

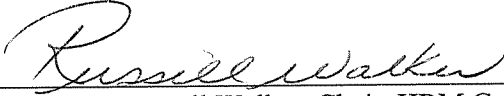
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Halifax Regional Council
April 20, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Halifax Regional Council

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

DATE: April 5, 2004

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2003-04: Ineligible Applications**

ORIGIN

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that Regional Council approve the list of ineligible grant submissions as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report and direct staff to notify applicants.

BACKGROUND

Each year the *HRM Community Grants Program* receives submissions that are ineligible for various reasons such as but not limited to: not a registered group or registration expired, out-of-province, type of project not funded under approved criteria, late application, or incomplete.

DISCUSSION

At the HRM Grants Committee meeting of April 5th, 2004, a list of grant submissions for 2004-05 fiscal year deemed ineligible for further consideration by staff was approved with two amendments. A total of 10 applications were deemed ineligible, and 2 (Islamic Community Centre Association and Bedford Waters Advisory Board) were referred back to sector review teams.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None. The Grants Committee report with recommended awards for 2004-05 cannot be advanced for Regional Council's approval until the 2004-05 Budget has been formally approved.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could appeal a recommendation and refer the application to the HRM Grants Committee for consideration.

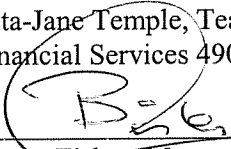
This action is not recommended: (1) funding for events is centralized under HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture - Festivals & Events Division, (2) grants for buildings and sites are restricted to community-owned and operated - HRM-owned facilities are budgeted under departmental accounts or in leasing or management agreements, (3) the program criteria need to be applied with consistency to protect the integrity of the program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *HRM Community Grants Program*: Recommended as Ineligible Submissions for 2004-05.

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

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**Attachment 1. HRM Community Grants Program:
Recommended as Ineligible Submissions for 2004-05.**

Organization	Sector	Amount Requested	Recommend	Rationale	Action
Al-Arz Lebanese Art Group	Arts	\$5,000	\$0	Event	Notify applicant. Refer to Festivals & Events grants.
Bay of Islands Centre Association	Property	\$8,900	\$0	Economic development facility not in program mandate.	Notify applicant.
British Home Children & Descendants Association	Heritage	\$850	\$0	HRM Murals, Monuments & Markers Program	Notify applicant. Refer to Culture & Heritage grants.
Chezzetcook Volunteer Fire Department	Property	\$5,000	\$0	Withdrawn	Notify applicant. Refer to HRM Fire Services
Dress for Success	Community Social Supports	\$5,000	\$0	Employment not in program criteria.	Notify applicant. Refer to staff for assistance.
Hand In Hand	Community Social Supports	\$2,000	\$0	Transportation, infant care fees, medications not in program criteria.	Notify applicant.
In His Image	Arts	\$5,000	\$0	Event	Notify applicant Refer to Festivals & Events grants.
Mineville Community Association	Property - Regional Trails Development	\$5,000	\$0	HRM-owned property. Ineligible.	Refer to RPAM.
Novelle Ecosse Association	Cultural Heritage	\$8,000	\$0	Event	Notify applicant. Refer to Festivals & Events grants.
Preston Millenium Initiative Society	Arts	\$5,000	\$0	Event	Notify applicant. Refer to Festivals & Events grants.
TOTAL		\$49,750	\$0		