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Grants Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of HRM Grants Committee

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DATE: April 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Community Grants Program 2015-2016: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

March 31, 2015 – Application deadline for submissions to the *Community Grants Program*.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter (2008) Section 70 (1) (av) respecting grants and contributions and s. 70(2) respecting public notification of awards.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council

1. Approve 57 awards for a combined total of \$374,387 as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report from operating account M311-8004 Community Grants Program;
2. Refer the application from the North Preston Housing Trust to staff for further review.

BACKGROUND

The *HRM Community Grants Program* issues annual project-specific cash grants to eligible registered non-profit organizations located within the geographic boundary of the Municipality. In accordance with legislation, grants and contributions must be approved by Regional Council and the public notified of any awards through an advertisement placed in a newspaper circulating throughout the region. All reports and minutes are available to the public through the HRM web site and notices placed in the Municipal Notices section of the Chronicle-Herald newspaper.

DISCUSSION

Committee or Council Referrals: Individual appeals from applicants to the *Community Grants Program* are no longer considered: the practice inadvertently undermined Council's decision-making authority. Therefore, notwithstanding recourse for error, any amendment to a recommended award or to decline funding in the current year's program is upon a motion by the Grants Committee to Regional Council or upon a motion by Regional Council to overturn a committee recommended or to refer an application for further review. A motion to refer for further review requires a rationale or additional information given that the standard review process has already taken into consideration documentation provided in the applicant's formal submission. Applicants to the 2015 program have been advised of this change in procedure in the letter acknowledging receipt of their submission issued by HRM. The letter states: "Please be advised that the decision of Regional Council regarding an award is final unless referred by the Regional Council for further review by the Grants Committee or a committee of Council".

Government Funding: This year's review takes into consideration core funding from other levels of government, including municipal (tax, rent subsidy, property donation, grant or contribution). This approach recognizes the developmental nature of the *Community Grants Program* and accommodates those organizations whose program or service does not have access to designated operating grants from any level of government. Overall, the approach focuses assistance on volunteerism and self-sustaining operations.

Anticipated Demand: The 2015 intake is lower than in previous years, due largely to the introduction of designated municipal funding programs for professional arts organizations and volunteer search and rescue groups as shown below in Table 1. However, demand is expected to rebound in 2016 due to the following:

- Recent cuts in provincial grant programs;
- The 100th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion in 2017;
- The 75th Anniversary of Canadian participation in WWII; and
- Participation by community-based arts organizations who might have perceived themselves to be in competition with professional arts organizations.

Table 1: Summary of Recommended Awards

Funding Sector	#	Requests	#	Awards Proposed
Environment	9	\$91,058	6	\$37,312
Recreation Leisure	29	\$338,899.15	19	\$134,000
Affordable Supportive Housing	6	\$73,855	2	\$20,200
Emergency Assistance	6	\$99,636.87	4	\$37,600
Neighbourhood Safety	2	\$9,000	0	0
Community History	14	\$118,775.29	12	\$63,775
Community Diversity	7	\$76,129.92	3	\$26,500
Arts & Crafts	20	\$149,663.50	11	\$55,000
Total	93	\$957,017.73	57	\$374,387

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program 2015 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (57)	\$374,387
Balance (pending referrals)	\$125,613

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Information regarding program eligibility, application timelines, applicant scoring, and previous awards are posted on the municipality's web site. Printed materials are also available from all Customer Contact Centres and the Corporate Call Centre. Public participation on the Grants Committee is convened through the office of the Municipal Clerk. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any grant or contribution through a notice in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region. The *Community Grants Program* criteria are published annually in a guidebook. Formal reports are posted to the municipality's web site and a notice publicizing awards is placed in the Municipal Notices section of the Chronicle-Herald newspaper.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Grants Committee could overturn an award or a recommendation to decline, amend the value of an award or the terms and conditions of funding. If amended the rationale is provided in the committee's report attached to this staff report and forwarded to Regional Council for a decision.
2. The Grants Committee could refer an application to staff for further review.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Review Methodology
2. Recommended Awards: 2015.
3. Not Recommended for Funding in 2015.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Attachment 1

Overview of Review Methodology

Presently, the *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) funding categories each with its own funding priorities. Expenditures ineligible for funding are listed by category with the addition of specific items that might be particular to the category. Submissions are evaluated within the respective category using a standardized scoring form. The proposed awards are then moderated in relation to applicants within the same funding category and for consistency across the program. In the event that a reviewer declares a conflict of interest the file is reviewed by a peer.

Category of Organization: Because some smaller organizations assumed that they were competing with larger organizations with greater financial capacity and/or paid staff, information is presented by “tier” which denotes the prior year’s *gross* revenues and any reserves or investments. Groups that are entirely volunteer (excluding seasonal staff) are noted.¹

Relative Merit: In general, a score of 50 points is considered the minimum funding threshold. Scoring takes into account organizational viability; the incremental impact of funding; public benefit; and anticipated outcomes in relation to municipal funding priorities. Reviewers are expected to verify the information provided by independent means and may call an applicant to clarify information. The initial score does not correspond to the value of any award. Other factors taken into consideration include the applicant’s ability to self-fund or cost-share; efforts to secure non-municipal funding; barriers to fundraising; and public safety, legal liability, code or by-law compliance, and licensing. Submissions may also be prioritized according to their financial capacity, prior funding, or those in receipt of other forms of government assistance (for example, a recurring operating grant, rent subsidy, or tax relief or exemption, or the donation of a property).

Value of Award: Readers are cautioned that the total estimated project cost provided by an applicant is not indicative of the total value of expenses eligible for funding. For example, as applicable, a portion of HST has been deducted from any proposed municipal grant to a registered charity based on their eligibility to apply for a partial refund from Revenue Canada or a provincial sales tax rebate for heritage restoration².

Competing Quotes: The value of an award must be verified by competing quotes. Selection of a supplier in a higher amount or a sole-sourced service provide, may be acceptable if explained in the application. For example, a service warranty, imported product, scarcity of suppliers. Applications without verification of expenses may be deemed incomplete and ineligible.

Multiple Projects/Items: Some applications are “bundled” meaning that the applicant has listed either (a) several distinct projects into one or (b) numerous items so as to align the value of request with the highest funding threshold. This is particularly common in “capital” requests wherein the individual cost of each item falls below \$5,000.

Eligible Expenses: A project budget might include expenses ineligible for funding; these expenses may be included in the applicant’s cost-share, or not. Therefore, the value of an award may differ in as a percentage of either the total estimated cost or the value of proposed award.

¹ Tier 1 gross revenues up to \$50,000; Tier 2 gross revenues up to \$250,000; Tier 3 gross revenues over \$250,000.

² Registered heritage property owners can apply for a full rebate on provincial sales tax paid for *materials* (not labour) used on the *exterior* of the building. See: <http://cch.novascotia.ca>. Applications from municipally registered heritage properties require a letter of approval from HRM (Planning & Development: Heritage).

Government Funding: Reviewers have been asked to take into consideration funding from all levels of government, including municipal. This approach is challenging because, unlike registered charities, not all applicants provide comprehensive and complete financial statements. More direction to applicant is warranted in both the guidebook and application form. Overall, this approach helps reduce government funding duplication or overlap, moderates the cost-share capacity of self-funded groups with a greater reliance on self-generated revenue, recognizes the absence of operating grants in certain sectors, and shifts the emphasis of funding towards volunteerism.

Financial Information: The lack of itemized financial information compromises the review process. Notwithstanding that audited financial statements are not option for the program given the developmental nature of the program and the capacity of smaller volunteer groups, consolidated or partial reports (selected extracts, deposits and withdrawals) does not give an accurate representation of the overall financial status of the group or their ability/inability to self-fund. Program materials will be revised to provide more direction to applicants with respect to the presentation of information.

It is also of note that very few financial reports include the value of discretionary municipal tax relief leading to under-representation of HRM's financial assistance and potential over-reporting of actual expenditures. This issue could be addressed through amendments to program policy or communications.

Terms and Conditions: Many applicants to the *Community Grants Program* do not have the cash flow or access to market financing to commence a project prior to receipt of payment, therefore few grants are issued on a reimbursement basis³. A holdback of payment might be recommended if the viability of the project relies on unconfirmed funding from a non-municipal source, or the value of award may be stated as a maximum percentage of actual expenditures. The latter approach helps minimize misrepresentation.

Capital Grants: Typically, the *Community Grants Program* receives a high volume of requests for building-related projects. Many of these requests may be described as deferred maintenance or minor repairs. This demand must be balanced with grant requests from groups that do not own/require property, in relation to the funding priorities for each sector, and the availability of non-municipal funding sources.

In general, priority is given to property acquisition or construction (based on incremental impact), capital improvements which sustain the value and utility of a property (structural elements such as roof, foundation, exterior walls), and environmental or safety risks (well and septic, code compliance, fire code).

- **Acquisition** of a building or land; construction of a building or infrastructure; **expansion** of an existing building or infrastructure;
- **A capital improvement:** a permanent structural replacement or alteration that sustains the value and utility of an existing building or infrastructure that extends the useful life of the property (exterior walls, foundation, roof, windows and exterior doors, structural weight-bearing beams);
- **Purchase of an item** costing over \$5,000 (large-scale or specialized equipment), exceptions may be made for a subsistence program (eg. appliances for a feeding program);
- Replacement, repair or upgrade to a **heating or ventilation** system, **electrical** service, **well or septic** system;
- Remediation of uninsured, under-insured or uninsurable **environmental contamination**.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate that they have applied to a designated funding program if one exists (eg. cultural spaces, housing programs, Legions) or have been declined by a lending institution. Applicants may be partially funded and referred to the designated program. Some projects can be phased and may be partially funded.

³ This method may be required in circumstances where an applicant has defaulted on a prior award/reporting requirements.

- **Accessibility or energy efficiency** upgrade.
Applicants are expected to demonstrate that they have applied to a designated funding program if one exists (e.g. AccessAbility, energy efficiency or water conservation programs).

In general, the following are of lower priority:

- Interior renovation or re-modelling to maximize utility and linked to the delivery of a program or service;
- Interior refurbishment (structural floor boards, interior walls or ceiling);
- Minor repairs are low priority projects (ceiling tiles, gutters, trim) as are small equipment purchases with an individual cost below \$5,000. These projects might be considered under a project grant if budget permits or based on urgency of need/inability to self-fund.

In general, the following are not funded:

- Interior decorating is ineligible for consideration (painting, tiles, carpet/ flooring, interior doors, fixtures).
- Parking lots.

Presently, exterior painting is only funded for registered heritage properties, subject to the approval of the HRM Heritage Planner.

Attachment 2

Recommended Awards: 2015

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 1

1. Eastern Shore Wildlife Association – Provincial/Regional/Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Habitat Restoration Project

The Association's volunteers work to preserve wildlife habitat in the Eastern Shore area. Operations are sustained the group's ownership of a campground and a clubhouse. Municipal assistance includes full tax exemption. In 2005, the West River that runs through Sheet Harbour was the first test river in the region to apply new technology to counteract the impact of acid rain: an automated "dosing" system combines river water with powdered limestone in an effort to reduce acidity and restore the spawning grounds of endangered wild Atlantic salmon. A grant of \$25,000 requested to purchase materials to construct, transport and install a large-scale fish weir on the West River. Working in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) and the Nova Scotia Salmon Association (NSSA), volunteers will assist with construction and on-going monitoring of fish stocks. Given the specialized nature of the structure, standard quotes are not applicable. Although HRM does not fund scientific experiments, this pilot project aligns with the program's funding priorities "...to protect or restore the municipality's natural habit and enhance biodiversity and environmental sustainability" (Guidebook, p.10) and demonstrates strong collaborative relationships among volunteer community groups. Cost-share confirmed. ***A grant of \$18,000 recommended for the purchase of materials and transportation to construct and install a fish weir to monitor the impact of habitat restoration efforts on the West River, Sheet Harbour.***

2. Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust – Chebucto Peninsula - Project Grant/Public Education

The Trust is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers work to protect, conserve and restore the natural habitat, watershed and wildlife of the Five Bridges Wilderness Area. Operations are sustained by fundraising. A grant of \$2,000 requested towards the cost of a revised and expanded version of the self-published booklet *A Walking Guide to the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road* to include a self-guided walking map and reference to active transportation trails in the area (new material). Total estimated cost \$7,000-\$9,000 with cost-share confirmed. The former St. Margaret's Bay Road, constructed in the early 1800's to transport troops and supplies from Spryfield to Glen Margaret is becoming a popular destination for hikers. ***A grant of \$2,000 recommended towards design and production of a self-guided walking map and updated visitor guide.***

3. St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association – St. Margaret's Bay/Micou's Island – Project Grant/Public Education

The Association is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers advocate for sustainable development and the protection of the St. Margaret's Bay natural environment. The group is sustained by fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards a series of free walking tours on Micou's Island, school presentations, and the production of a brochure on local flora. The island is owned by the provincial government and the Association acts in a stewardship role under an agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund school programs⁴ (Guidebook, p.11), therefore partial funded recommended towards the production of an educational brochure, net HST. ***A grant of \$500 recommended for educational brochure.***

4. Young Naturalists Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

Formally incorporated in 2012, the Club operates out of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History. The Club's volunteers aim to foster an appreciation for the environment among children and youth. Activities include field trips and presentations. Participation is free. The Club is sustained by donations and grants.

⁴ This exclusion includes projects initiated by schools or delivered into schools (both public and private), post-secondary institutions, and private training establishments.

A grant of \$700 requested to re-print a self-promotional brochure. The initial printing of the self-promotional brochure was funded by a corporate sponsor. Full funding recommended but re-prints are unlikely to be a future funding priority. Refer to staff for assistance with future grant applications. ***A grant of \$700 recommended for brochure printing to promote youth nature club.***

Tier 3

5. Ecology Action Centre – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Renovation

The Centre is a registered Canadian charity whose goal is to increase environmental protection. Operations are sustained by “project revenue” (grants and contributions for environmental programs delivered through the Centre are subject to a 15% administrative fee), membership dues, donations and fundraising. Municipal assistance includes partial tax relief. In 2005, the Centre acquired property aided by a donor’s bequest and renovated a 130-year old former residence as an office and demonstration site. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards a major renovation to the building’s basement to accommodate staff and increase the building’s energy efficiency costing \$139,000⁵. Applicant’s financing of \$110,105 confirmed. The recommended grant is towards replacement windows and exterior doors (capital improvements) costing a combined total of \$26,000. ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards replacement windows and exterior doors for facility renovation. Conditional: excludes administrative fee deduction.***

6. Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty/ Provincial Animal Shelter & Veterinary Clinic Limited – Provincial/Regional – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade

The NSPCA was incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature and is also a registered Canadian charity established to prevent cruelty to animals and sustained by donations, fundraising and service fees. Full tax exemption provided by HRM. The Provincial Animal Shelter and Veterinary Clinic Limited is a registered limited company that operates a veterinary clinic within the SPCA’s premises in Dartmouth⁶. A grant of \$12,109 requested for two distinct projects: (1) the construction of a storage shed with electrical hook-up, and (2) the purchase and installation of a replacement ventilation system for the existing canine isolation room. Cost-share unconfirmed. The applicant’s priority is the storage shed so as to re-use indoor space for an x-ray machine/service to be used by the veterinary clinic. Due to the association with a related business entity and a previous decision regarding funding to veterinary services⁷, full funding recommended for the purchase and installation of a replacement ventilation system for the canine isolation room only. The applicant states that the current system is inoperable and may be closed if the system cannot be replaced prior to warmer summer temperatures. ***A grant of \$6,112 net HST recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a replacement ventilation system for animal shelter. Excludes storage shed project.***

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

7. Club 24 Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade

The Club⁸, a registered Canadian charity, is a membership-based social club whose volunteers serve persons in recovery. The building serves as a drop-in centre (some participants are residents of supportive housing facilities in the immediate neighbourhood) and a venue for peer support group meetings. Revenues are self-generated from membership dues, fundraising events, and occasional room rentals. Municipal assistance includes full tax relief. In 2013, the Club converted the oil heating system to natural gas during which the standard of existing pipes was noted as a potential risk. Replacement of

⁵ In 2014, an *EnerGuide* audit determined that the basement of the 130-year old building was the single largest source of heat loss ; estimate of annual savings conducted by Equilibrium Engineering.

⁶ The Provincial Animal Shelter and Veterinary Clinic Limited is described as a “controlled profit-oriented enterprise”. The NSPCA receive a pro-rata share of net earnings of its investments, reduced by the amount of any annual dividends received from the business.

⁷ Hope for Wildlife declined funding due to a lack of municipal alignment with the provision of veterinary services.

⁸ Previously funded under Emergency Assistance category but food bank and feeding program discontinued.

exterior pipes began in 2014 but the remainder are located within interior walls and more expensive to remove. A grant of \$4,000 requested to fully fund a plumbing contractor and the purchase of materials. The Club's contribution will be volunteer labour to repair and re-paint the interior walls and net HST. ***A grant of \$4,000 recommended for completion of heating system upgrade for recovery support club.***

8. Hammonds Plains Community Centre – Hammonds Plains – Capital Grant/Building Renovation

Incorporated in 2009, the society own and operate a former volunteer fire service clubhouse donated by the Municipality. Operations are sustained by volunteers through hall rentals and bar sales. Municipal assistance includes partial tax relief. Having addressed immediate repairs and accessibility, the Centre wish to remodel the existing kitchen into a multi-purpose room and upgrade amenities to enhance programming for seniors and community rentals. A grant of \$25,000 (50% of estimated cost) requested towards interior re-modelling. Interior painting is not an eligible expense. Given the reliance upon government funding (~89%) and an ability to phase elements of the project, partial funding recommended. The society could make application in 2016 towards completion. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for interior renovation of community hall.***

9. Harbour Lites New Horizons Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

The Club is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers and clubhouse host social and leisure activities for seniors with access to other groups for free or by donation. The Club is sustained by membership dues, fundraising, and HRM tax relief. A grant of \$3,794 requested to fully fund minor repairs to the clubhouse roof. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$3,500 recommended for building roof repair.***

10. Golden Age Social Centre – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

The Club own and operate a seniors centre offering social and leisure activities. The club is sustained by hall rentals, membership dues, and HRM tax relief. A grant of \$3,900 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of six windows. Partial funding recommended on the basis of the ability to cost-share and project could be phased. Refer to staff for assistance with future grant applications. ***A grant of \$3,000 recommended to purchase and install replacement windows in seniors centre clubhouse.***

11. Grand Lake-Oakfield Community Society – Grand Lake – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade

The community hall property was donated to the Society in 1964 and has operated in close relationship with the local volunteer fire department (now HRM Fire & Emergency Services). Amenities have expanded to include a playground and baseball field. Operations are sustained by an area rate supplemented by bar and rental revenues. Municipal assistance includes full tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards the purchase and installation of a new heating and cooling system (total \$46,000). ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards replacement heating and ventilation system in community hall.***

12. Lawrencetown Community Centre – Lawrencetown – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade

The society own and operate a community hall. Operations are sustained by full municipal tax relief, room rentals and fundraising. A grant of \$12,000 requested to purchase and install a propane heating system, new thermostats, and removal and disposal of the old oil furnace to reduce annual operating costs (total \$14,610). ***A grant of \$12,000 recommended to purchase and install gas heating system in community hall.***

13. Nova Scotia Masters Speed Skating Club – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant /Equipment

Incorporated in 2013, this emerging Club promotes the sport of speed skating through recreational instruction and competition. Volunteers work in collaboration with HRM to maximize use of the Oval; in

exchange for dedicated speed skating time at no cost⁹ the Club provides community programs such as *Learn to Speed Skate*, the *Skate the Common Marathon Series*, and is developing a sledge racing program for persons with a disability. The society is volunteer-run with no paid administrative staff or coaches and sustained through membership dues. The Club owns the computerized lap timing system timing system buried beneath the Oval ice. A grant of \$5,000 requested to purchase additional timing chips for long distance events and the *Skate the Common Marathon*; registration in the event exceeded expectations (~300 participants) and the lack of equipment impedes participants' enjoyment. Given the cost to the Municipality of operating the Oval, efforts to maximize participant use and affordability is in the interest of all taxpayers. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase of computerized timing system accessories for speed skating programs and events.***

14. Speedy Kids Oval Program Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2012, the society's aim is to make the sport of speed skating available to children and youth, particularly those from lower income families. The Society is volunteer-run with no paid staff or coaches and sustained by nominal registration fees and donations. With the assistance of government grants and donated equipment, the organization has created an equipment inventory to loan to children and youth thus promoting the Oval as an affordable and accessible recreational facility. A grant of \$4,222.77 requested to fully fund the purchase of specialized skate sharpening equipment and supplies. The program aligns with HRM's funding priorities to broaden recreational opportunities for persons who face barriers to participation (Guidebook, p.12) and maximizing use of the Oval is in the public interest. Supplies are ineligible for funding. ***A grant of \$4,000 recommended for the purchase of specialized equipment for speed skating equipment loan program.***

Tier 2

15. Grace United Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade: Accessibility

The church is self-sustained through congregational offerings and fundraising and exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The main floor of the church hall is used by local youth groups, notably *Club Dartmouth at Grace* a recreational program run by the Social, Cultural and Recreational Inclusion Society (SCRIS). An elevator is cost-prohibitive so to accommodate persons with a physical disability the church proposes to re-configure the main floor by relocating the SCRIS storage cupboard and a kitchenette to build accessible washrooms at an estimated cost of \$24,451.37. A grant of \$21,211.37 requested of HRM with \$3,240 confirmed cost-share. The project could be phased as funds permit (applications made to other sources unconfirmed). Therefore, partial funding recommended for washrooms only (\$15,258.06). As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$6,500 recommended for accessible washrooms to support recreational programming for persons with a disability.***

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

The Club provides introductory and competitive programs for all ages and a para-rowing program for persons with a disability. Fees may be waived or subsidized for lower income participants at the introductory level. The Club is sustained through membership fees and pays market value rent for seasonal occupancy at the St. Mary's Boat Club on the Northwest Arm. Due to an increase in participation an additional safety boat is required. A grant of \$2,000 requested towards the purchase of a boat engine. Provision of the boat and cost-share confirmed. ***A grant of \$2,000 recommended to purchase safety boat engine.***

17. Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Firemen's Association – Lakeview/Windsor Junction/Fall River – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade: Accessibility

The Association own and operate two buildings: this application refers to the community hall (not the interpretation centre). The building accommodates various social and leisure activities with free access to

⁹ Speed Skating Canada and Speed Skate Nova Scotia registration fees may be applicable so as to secure insurance coverage and optional additional services may be provided for a fee with accommodation for subsidized participation.

local sports clubs and leagues, community events, private functions, and fundraising activities. The local seniors club, the Friendly Group of Seniors Society, operate out of this facility. Operations are sustained through fundraising, private rentals, and an area rate. Municipal assistance also includes full tax relief. A grant of \$6,221.25 requested towards accessible washrooms (total \$8,999). Interior painting is an ineligible expense. **A grant of \$6,000 recommended towards accessible washrooms.**

18. Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/Property Acquisition: Feasibility Study

The Chamber of Commerce promotes economic development in the Eastern Shore region. Its' operations are primarily self-funded through corporate donations, fundraising and membership dues with non-recurring project-specific grants. The Chamber have requested a grant of \$4,950 to fully fund a condition assessment of a property they wish to acquire (wharf) in relation to a proposed marina. If purchased, the property would serve local economic and recreational interests. **A grant of \$4,000 recommended for a professional appraisal with respect to a potential property acquisition.**

19. Social, Cultural, Recreational Inclusion Society – Halifax/Bedford/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that operates under the name of the SCRI society provides social and recreational activities for persons with special needs. Operations are sustained by a grant from the United Way and membership fees. A grant of \$3,054 requested to fully fund the purchase a portable power lift to better accommodate persons dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. **A grant of \$3,000 recommended for the purchase of specialized mobility equipment for recreation club serving persons with a disability.**

20. William Black Memorial United Church – Glen Margaret – Capital Grant/Playground: Accessibility

The Church has constructed a children's playground with access to the general public and have requested a grant of \$10,000 towards re-surfacing the playground with a rubberized coating to enhance wheelchair accessibility, three swing sets and extending the existing sidewalk (\$28,449.42). The church is sustained by congregational offerings and donations. The property is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. A \$10,000 contribution confirmed from HRM Councillors District Capital Fund. Project could be phased. Partial funding recommended towards resurfacing to enhance accessibility (excludes equipment and pathway). **A grant of \$8,000 recommended for the installation of a rubberized playground surface to enhance accessibility. Excludes the purchase of playground equipment and pathway.**

Tier 3

21. Atlantic Division Canoe-Kayak Canada – Provincial/Regional – Capital Grant/Infrastructure Capital Improvement

ADCKC is a regional umbrella organization that administers the sport of canoe, kayak and dragon boat sustained by membership revenues, high performance funding, events, boats sales and revenue. HRM provides partial tax relief. The society also helps administer the Canoe Sprint Legacy Fund¹⁰. A capital grant of \$15,000 requested towards repairs to the walls of the judges tower located in Lake Banook, Dartmouth (\$42,399). Although the applicant's cost-share of \$7,568.50 is confirmed, approximately 42% remains unconfirmed, hence a holdback is recommended pending confirmation that the project can proceed in 2015. **A grant of \$15,000 recommended towards repairs to the Lake Banook training and competition course judges tower. Holdback pending confirmation of funding.**

Note: These repairs may be interim (4-6 years); the applicant states that they will be seeking HRM's assistance in relation to hosting major canoeing events to re-model the structure to decrease height for course sightlines. Immediate repairs are needed to prevent corrosion of the structural steel beams.

¹⁰ The fund is governed by the Canoe Sprint Legacy Fund Association.

22. Banook Canoe Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Registered Heritage Property: Capital Improvement/Restoration

The Club's original clubhouse was constructed c.1906 to store paddling equipment and is a municipally registered heritage building noted for its association with local sports history. The Club is self-sustaining through membership dues, instructional and coaching fees, bar sales and hall rentals, summer camps and fundraising. Municipal assistance includes full tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 requested to roof repairs and prevent further interior water damage. Heritage Planner approval confirmed. Prior year revenues indicate the ability to cost-share, hence partial funding recommended. Refer to staff for assistance with future grant applications. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended for roof repairs for sports club facility.***

23. Bedford Basin Yacht Club – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club own and operate a clubhouse and docks on the Bedford Basin. Operations are sustained by membership dues, marina services, food and beverage sales, and instructional classes for children and adults. Municipal assistance includes partial tax relief. A grant of \$3,300 requested to purchase materials for the construction of a replacement floating dock used primarily by the *Learn to Sail* program for children and youth 8 to 18 years of age which is open to non-members. The program aims to operate on a break-even basis with registration fees to cover the cost of instructors, boat maintenance (25 boats) and coach/safety boats (4). The total cost of materials is \$3,300; the Club volunteers will build the structure and the Club will pay for disposal of the old dock. ***A grant of \$3,000 recommended for the construction of replacement docks for a Learn to Sail program.***

24. Mic Mac Aquatic Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement¹¹

The Club was incorporated in 1923 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature to promote aquatic sports, notably rowing, canoeing and swimming. Operations are sustained by bar sales, membership and program fees, and fundraising. The Club receives full tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards roof replacement (\$95,450): a structural engineer's report indicates that a total replacement is required for a portion of the roof that is failing resulting in interior damage to the ceiling and light fixtures and the risk of mold. The roof replacement may have to be phased: the minimum quote for partial replacement is ~\$40,000. Applicant's cost-share confirmed but project may be phased based on scope of work. ***A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards roof replacement for sports club facility.***

25. Royal Canadian Legion: Eastern Marine Branch 161 – Gaetz Brook – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade

The Legion is self-sustaining through bar sales, gaming, membership dues and fundraising. The Legion is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 requested for the purchase and installation of two heat pumps with electrical upgrade, an electrical connection for generator, and materials for the construction of an electrical room (total \$28,695). The facility does not have a Memorandum of Understanding with HRM Fire & Emergency Services as an EMO centre, therefore the costs associated with a generator hook-up are ineligible (Guidebook, p. 19). Parks & Recreation have confirmed modest rental of the facility for dance and yoga classes. As a registered charity the Legion can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada and make application to the provincial *Legion Capital Assistance Program* which funds capital projects up to a maximum of \$10,000 or 50% of costs, therefore partial funding recommended. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase and installation of heat pumps to reduce facility operating costs.***

¹¹ The difference in value of recommended award for Banook Canoe Club and Mic Mac Aquatic Club is based on financial capacity (including a mortgage), the scale of work, and HRM's contribution as a percentage of total estimated cost.

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Tier 3

26. Metro Non-Profit Housing Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Established in 1988 to serve homeless single adults, the Society now own and operate six apartment buildings and works in partnership with *Halifax Housing Help*, a housing placement/eviction prevention program serving clients with multiple needs. Constructed in 2001, the apartment complex has 18 bachelor apartments and a housing support centre serving. The Society is a registered Canadian charity sustained by a provincial operating subsidy and individual tenant rent supplements. HRM provides partial tax relief. In 2013 and 2014, the Society replaced eight defective exterior doors and is requesting a grant of \$14,200 net HST to fully refund the remaining ten. ***A capital grant of \$14, 200 recommended for exterior door replacement for supportive housing complex.***

27. Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that operates under the name of “Alice Housing” in the provision of shelter and affordable housing for women leaving domestic abuse. Revenues are largely self-generated through rental income, donations and fundraising. HRM provides partial tax relief. A grant of \$9,155 requested to fully fund roof repairs to a 4-unit building. No rationale provided for selection of highest quote, therefore value of grant based on lowest bid with partial deduction for federal HST rebate. ***A capital grant of \$6,000 recommended towards roof repairs to women’s supportive housing facility.***

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 2

28. St. Mark’s Anglican Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade

St. Mark’s church hall is used primarily for non-profit occupancy with a small space allocation for the church’s weekly food bank. Operations are sustained by congregational offerings, fundraising, donations, rentals and interest on investments. The church hall is tax exempt under the *Assessment Act*. A grant of \$10,000 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a heat recovery ventilator and two replacement doors. Due to significant variance in the quotes provided for doors, the absence of any cost-share contribution from occupants, and in relation to the program’s funding priorities partial funding recommended. The proposed award for a ventilation system recognizes use of the premises for a food bank, breakfast and lunch programs. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a heat recovery ventilation unit.***

29. St. Mathew’s United Church – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

St. Mathew’s church hall is the location of a winter overnight shelter for the homeless. The program is supported primarily by the United Church of Canada Mission Support Fund, local church congregations, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the United Way, and charitable foundations. The church hall is tax exempt under the *Assessment Act*. A grant of \$4,636.87 requested to fully fund the purchase of computer, seating, bedding and laundry bins. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$4,600 recommended for purchase of furnishings and equipment for the Out of the Cold Shelter program.***

Tier 3

30. Adsum Association for Women & Children – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance: Registered Heritage Property

The Adsum Association for Women and Children (Adsum) is federally registered Canadian charity that provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to women and children leaving domestic violence or at risk of homelessness. Operations are sustained by provincial operating grants and rent subsidies, rental income, donations and fundraising. A grant of \$10,000 requested for exterior painting (\$19,584.23). In 2014, HRM conveyed their 50% interest in the subject property to the Association for \$1.00 (prior

tenancy for \$1.00/year in lieu of all capital and operating costs). As a registered charity the Association can apply for a partial rebate on HST. ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended toward exterior painting of registered heritage property.***

31. Parish of St. George – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Systems Upgrade: Registered Heritage Property

St. George's Round Church is a local heritage landmark. The parish has undertaken a major fundraising campaign, *Deck the Hall Renovation Project*, to restore the 125-year old church hall to preserve its heritage significance, lower operating costs, and revitalize community use. The church operations are sustained by congregational offerings and project-specific grants. The church hall is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 requested towards a heating system conversion from oil to natural gas (\$108,092.50). Cost-share of \$83,092 confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of up to \$18,000 recommended toward the purchase and installation of new natural gas heating system in St. George's Church Hall.***

Note: This application was moved from the Community History category because although the building is a registered heritage property the nature of the project does not align closely with heritage restoration. The value of proposed grant recognizes the scale of the applicant's confirmed share of costs.

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 1

32. Historical Society of Fall River & Windsor Junction – Fall River/Windsor Junction – Project Grant/ Public Education

The Society's goal is to preserve and present the history of the Fall River/Windsor Junction community. This volunteer organization is self-sustained by membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$1,000 requested towards video editing for seniors oral history project. Cost-share of \$500 confirmed. The initial recording of interviews was conducted by volunteers assisted by a college student and equipment purchased under a federal *New Horizons* grant; the group now require technical assistance to edit footage. Quotes supplied vary (\$500 to \$1,500) based on the inclusion of multiple copies and individual packaging. The value of recommended grant is for professional fees only (editing and master file) and excludes multiple copies and packaging. ***A grant of \$700 recommended for video editing.***

33. Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Registered Heritage Property Restoration

The Society lease land from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources upon which is located the former Musquodoboit Harbour Train Station (c.1918) owned and operated by the Society, a registered heritage building noted for its architectural design and the role of rail transportation in settlement and rural economic development. The building accommodates a railway history display, seasonal tourist information centre and gift shop with large-scale artefacts displayed outdoors. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating grant and full municipal tax relief, supplemented by rental income (HRM office), and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested for an accessibility ramp and assorted minor repairs totalling \$5,795. The applicant's cost-share confirmed. Full funding recommended for chimney (\$695) and platform (\$1,875) repairs only because they pose a potential safety issue. Applicant has been referred to a provincial accessibility grant program. ***A grant of \$2,575 recommended to fully fund chimney and railway station platform repairs. Conditional upon HRM Heritage Planner approval.***

34. Old Burying Ground Foundation – Halifax – Project Grant/National Historic Site - Artefact Restoration

The Foundation's volunteers act in a stewardship role to protect, preserve and promote the cemetery owned by St. Paul's Anglican Church. The site is a national, provincial and municipal heritage property. The Foundation is sustained by donations and a municipal operating grant. The cemetery is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards 3-year gravestone restoration project. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards restoration of National Historic Site artefacts.***

35. Waverley Community Association – Waverley – Project Grant/Equipment

The Waverley Community Association own and operate the former St. John's Anglican Church (c.1861), a registered heritage property that serves as a venue for the Waverley Heritage Society's collection and assorted community meetings. The volunteer Association is sustained through an HRM service rate supplemented by room rentals, fundraising, and project-specific grants. The municipality also provides partial tax relief. A grant of \$3,000 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of replacement lighting in the area used by the museum¹². ***A matching grant of \$1,500 recommended for exhibit lighting.***

Tier 2

36. Calvin Presbyterian Church – Halifax – Project Grant/Public Education

The church is self-sustained by congregational offerings, fundraising and donations. The property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. Located on the church property is a large section of the anchor from the Mont-Blanc, one of two ships whose collision in Halifax Harbour resulted in the 1917 Halifax Explosion. In 2014, the church was awarded a grant of \$5,000 towards artefact restoration and mounting. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the design, fabrication and installation of an interpretation panel, installation of a new pathway and turf. Landscaping is ineligible (the property is not registered heritage), therefore partial funding towards interpretation panel design recommended. Applicant's proposed cost-share of \$3,637 confirmed. As registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for design, fabrication and installation of interpretative panel on Halifax Explosion artefact. Excludes landscaping.***

37. Canadian Mental Health Association: Nova Scotia Division – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Registered Heritage Property: Condition Assessment

CMHA: NS Division was incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1931 and is also a registered Canadian charity. Operations are sustained by provincial government grants (~90% of gross revenues), rental income, non-recurring project grants and fundraising. Municipal assistance includes full tax exemption based on heritage status. The Association owns the Samuel Greenwood House (c.1790) a registered heritage property noted for its age, Classical Revival Style, and rarity in downtown Dartmouth - one of the few buildings from that era that survived the Halifax Explosion in 1917. A grant of \$5,000 requested for building condition and structural assessment to enable the development of a building conservation plan (total \$7,500). Applicant's contribution of \$2,500 confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. Partial funding recommended based on HRM's full tax exemption because of registered heritage status. The applicant has been referred to the provincial grant program (grants for conservation advice up to 50% of eligible cost to a maximum of \$3,000). ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for professional fees to undertake a building condition assessment.***

38. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society – Cole Harbour – Project Grant/Public Education

The Society own and operate the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm, a community museum focusing on the agricultural heritage of the community. Operations are sustained by government grants and retail sales (tea room and gift shop), facility rentals and donations. Bequests are held in a designated trust fund and invested in GIC's and mutual funds. Municipal assistance includes full tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 requested to fully fund the design and fabrication of 72 assorted descriptive panels and signage to replace and expand upon existing interpretation. The panels would be installed throughout the grounds (farm heritage buildings, garden, greenhouse, and walking trail). Project could be phased as financing from non-municipal sources secured and applicant cost-share established. As registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$2,500 recommended towards signage project for registered heritage site.***

¹² The \$1,500 cost-share confirmed by the applicant for "cost overruns and consulting" is speculative and could be put towards the actual cost of purchase and installation, hence a matching grant is recommended.

39. Old School Community Gathering Place Cooperative Limited – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Registered Heritage Property: Maintenance

The cooperative own and operate the former Musquodoboit Harbour Elementary School (c.1924), a municipally registered heritage property noted as a rare example of the Arts and Crafts architectural style in the immediate area. The cooperative is a registered non-profit coop (no shareholders or dividends) and a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to promote health and community engagement in the area. Programming at this location includes assorted health, arts, and recreational activities. Operations are sustained by volunteers and project-specific grants, room rentals, gallery sales, and fundraising. Municipal assistance includes a less than market value property donation and partial tax relief. A grant of \$20,412.50 requested to fully fund painting of building exterior shingles and concrete walls, including minor repairs. Partial funding recommended based on the value of HRM's property donation, an ability to phase the project. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada and to the provincial sales tax rebate program for heritage properties. ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended toward exterior painting of registered heritage building. Conditional upon approval of HRM Heritage Planner.***

40. Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Public Education

Created through an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1986, the Commission is a registered Canadian charity whose role is to preserve and promote the historic Shubenacadie Canal System. Located in a provincial park, the Commission also operates the Fairbanks Centre, a facility that contains office space, meeting rooms, public washrooms and an interpretative exhibit. The Commission is sustained by a provincial operating grant (Department of Natural Resources), facility rentals, concession rentals, merchandize sales, and non-recurring government grants. The property (Fairbanks Centre) is not assessed for tax. A grant of \$1,703.79 requested to fully fund repairs to an exhibit model of the canals historic locks. As registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. ***A grant of \$1,500 recommended towards refurbishing exhibit model of Shubenacadie Canal System.***

41. Victoria Road United Baptist Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Registered Heritage Property: Capital Improvement/Restoration

The Victoria Road United Baptist Church was built in 1853 as a Sunday School in relation to the nearby Christ Church. In 1905, the property was donated to the local Black Baptist congregation and known as the Colored Meeting House. The property is a registered heritage building in relation to the religious and settlement history of Black settlement in Dartmouth. Built in the Gothic Revival Style the building's character-defining features include the lancet windows with decorative moldings and an arched front door. The current owners, the Victoria Road United Baptist Church, use the premises as a place of worship, a weekly food bank and assorted community functions. Operations are self-sustained by congregational offerings, donations, and investment earnings. The property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$20,659 requested for three replacement windows and a door. The total estimated cost is \$35,659 including HST, permits, and minor incidental repairs to shingles and trim painting. The project can be phased; therefore partial funding recommended towards the replacement of the 2 large "parson" windows (\$18,849). The applicant's contribution of \$15,000 towards the overall project confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. Refer applicant to provincial sales tax rebate program for heritage properties. ***A grant of \$15,000 recommended towards window replacement for registered heritage building. Conditional upon approval of HRM Heritage Planner.***

Tier 3

42. Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society – Lake Charlotte – Capital Grant/Registered Heritage Property: Repairs

The Society own and operate the Memory Lane Heritage Village, a collection of heritage buildings, artefacts and educational programs that preserve the history of rural communities along the Eastern Shore. The Society is sustained by a provincial operating grant, full municipal tax exemption, grants, admission fees and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested for repairs to replica belfry and roof of the

former Clam Harbour Church (total \$15,454); applicant cost-share and ACOA funding confirmed. **A grant of \$5,000 recommended for repairs to Clam Harbour Church belfry.**

43. Woodlawn United Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Registered Heritage Property: Maintenance

The original Woodlawn United Church was a wooden structure constructed in 1884 and enlarged in 1898. A new place of worship was constructed of brick at the same location in 1959 and the old church building (referred to as the “Heritage Centre”) is now used for the East Dartmouth Food Bank and community rentals. Operations are self-sustained by congregational offerings, donations, and investment earnings. The church hall is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$12,000 requested for exterior painting (\$14,000). Cost-share (\$5,000) confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant can apply for a partial rebate of HST from Revenue Canada. Refer applicant to provincial heritage property sales tax rebate program. **A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards exterior painting of registered heritage building. Conditional upon approval of HRM Heritage Planner.**

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Tier 1

44. German-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association promotes the preservation of German-speaking cultures (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) through networking, social and educational activities, and an annual *Halifax Oktoberfest* event. The group also participates in local cultural events (eg. *Gottingen 250*, and the annual *Multicultural Festival*). The Association is sustained by members fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of two canopies (combined total of \$4,412.23) that meet national fire protection standards and customized with Association’s logo to increase their public profile at events. Applicants’ contribution confirmed. **A grant of \$2,000 recommended for the purchase of a portable canopy, custom printing and accessories.**

45. Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Project Grant/Production & Equipment

Incorporated as non-profit society in 2013, the Association is an advocacy and settlement service supporting GLBT refugees in Halifax and works closely with Immigrant Settlement Services of NS, the NS Rainbow Action Project, and LGB Youth Project society. The organization is sustained by donations. A grant of \$4,998.57 requested to fully fund the production expenses (software license, purchase and rental of equipment, marketing) for a 90 minute film documentary on the experience of GLBT refugees seeking to settle in Halifax. Balance of funding confirmed. The project may need to be phased with post-production editing professional fees in the second year. **A grant of \$4,500 recommended towards software licence and the rental and purchase of camera equipment for community-based film production.**

Tier 2

46. Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Capital Improvement

The Society, commonly known as “The Youth Project” serves the local LGBT youth community, family, professional service providers and the general public through advocacy, education, and support services. The organization is sustained by a grant from the Nova Scotia department of Health (~32% of gross revenues in 2014) supplemented by a grant from the United Way, fundraising, workshop fees, and non-recurring grants. Municipal operating assistance is provided through partial tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 requested to fully replace exterior wall cladding (\$31,467). Cost-share confirmed. The work could be phased based on financial capacity. **A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards replacement of exterior wall cladding for youth centre.**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier 1

47. Black Artists Network of Nova Scotia – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Marketing

BANNS is a non-profit multi-disciplinary arts association whose purpose is to develop the African Nova Scotian arts and crafts community. The society is sustained by non-recurring project grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested for web site upgrade and self-promotional materials (\$11,900). Project may need to be phased based on availability of funding. Marginalization of the Black community suggests that self-representation is critical in developing an awareness of the historical tradition of visual arts and crafts within this community of interest. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended for professional fees for photography and web site development.***

48. Dartmouth & District Pipe Band Association – Dartmouth – Project Grant/ Equipment

Established in 1965 as the Dartmouth Boy's Pipe Band, the Association is a long-standing non-profit society and a registered Canadian charity. As part of the Band's 50th Anniversary celebrations they will be participating in the *World Pipe Band Championships*, Scotland, in 2015. In addition to two competition bands, the Association assembles a parade and competition band, and a bagpipe and drumming school for children 8+, youth and adults. The organization is self-sustaining through registration fees, donations, non-recurring grants and competition revenues. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the purchase of instrumental equipment (\$10,763). Percussion instruments are owned by the Band, not individuals. Prices are sole-sourced due to the specialized nature of the items and limited local availability. Cost-share confirmed. ***A matching grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase of specialized instrumental equipment.***

49. Halifax Women's History Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Professional Fees

Incorporated in 2013, the organization is a registered non-profit society and a registered Canadian charity whose aim is the preservation and presentation of local women's history. The group is self-sustaining through membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the cost of a design for a public art commission to commemorate women's wartime volunteer work to be located on the Halifax Waterfront. Total costs are estimated to be \$12,000 including maquettes. The selection jury will include representatives of the Waterfront Development Corporation, professional arts, women's history, and allied professions such as architecture and engineering. Cost-share of \$7,000 confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards sculpture commission.***

50. Latispanica Cultural Association – Regional –Project Grant/ Equipment

The Association incorporated as a non-profit society in 2012 for the purpose of promoting Latin American culture. The volunteer group is sustained by fundraising, primarily through their annual *Gala Latina* event. Dancers participate in community events (by donation, not performance fees) and collaborate with other ethno-cultural groups. A grant of \$5,000 requested to purchase dance costumes and event-related expenses. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund events. In 2014, the Association received a grant of \$2,000 towards costumes representing Columbia¹³. Their inventory now includes Mexico and Peru. This year's request is for costumes representing Argentina and includes children/youth sizes for males. To save money and ensure authenticity some items are purchased in the country of origin. ***A grant of \$3,000 recommended for the purchase of dance costumes.***

51. Narratives in Space and Time Society – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Production

Incorporated in 2012, the Society is an emerging arts organization that creates public art projects using "mobile media" (smartphones, portable digital projections, mobile computer devices etc.) and the environmental context within which participants explore the urban environment. To date, the Society has been sustained by project-specific government grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards professional fees for the design of a mobile application for the second phase of a 3-year project that includes a series of public walks incorporating dramatic readings, costumes, music and projected images. The project is

¹³ Funded under Community Diversity category in 2014 because Arts & Crafts sector heavily over-subscribed.

expected to conclude in December, 2017, with an exhibition at the Nova Scotia Archives. **A grant of \$5,000 recommended for professional fees in the application of digital technology for the Walking the Debris Field: Public Geographies of the Halifax Explosion project.**

52. Second Chance Community Band Program of Nova Scotia – Provincial/Regional – Capital Grant/Equipment

Founded in 2012 and incorporated as a non-profit society in 2013, the society offers recreational music education for adults and hosts an annual *Halifax Community Band Festival* for local and regional ensembles¹⁴. Current membership is ~85. The organization is self-sustaining through registration fees, membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$21,792.50 requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted percussion instruments. The instruments are owned by the Band, not individuals. The value of recommended award is based on (1) the priorities listed in the application and is comparable to a grant awarded to the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra to purchase these same instruments, and (2) the individual cost of each item exceeds \$5,000 (vibraphone at \$6,625 and chimes \$8,275). The Society could phase the purchase of additional individual instruments as financial capacity/fundraising permits. **A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the purchase of a vibraphone and chimes for community band.**

53. Secret Theatre Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Production

Incorporated in 2011, Secret Theatre is a professional theatre company specializing in the production of inter-disciplinary works that foster site-specific public engagement. To date, the Society does not receive any government operating funding; revenues are primarily production fees and non-recurring project-specific grants. A grant of \$2,500 requested towards the purchase of specialized, portable recording, transmission and computer equipment (camera, transcoder, router etc) costing a total of \$3,056.98 to enable live-streaming of performances using the Internet. The portability of the equipment is a key element in the production of works that incorporate the physical location of a performance and its audience. Cost-share for a second camera and accessories confirmed. Refer applicant to *Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program*. **A grant of \$2,500 recommended for the purchase of portable video equipment.**

54. Unicorn Theatre Society – Head of St. Margaret's Bay – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1998, the Society operated out of Hubbards before moving to HRM's Bay Community Centre in 2001. This community-based theatre focuses on children's theatre (ages 5+) with two productions a year (\$60 per participant), summer drama camps (\$105), and a weekly *Saturday AM Club*. The Society is self-sustaining through ticket sales, program revenues, fundraising and non-recurring grants. To keep programming affordable, parents of children selected to perform in an annual production are asked to volunteer time and resources. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of replacement folding chairs (\$6,802 total cost). Because the space is shared, fixed seating is not an option. The applicant's cost-share will be raised through sale of memorials and the old furnishings (20 year-old chairs). **A grant of up to \$5,000 or 75% of actual total costs recommended for purchase of seating for community theatre company. Final reporting to confirm applicant's cost-share in the amount of \$1,000.**

Tier 2

55. CKDU-FM Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

CKDU began in 1964 as a radio club for Dalhousie University students, in 1975 the mandate broadened to a campus community radio station with a mandate to serve marginalized communities of interest and perspectives under-represented by commercial and private broadcasters. Operations are sustained through student union dues supplemented by fundraising and non-recurring project-specific grants. A capital grant of \$17,982 requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted sound recording equipment and accessories, desktop computer and accessories, and studio soundproofing to expand the Society's live

¹⁴ Local participants have included Halifax Concert Band, Dartmouth Concert Band, Sackville Community Band, Downtown Swing Band, Bedford Leisure Orchestra, Chebucto Orchestra, Bedford Brass Quartet, Metro New Horizons Band, and Sackville 9AM Band.

music recording capabilities. None of the items cost more than \$5,000 and the project could be phased as financial capacity/fundraising permits. Refer to staff for assistance with future grant applications. ***A grant of up to \$5,000 to fully fund the purchase of a computer and ancillary devices for community radio station recording studio.***

Note: Although the combined value of all items exceeds \$5,000 the individual cost per item falls below this threshold and does not qualify as large-scale or specialized heavy equipment (Guidebook p.33).

56. Dance Nova Scotia – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 1975, Dance Nova Scotia is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to promote and support dance for all ages and abilities. The organization also operates *DanSpace* on Grafton Street, Halifax, a small rehearsal and performance venue (seating >100) that attracts independent productions and performances. As a provincial cultural service organization Dance NS receives core funding from the Province of Nova Scotia supplemented by facility rentals, membership dues, special projects and non-recurring grants. As a member of the Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia the organization receives partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards web site re-design (total cost \$5,750). The web site is considered a special project and ineligible for funding under a provincial operating grant or Arts Nova Scotia funding criteria, hence the current web site was developed using summer students. The web capacity is limited and unable to adequately serve the needs of members or general inquiries, for example, an events calendar, membership database, or interactive functions. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards professional fees for dance web site upgrade.***

Tier 3

57. Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Cooperative's purpose is to provide equipment, facilities and funding to support the production of independent, non-commercial film and provide instruction, training and mentorship. Operations are sustained by equipment rental fees, workshop fees and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 (total \$6,301.72 requested towards the purchase of a computer and associated hardware for post-production editing: in 2015 AFCCOOP purchased a new digital camera that current computer editing capabilities are unable to process. As a federally registered Canadian charity the applicant is eligible to apply for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$4,500 recommended for the purchase of computer equipment for film editing studio.***

Attachment 3

Community Grants Program: Previous Awards 2010 to 2014						
Name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Other
Adsum Association for Women & Children	\$2,500	\$2,000				Tax Relief
Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative		\$5,000		\$4,000	\$4,000	
Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada			\$5,000		\$20,000	Tax Relief
Bedford Basin Yacht Club						Tax Relief
Black Artists Network of Nova Scotia						
Black Ice Hockey & Sports Hall of Fame	\$1,500		\$4,370	\$5,000		
Banook Canoe Club						Tax Relief
Calvin Presbyterian Church					\$5,000	Tax Exempt
CKDU-FM Society	\$4,314					Tax Exempt
Club 24 Society				\$9,000		Tax Relief
CMHC: Nova Scotia Division						Tax Relief
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000		Tax Relief
Dance Nova Scotia						Tax Relief
Dartmouth District Pipe Band			\$2,000	\$3,000		
Eastern Shore Wildlife Association						Tax Relief
Ecology Action Centre	\$5,000					Tax Relief
Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust			\$439			
German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia					\$1,000	
Golden Age Social Centre		\$8,625				Tax Relief
Grace United Church						Tax Exempt
Grand Lake Oakfield Community Centre			\$10,000			Tax Relief
Halifax Rowing Club			\$3,500			
Halifax Women's History Society					\$2,000	
Hammonds Plains Community Centre				\$4,499	\$9,975	Tax Relief
Harbour Lites New Horizons Seniors Club						Tax Relief
Historical Society of Fall River & Windsor Junction						
LWF Firemen's Association	\$5,000		\$3,252			Tax Relief
Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$3,000	\$19,000	Tax Relief
Latispanica Cultural Association					\$2,000	
Lawrencetown Community Centre					\$20,000	Tax Relief
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project Society	\$5,000		\$14,000			Tax Relief
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club		\$4,500				Tax Relief
Metro Non-Profit Housing Association	\$2,000		\$25,000	\$25,000		Tax Relief
Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society						Tax Relief
Narratives in Space and Time Society						
Nova Scotia Masters Speed Skating Club						Facility Subsidy
NS SPCA & Veterinary Clinic	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$14,680	\$5,272		Tax Relief
Parish of St. George					\$25,000	Tax Exempt
Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia						
Second Chance Community Band Program of Nova Scotia		\$5,000				
Second Stage Housing Society of Dartmouth				\$11,500	\$6,000	Tax Relief
Secret Theatre Society			\$2,000	\$2,000	\$700	

Community Grants Program: Previous Awards 2010 to 2014						
Name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Other
Social, Cultural and Recreational Inclusion Society						
Old Burying Ground Foundation	\$15,000		\$16,443			Tax Exempt Operating
Old School Gathering Place Cooperative Limited					\$3,000	Tax Relief
Royal Canadian Legion: Eastern Marine Branch #161						Tax Exempt
Sheet Harbour Area Chamber of Commerce						Facility
Shubenacadie Canal Commission			\$8,740			Tax Exempt
Speedy Kids Oval Society						Facility Subsidy
St. Margret's Bay Stewardship Society			\$3,000			
St. Marks Anglican Church						Tax Exempt
St. Matthews United Church Out of the Cold Winter Shelter			\$2,217	\$2,217	\$2,217	Tax Exempt
Unicorn Theatre Society		\$5,000				Rent subsidy. Not taxed.
Victoria Road United Baptist Church						Tax Exempt
Waverley Community Association		\$8,500				Tax Relief
William Black Memorial United Church				\$5,000		Tax Exempt
Woodlawn United Church						Tax Exempt
Young Naturalists Club Society		\$2,000	\$2,500			

In alphabetical order, the following organizations are new to the *Community Grants Program*: CMHA: Atlantic Division; Dance Nova Scotia; Historical Society of Fall River & Windsor Junction; Narratives in Space & Time Society; Nova Scotia Masters Speed Skating Club; Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia; Royal Canadian Legion: Eastern Marine Branch 161; Speedy Kids Oval Program Society.