer support. The Juno Beach Centre has been designated a national heritage site and is due to open on June 6, 2003. The site includes an interpretation centre, memorial, and museum. One-time capital grant in recognition of HRM's significant role in the campaign.
Category Subtotal		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Total Grants Awarded		\$79,100	\$76,350	\$76,350		

Attachment 2.

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