

Item No.
HRM Grants Committee
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TO: Chair and Members HRM Grants Committee
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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Greg Keefe, Director of Finance & Information Technology

DATE: May 29, 2012

SUBJECT: **Community Grants Program 2013-2014: Applications Not Recommended for Funding**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The *Community Grants Program* awards discretionary project and capital cash grants annually to eligible registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the geographic boundary of HRM.

LEGISLATION

HRM Charter (2008), s.70 (1) (av).

BACKGROUND

The 2013-2014 *Community Grants Program* received a total of 140 applications for a combined total of \$1,299,887.29 in requests. Although the program is over-subscribed not all submissions are eligible for consideration under the program's funding criteria. In 2013-14, a total of 30 applications were screened out of the first stage of the review process. The remaining 110 applications were reviewed within their respective funding sector based on individual merit in relation to the program's funding priorities and budget capacity. The individual applications not recommended for funding are listed in Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

Membership-Based Clubs and Organizations: The program defines a membership-based organization as one where access to a facility or participation in a program is restricted to members. Funding to such interests is restricted using the following criteria (Guidebook, p. 4):

- The group provides a service that would otherwise be a municipal responsibility and the geographic area is too small to sustain direct service delivery;
or
- The socioeconomic or ethnocultural composition of the target population lends itself to local service delivery through a ‘community interest’;
and
- The facility, amenities, program or services make sufficient and appropriate provision for the general public to derive direct benefit.

In reviewing applications from membership-based organizations HRM is looking for a demonstration of public access (non-members) and the inclusion of lower income persons (discounts provided by the club). The intent is that non-members benefit from any investment of public money, not simply club members. Hence, the review looks at membership and non-member fees, financial assistance for lower income individuals, and public access to amenities.

Affordable and Supportive Housing: The majority of requests to the housing sector were for repairs or upgrades to existing buildings. Only one project increased local housing capacity with the addition of new accommodations. Those projects recommended for funding were based on (a) increased capacity, (b) lower income rent subsidized units, (c) registered heritage buildings, or (d) safety.

Grants to Religious or Faith-Based Organizations: HRM does not fund religious or faith-based programming. Exceptions are made for restoration of a registered heritage property (historic preservation not general upkeep), emergency assistance (a food bank, shelter, or formal EMO agreement), or public access to amenities where demand exceeds HRM’s ability to provide sufficient access or in the absence of a public facility (ex. gymnasium, playground).

Table 1. Summary of Applications and Recommended Awards				
Excludes Appeals				
Funding Sector	Total Requests	Ineligible	Declined	Recommended Awards
Environment	\$102,828.63 (16)	\$1,358 (1)	\$6,184.49 (2)	\$50,175 (13)
Recreation & Leisure	\$230,795.95 (33)	73,094 (10)	\$80,000 (14)	\$70,649 (9)
Supportive & Affordable Housing	\$220,968.75 (12)	\$19,000 (1)	\$114,075 (6)	\$55,575 (5)
Emergency Assistance	\$155,157.56 (15)	\$39,008.79 (4)	\$43,000 (2)	\$52,564 (9)
Neighbourhood Safety	\$31,003.78 (3)	\$0 (0)	\$27,778.78 (2)	\$3,198 (1)
Community History	\$212,977 (20)	\$44,400 (5)	\$59,582 (4)	\$78,377 (11)
Community Diversity	\$117,830 (8)	\$3,000 (1)	\$89,630 (6)	\$15,000 (1)
Arts & Crafts	\$228,325.62 (33)	\$58,837 (8)	\$8,700 (3)	\$103,945 (22)
TOTAL	\$1,299,887.29 (140)	\$238,697.79 (30)	\$428,950.27 (39)	\$429,483 (71)

In 2012, the Grants Committee requested that additional information be provided on grants previously awarded to an organization and/or a specific project. This information, plus any municipal tax or rent subsidy, is provided in Attachment 2.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

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

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

Applicants shall be notified in writing and have two (2) weeks as of date of notification to submit a written appeal. The criteria for appeals is: “new information, or an error in fact or procedure during the review process” (Guidebook, p.36). Appeals that originate with an elected official shall be provided in writing to the Grants Committee and the official making the appeal is responsible for notifying the applicant. Failure to provide a rationale shall result in the disqualification of the appeal (Guidebook, p.35).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Applications Not Recommended for Funding 2013-2014.
2. Supplementary Information on Prior Awards to an Organization and/or Project.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.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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Attachment 1

APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 1

1. Young Naturalists Club of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Program Grant/Marketing

The club operates out of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History and offers youth environmental activities. Programs are free of charge. The club is sustained by government and private sector grants. A grant of \$1,184.49 requested to fully fund the purchase of a banner stand and to reprint a self-promotional brochure. The application is incomplete and scored lower than other applicants within the same funding sector. Refer to Grants Program staff for assistance with future applications.

2. Hooked Rug Museum of North America – Queensland – Project Grant/Site Upgrades, Landscaping & Heritage Garden

The Hooked Rug Museum aims to preserve and present the history of this utilitarian and aesthetic craft form and encourage local production and sales. A multi-year grant of \$20,000 over four years (\$5,000 per annum) requested towards *Gardens of Rug Hooking*, a landscaping project aimed at creating unique garden features including plant beds in the shape of hooked rugs and featuring shrubs, perennials and annuals that would have been used to produce flax, hemp and natural dyes for manually hooked and braided rugs. The estimated total cost over 4 years is \$100,000 for the 3 acre site. Funding unconfirmed. Components include planning, site grading and drainage, septic upgrade, landscaping, and plant material.

The *Community Grants Program* does not provide multi-year funding commitments but the applicant can submit annually in accordance with the progress and relative priority of an element within the overall project scope. Further, the program guidelines state “Only one application can be submitted by an organization in a year for either a project grant or a capital grant, not both” (Guidebook, p. 3). The society’s application contains both. Upon appeal, eligibility could be reinstated with a focus on one element and applicable quotes. Generic landscaping for aesthetic purposes would rank low in program funding priorities but later phases of the project (years 3 and 4) contain elements that could fit within the *Community Grants Program* support of heritage gardens, art landscapes, or a community garden if produce is used to create fabric or dyes for rug hooking. Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future funding applications.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

3. Friends of Sagewood Residents Society – Lower Sackville – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2011, the charity raises funds and assists with social and leisure activities for residents of The Sagewood, a private nursing home operated by Rosecrest Communities (a division of the Stevens Group of Companies). The group is self-sustaining through donations and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of therapeutic sensory equipment. Refer to Capital Health Region grants program.

4. Halifax Rowing Club – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

The club provides recreational and competitive rowing with space leased from the HRM-owned and operated St. Mary’s Boat Club facility. Fees range from \$165 to \$325 for junior novice, recreational or competitive programs and from \$170 to \$430 for adults. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards completion of a dock expansion project (80% complete and balance of cost estimated to be \$14,929.15) intended to relieve congestion when deploying or retrieving boats. It should be noted that HRM approval of the dock

extension was not sought and there are additional costs to the Municipality in removing the structure in the off-season. Referred to HRM Community Recreation.

5. North Star Rowing Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

The club lease the HRM-owned Oakwood House on Lake Banook at less than market value for use as a clubhouse and off-season training facility. The club is largely self-sustaining through membership dues supplemented by regatta fees and seasonal government employment grants. Fees range from \$140 to \$265 for junior novice, recreational or competitive, \$285 to \$340 for adults, and family memberships for \$670. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested towards new floating docks with “a lower profile that can accommodate para-athletes”. The docks will also be used by the Canoe-Kayak Canada: Atlantic Division but there is no demonstrated cost-share with the abutting high performance facility. The request is ineligible – the docks have been constructed and deployed; in effect the request is for a reimbursement of prior expenditures.

6. Parents of Multiple Births Association – Bedford/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1993, the Association is a peer support network for parents. A grant of \$1,000 requested for instructor fees (yoga, dance), admission fees, and refreshments for a bi-weekly recreation program for the children of members from September to June. The project expenses are ineligible for funding.

7. Royal Canadian Legion: Valley Branch 147 – Upper Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

The Legion primarily serves retired or active members of the Canadian Armed Forces but voting and non-voting memberships may also be purchased. Weekly activities include crib, darts, and a foot care clinic with room rentals available for private functions including a licensed bar. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards basement flooring replacement (\$6,630.12). The financial reporting is insufficient to assess the club’s prior year revenues and expenditures, assets and liabilities. Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback on application and assistance with future applications.

8. St. Mary’s Lawn Bowls Club – Halifax – Capital Grant/Ancillary Building

The club provided recreational and competitive lawn bowling. The venue is owned by HRM and operated under a ‘partnership’ agreement with HRM Parks & Open Spaces. Annual membership fees are \$95 per year or \$20 for a social member (spectator/social events). Revenues are primarily from membership dues and fundraising. A capital grant of \$2,000 requested towards construction of a shed for equipment to free up space within the existing clubhouse. If a storage shed is required to operate a public facility the cost might be more appropriately included in an annual departmental budget; there may also be indirect cost implications in terms of insurance etc. Refer to HRM Parks.

9. Seniors of Upper Hammonds Plains Club – Upper Hammonds Plains -Project Grant/Instructor Fees and Equipment

The club provides social and leisure activities for senior citizens. Modest annual revenues are self-generated from membership dues and fundraising. A project grant of \$2,000 requested for instructor fees and travel, and small equipment for a yoga/elder aerobics class. Funding for sessional instructors is ineligible for consideration: in the absence of an instructor, small equipment purchases (\$920) may be redundant. Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future funding applications.

10. Speedy Kids Oval Program – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in January, 2012, the organization aims to “...provide speed skating opportunities at the HRM Oval for children and youth from under-served groups”. To date, modest revenues comprise business and individual donations. A grant of \$5,000 requested to purchase in-line skates and protective equipment. The program aims to encourage “the participation of children and youth from the HRM-owned and operated George Dixon and Needham Centre”. The alignment of the proposed program with

municipal recreation facilities could be perceived as a potential conflict of interest. The rationale for why the equipment cannot be included in an annual facility operating budget (as per a speed skating equipment loan program) or recreation facility operating budget is not documented. Refer to HRM Community Recreation and/or *HRM Kids* program.

Tier 2

11. Autism Nova Scotia – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Autism Nova Scotia provides information and programming to assist individuals affected by autistic spectrum disorders. The society is sustained by grants, donations, recurring annual fundraising events, and investment income. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of assorted small games equipment for summer day camps hosted in Halifax, July and August. Fees are \$400 per week but financial assistance may be provided through Autism Nova Scotia, PC Children's Charity, and HRM Kids. The projected revenues from fees (\$38,000) and confirmed foundation funding (\$64,140) suggest an ability to self-fund a one-time equipment purchase or phase equipment purchases for an existing program.

12. Cheema Aquatic Club – Waverley – Capital Grant/Equipment

The club offers seasonal kayak and canoe programs for children and adults. The club is sustained by membership dues supplemented by fundraising and grants. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of two K2 and one K1 kayaks and six paddles. The applicant states that the equipment is for use in relation to starting a *PaddleAll* program for persons with a disability. Limited demonstration of the number of members with a disability, description of program for persons with a disability, or equipment adaptations. The club appears to have the ability to self-fund and the equipment is not adaptive.

13. Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club – Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Equipment

The club provides introductory and competitive canoeing for children, youth and adults. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested towards construction of a "sun shelter/picnic area structure" (total cost ~\$8,000). Notwithstanding the utility of shelter in foul weather or sun protection, the request ranked lower relative to other applicants in the same funding category.

14. St. Margaret's Sailing Club – Glen Haven – Capital Grant/Equipment

The club provides recreational and competitive sailing. Individual membership dues are \$465 plus a \$500 bond¹ and social memberships are available at \$165 per person with a \$200 bond. Operations are funded through instructional fees, bar and facility rentals, membership fees, and regattas. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of a "coach boat", engine and trailer in relation to hosting the *2013 Sail East Regional Championship (Bay Wind Regatta)* event, an elite sailing event encompassing Olympic development class training and championship activities for North American, Canadian and U-17 Eastern Canadians. The request is in relation to an elite sailing event and lacks sufficient detail in terms of HRM's funding priorities. The club has not made application to the 2013 HRM Festivals & Events Grants Program.

Tier 3

15. Banook Canoe Club – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing

The club provides recreational and competitive paddling and swimming programs. Membership dues are \$240 or \$450 for a family with an additional volunteer contribution (\$75 or \$150 in lieu of fundraising), the war canoe program is \$200, and an adult social membership \$50. A grant of \$5,000 requested for production of a promotional brochure and newspaper advertising for children's summer sports camps

¹ The mandatory bond can be deferred over 3 years. www.smsc.ca/about-us/how-to-join.

hosted in July and August. Fees are \$150 per week. Projected camp revenues are \$24,000 and expenses \$14,000, therefore an inability to self-fund has not been clearly demonstrated.

16. Faith Tabernacle Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades

The church is self-sustaining through congregational giving. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards kitchen renovation (total estimated costs \$82,206). The project encompasses new cabinetry, countertops, kitchen appliances, ventilation, plumbing and electrical.

Precedence: In 2009, upon appeal the church was awarded a grant of \$10,000 towards accessible washrooms and showers in relation to a proposed evacuation centre. Policy was subsequently introduced that required a signed agreement with HRM Emergency Measures Operations. The church does not have a signed EMO agreement, hence subsequent applications have been under the Recreation & Leisure sector. In 2012, the church applied for a capital grant of \$20,000 under the Recreation & Leisure sector and was declined: use was primarily for social meals and light refreshments in relation to hall rentals or congregational activities and not a community feeding program comparable to Hope Cottage or Feeding Others of Dartmouth (Report to Grants Committee, May 7, 2011).

SUPPORTIVE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tier 2

17. Spryview Housing Cooperative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

The cooperative owns and operates 10 units of rental housing in the Halifax area. Operations are sustained by rental fees. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested to fully fund roof “replacements” for five buildings. Only one quote provided with no rationale for sole sourcing. The number/proportion of rent subsidized units is not documented.

Tier 3

18. Adsum Association for Women & Children – Halifax – Capital Grant/Repairs

Adsum is a registered charity that provides emergency shelter for women at risk of domestic violence and/or homelessness and second-stage housing. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating subsidy supplemented by donations, rental income, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$4,825 requested to fully fund the replacement of doors in apartment complex.

19. City of Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Parking Lot

The society provides rental units in urban Halifax with rental rates at various price points. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards parking lot upgrades and paving. Private parking is not a funding priority of the *Community Grants Program*.

20. Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The society provides rental units throughout the Dartmouth area. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested to replace windows and siding of an existing building. The applicant has a replacement reserve and appears to have an ability to self-fund.

21. Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

A registered charity, the Foundation provides short-term transitional housing for persons in recovery. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating grant, grants and fundraising. A capital grant of \$9,250 requested to fully fund assorted minor property repairs (flooring, windows, interior walls, laundry sink, bathroom furnishings, and light fixtures).

22. Saint Vincent's Nursing Home – Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

A registered Canadian charity the society operates a 149-bed nursing home. Operations are sustained by a Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness operating grant and donations from the Saint Vincent's Nursing Home Foundation. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards expansion of 5th floor with the addition of a dining room and kitchen. The initiative might be more appropriately funded under the Nova Scotia Department of Health; the proposed expansion does not increase the number of beds.

Precedence: Applications for tax exemption from non-profit nursing homes have been declined because health/medical services are not considered within HRM's jurisdictional mandate. An exception was made for a registered heritage property (Victoria Hall) and construction of an independent living apartment building for seniors (Northwood Care Inc.).

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 3

23. Parish of St. George – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

St. George's church congregation is hoping to raise \$800,000 to renovate the parish hall. The first phase includes asbestos removal, electrical, flooring, interior finishes, and a conversion to natural gas heating. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards the purchase and installation of natural gas heating (\$97,250 plus HST). The balance of funding is unconfirmed (grant applications have been declined) and the project priorities have been amended to accessible washrooms. A change in project scope constitutes a new application: only one application is eligible in any given year.

24. Society of Saint Vincent De Paul/Hand in Hand – Spryfield – Capital Grant/Building Demolition

In 1990, the Parish of St. Michael's established an outreach ministry called *Hand in Hand* to provide clothing, furniture, and referrals for lower income individuals and households in the area. The Hand in Hand program is now a registered non-profit society that operates the premises and wish to demolish the former residence that served as a storage facility after the new administrative building was constructed. The long-term plan is to replace the old building with a heated garage to store and distribute second-hand furniture; the program is to be called *Furniture Links*. A capital grant of \$18,000 requested towards building demolition and site preparation. In May, 2013, vandals damaged the exterior oil tank leading to site contamination and the building was demolished.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Tier 2

25. Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Community Signage

The society is sustained by funding and revenue generated by the Halifax County Exhibition event and exhibition grounds rentals. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested to fully fund the purchase of LED signage to be placed at the roadside to display safety messages and notices regarding community activities. The location of the signage, ~30% of funding, electrical hook-up, and permit approvals have not been confirmed. The impact of this form of signage on crime prevention is not documented; the utility of signage for advertising community events is self-evident. Refer applicant to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future applications.

Tier 3

26. Dartmouth Child Development Centre – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Centre provides child care for children 3 months to 5 years of age. Operations are sustained by client fees and a Nova Scotia Department of Community Services subsidy. A grant of \$2,778.78 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a keyless access system for staff and parents to access the premises. Notwithstanding the convenience of remote access to staff and clients, there does not appear to be an imminent safety or crime issue on the premises. The system has been installed and self-funded.

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 2

27. Eyelevel Gallery Society – Halifax- Project Grant/Assorted

A grant of \$4,582 requested to fully fund professional fees, printing, and equipment (microphone and video recorder) for *The Spring Garden Library Story Project*; an oral history and photography on-line archive on the new Central Library web site or an independent site linked to the Central Library. The concept ranked high in merit ie. innovation and potential public participation but the project is already in receipt of a \$5,000 funding commitment from Halifax Libraries (HRM) and sole sourcing suppliers was not substantiated. It seems likely that the project could proceed through volunteer or developmental opportunities such as NSCAD graduate students, community-based arts organizations, equipment rentals, local historical or heritage associations, and possibly corporate sponsorship.

28. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society – Cole Harbour – Capital Grant/Assorted Building and Grounds

The society own and operate an historical attraction, the *Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum*, that encompasses several registered heritage buildings with interpretation and associated features such as a greenhouse and garden. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards assorted building and grounds projects, including construction of a storage shed. Essentially there are several discrete projects listed with an estimated total of \$48,500 and projected revenues are primarily unconfirmed. The stated “cornerstone” of these initiatives is the construction of a storage shed for equipment that currently occupies space in other buildings that could be better used for interpretation. Only one quote provided for the shed (~\$10,000). The program guidelines state “Only one application can be submitted by an organization in a year for either a project grant or a capital grant, not both” (Guidebook, p. 3). The society’s application contains both. Upon appeal, eligibility could be reinstated with a focus on one element and the alignment of the dollar value of grant requested in accordance with both the program’s funding threshold and applicable quotes.

29. Army Museum: Halifax Citadel – Halifax – Project Grant/Heritage Interpretation

Located in the Cavalier Building, Halifax Citadel, the Army Museum is a registered charity that operates a military museum and amenities under a fee-for-service agreement with Parks Canada. Additional operating revenues are from government grants and public donations. The museum houses an extensive collection of artefacts and archival materials related to Nova Scotia’s military history. The society has requested a grant of \$25,000 to fully fund the creation of model as part of a *Road to Vimy and Beyond* to commemorate the Centenary of World War I and will be on display 2014-2018. The proposed exhibition is expected to require \$452,000 in “external funding” phased over four years with \$121,750 in 2013-14. The project budget is not confirmed. Due to the “specialized nature of the work” the contract to construct the model was sole sourced and the single quote is for exactly \$25,000. Under the *Community Grants Program* the project would not be deemed a capital project and as such would qualify for up to \$5,000. The balance of \$20,000 would remain unconfirmed.

Precedence: In 2011, the Army Museum was awarded a project grant in the amount of \$3,500 towards construction of a scale model of Melville/Deadman`s Island in relation to the War of 1812 commemorative.

Tier 3

30. Halifax Forum Community Association – Halifax – Project Grant/Interpretation – Late

The Association is a registered charity that operates the HRM-owned Halifax Forum under a facility management agreement. Self-generated revenues include facility rentals, canteen, bar, ice rentals, concessions, parking fees and an HRM operating grant. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards initiating a *Halifax Forum Wall of Fame* that is to feature three-dimensional facial profiles of Halifax players, coaches and volunteers associated with the facility. The application was late and is deemed ineligible (Guidebook, p.3).

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

Tier 2

31. Business is Jammin Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Incorporation and Planning

The society is sustained by donations from the Black Business Initiative Society supplemented by grants and special events. The society has formed a networking group (*The Progressive Roots Network*) for African Nova Scotians aged 19 and over to promote professional and personal connections. The Society has applied for a grant of \$5,000 for consulting fees to develop a policy framework, marketing plan, and event plan to formalize the network. The concept is strong but the application lacks sufficient detail to enable a reasonable evaluation. Refer to Grants Program staff for assistance with future funding applications and HRM Volunteer Services for assistance in organizational development.

32. Calvery United Baptist Church – Spryfield – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades

The church is self-sustaining through congregational offerings, mission grants, and fundraising. The church wishes to undertake a partial building demolition and upgrade the interior, including accessibility. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards upgrades to church hall (total estimated cost \$59,555). The link to diversity appears to be use of the premises by the Oromo Gospel Church of Halifax (an Ethiopian community). Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future funding applications.

33. Holy Trinity Emmanuel Anglican Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Repairs

The church is self-sustaining through congregational donations and fundraising. The church has requested a capital grant of \$4,830 towards minor repairs (floor covering, doors), interior painting, and furnishings (cabinets, storage units). The scope of work suggests that the project could be phased based on an ability to pay. Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future funding applications.

Tier 3

34. Halifax Association for Community Living – Halifax- Project Grant/Professional Fees

The Association is sustained by government grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the development of a “family peer support program” for young adults. The application lacks sufficient detail to align the request with costs and a majority of anticipated funding is unconfirmed (grant requests pending). Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future applications.

35. Vedanta Ashram Society – Halifax- Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades

A capital grant of \$25,000 requested to fully fund the fit-up of basement area for meeting and performance space (heating system, doors, stage, audio-visual equipment, furnishings). The extent of programming and public access not well documented. The society received a \$20,000 capital grant in

2012-13 towards renovations for a commercial grade kitchen that provided outreach (community feeding programs) in addition to membership-based use.

36. Woodlawn United Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Expansion

The church plans to demolish a portion of the property (office, meeting space) and replace with a 7,500 sf addition. The focus of the application is on accessibility (washrooms, elevator, ramp) and enhanced church membership, attendance, and participation in congregational activities for persons with a disability as noted in their statement of intended outcomes (Application form, p.3. outcome measures): Increased membership and attendance at church;

- Participation in church services as lay readers and choir members;
- Participation in, and leadership in, church governance;
- Participation in church-related activities such as bible study;
- Use of our facility by community groups who have been previously unwilling to rent due to the state of the facility;
- More varied programming.

A grant of \$25,000 requested towards the planned construction of the new facility. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund religious/faith-based congregational programs or facilities. Exceptions have been made for registered heritage properties, food banks, and access to sports or recreational facilities within communities with limited access to public amenities.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier 1

37. Anchor Archive Regional Zine Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

The society's modest revenues are self-generated through membership dues and "other revenue". A capital grant of \$1,200 requested to purchase a kitchen stove and refrigerator for the convenience of facility users, notably *Food Not Bombs* (an un-registered food security advocacy group). The merit of a food security/vegan feeding program is not at issue but the link to HRM funding priorities in local arts is not self-evident. Possible public health and/or fire code compliance issues. Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future applications.

38. Compania Azul: Flamenco Made in Atlantic Canada – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2011, the Compania Azul is a professional dance company co-located in Halifax and Andalusia, Spain. In its initial start-up season the company's revenues were primarily from the proceeds of touring and a provincial government arts grant. A grant of \$2,500 requested for marketing a forthcoming show to be presented at the Studio Theatre, Halifax. The aim is to increase public awareness of the company and dance form. The application lacked clarity aligning costs. Refer to Grants Program staff for feedback and assistance with future applications..

Tier 3

39. 2b Theatre Company – Halifax- Project Grant/Marketing

2b is a professional theatre company primarily funded through provincial and federal arts funding, earned revenues and special events. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards advertising the forthcoming production *What a Wife Ought to Know* to raise local public awareness of the company. Only one quote was provided in the amount of \$2,000 and as such the application is deemed incomplete. Upon appeal, the applicant could reduce their request to conform to the pricing provided.

Attachment 2.

Supplementary Information on Prior Funding to an Organization and/or Project

5-Year Review of Grants: 2007-2012							
Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Other
2b Theatre	\$4,000		\$4,970		\$2,100		
Adsum Association	\$500			\$2,500	\$2,000		75% tax exempt
Anchor Archives		\$4,800	\$4,000		\$6,300		
Army Museum: Halifax Citadel	\$3,482						100% tax exempt
Banook Canoe Club	\$4,000						100% tax exempt
Cheema Aquatic Club	\$6,500			\$5,000			100% tax exempt
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society	\$5000	\$5000	\$20,000		\$5,000	\$5,000	100% tax exempt
Datrmouth Non-Profit Housing Society				\$6,285			100% and 25% tax exempt
Halifax Rowing Club						\$3,500	Rent subsidy; not taxed
Freedom Foundation						\$8,821	75% tax exempt
Hooked Rug Museum of North America				\$20,000	\$15,000		Tax conversion
Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club	\$5,000		\$4,000			\$5,000	100% tax exempt
St. Margaret's Sailing Club		\$15,000					Conversion
Vedanta Ashram					\$20,000		
Woodlawn United Church			\$6,000				100% tax exempt
Young Naturalists Club					\$2,000	\$2,500	

➤ **Prior Award (1998-2006) or Previous Application Declined (7)**

City of Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society; Eye Level Gallery; North Star Rowing Club; Parish of St. George; Royal Canadian Legion: Valley Branch 147; Society of Saint Vincent De Paul.

➤ **New Applicants to the Program (12)**

Autism NS; Business is Jammin Society; Compania Azul: Flamenco Made in Atlantic Canada; Halifax Association for Community Living; Halifax Forum Community Association; Parents of Multiple Births Association; Holy Trinity Emmanuel Anglican Church; Sagewood Residents Society; Saint Vincent's Nursing Home; Seniors of Upper Hammonds Plains Club; Speedy Kids Oval Program; Spryview Housing Cooperative