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Halifax Regional Council
June 16, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of the Halifax Regional Council

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

DATE: June 8, 2009

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2009-2010: Recommended Awards**

ORIGIN

Grants Committee meeting of June 1, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the HRM Community Grants Program awards as detailed in the Discussion section of the report dated May 29, 2009 for a total of 69 grants with a combined value of \$464,011 from operating account M311-8004.

BACKGROUND

The Grants Committee discussed the matter at their June 1, 2009 meeting. Staff advised that the eligible files are sorted by sector, scored individually, and then reviewed by sector teams to rank and recommend a funding level within budget capacity.

The Grants Committee reviewed the nineteen (19) submissions not recommended for funding, and passed a motion endorsing staffs' recommendation not to approve funding for these applications. Those not recommended for funding are provided a two week period in which to appeal and funding is set aside to address appeals.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As per the Staff Report dated May 29, 2009.

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 relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could overturn or amend a staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff report dated May 29, 2009 and noted attachments.

<p>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 Report Prepared By: Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk</p>
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HRM Grants Committee
June 1, 2009

TO: Chair and Members HRM Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Sharon Bond
Sharon Bond, Acting Director, Community Development

DATE: May 29, 2009

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program 2009-2010: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual grants to registered non-profit organizations located within the geographic boundary of HRM. The focus of these grants is to provide modest assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. The 2009-2010 program received 103 applications for a combined total value of \$1,355,762.79.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee approve the *HRM Community Grants Program* awards as detailed in the Discussion section of this report for a total of 69 grants with a combined value of \$464,011 from operating account M311-8004.

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Government Act (1998) gives municipalities the authority to issue grants to specific categories of community endeavour. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any such grant or contribution through a notice in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region. The *HRM Community Grants Program* criteria are approved by Regional Council and published annually in a guidebook; the final report is posted to the HRM web site and a press release issued.

DISCUSSION

The 2009-2010 program received 103 applications for a combined total of \$1,355,762.79, of which 15 were deemed ineligible (\$371,824.98). Of the remaining 88 eligible applicants, 69 grants have been recommended for a combined total of \$464,011. See: **Attachment 1** The balance of 19 applicants (\$201,506) not recommended for funding are listed in **Attachment 2**. If required, a separate report will be prepared to address appeals.

The *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) categories¹ each of which has specific funding priorities that guide evaluation. Individual files are reviewed by sector team members using a standardized score form. See: **Attachment 6**. Individual scores are then moderated and ranked based on budget capacity, other HRM assistance, priority funding etc.

It should be noted that within the Recreation & Leisure sector a number of applications are received annually from church groups. As per the program's approved guidelines, HRM does not fund religious or congregational activities. Hence, grants awarded to religious organizations tend to be for church halls and service clubs located in communities that are too small to support a public recreation centre or to camp sites that provide programming for children and youth. Likewise, public funding to membership-based groups takes into account the degree of public access to programming and assistance for lower income individuals and families. HRM does not fund programs that are exclusionary.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommended awards conform to the program budget of \$503,700. If the recommended awards are approved, the account balance is \$39,689 pending Council approval and/or applicant appeals.

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 relevant legislation.

¹ Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable Housing & Shelters, Emergency Assistance, Neighbourhood Safety, Diversity, Community History, Arts & Crafts.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee could overturn or amend a staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2009-2010.
2. Applications Not Recommended for Funding 2009-2010.
3. Table 1. Distribution of Applications and Proposed Awards by Sector.
4. Table 2. Year-to-Year Variance in Distribution of Awards by Sector.
5. Review Team Members 2009-2010.
6. HRM Community Grants Program Application Review Form.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.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 - List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2009-2010

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2009-2010

The figure included in parenthesis (x) indicates the ranking of an application relative only to other applicants in the same sub-category. Submissions are evaluated individually on project merit using a standardized scoring form. To moderate variance in scoring among sector reviewers, the applicants are then ranked within each sector based on project merit, financial need, and the sector's budget allocation. The designation Tier 1 (<\$50,000), Tier 2 (\$50,000-\$250,000), or Tier 3 (>\$250,000) group applicant's by prior year's gross revenues. This distinction was added because some smaller volunteer groups assumed they were competing directly with organizations with greater financial capacity and staff. Unless noted otherwise, an applicant is a duly registered non-profit society as per the Societies Act.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 2

1. Hope for Wildlife Society - Seaforth - Capital Grant/Wildlife Protection (1)

The society is a registered Canadian charity that rehabilitates wildlife for release and promotes public education. Revenues are primarily donations and grants. A grant of \$24,703.64 was requested for the purchase of a phone system for calls from the general public diverted from animal control (injured wildlife), a database development network system to monitor location and case-specific details, advertising, and microchip system for tracking animals released. The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources only collect dead wildlife and HRM Animal Control Services does not address wildlife pick-up. Consequently, the volume of calls to the centre is high and requires a designated system with pagers to efficiently direct volunteers to various locations throughout the region. A database system will track location and volume to quantify service demand. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$18,500 for telephone/pager equipment and database system for wildlife recovery service (excludes advertising and microchip system).*

2. Nova Scotia Environmental Network Association - Halifax - Public Education/Conservation (4)

The Network's purpose is to connect environmental and health organizations in conservation and sustainability efforts. The group receives core funding from Environment Canada with additional revenues from grants and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards the development of an on-line directory of environmental films with public viewing rights. The project is estimated to cost \$9,665.50. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards the development of the on-line Earth Moving: Environmental Film Catalogue.*

Tier 3

3. Bide Awhile Animal Shelter - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Animal Control (5)

The shelter cares for abandoned and stray animals. Revenues are self-generated through donations and fundraising. In 2007, the society built a new facility (~\$640,000) and are now addressing the facility's amenities. The existing dog pens at the rear of the building are unusable due to run-off caused by the site's grade. To resolve this issue the shelter wants to build and install a multi-sectional dog pen at the rear of the premises and improve drainage at an estimated cost of \$13,164.50. A grant of \$10,000 was requested. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards outdoor holding kennels and site drainage.*

4. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax Foundation - Dartmouth - Program/Recycling (2)

The Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that provides adult mentors to children and youth. The society relies to a significant extent on core funding from Nova Scotia Community Services and special events. A source of self-generated revenue is the *Renew Crew Project* that collects used clothing and household items for re-sale. Several of the older bins are defaced or rusted and may have to be removed from store locations if not refurbished. The estimated cost for 10 bins is \$9,109. A grant of \$5,000 was requested to re-paint bins and replace decals. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards the Renew Crew Program.*

5. Sackville Rivers Association - Sackville - Program/Wildlife Protection (3)

The association provides community-based stewardship for the Little Sackville River, associated lakes and watershed area. Activities include river restoration, fish habitat preservation, and trails development. Revenues are primarily from federal and provincial grants, foundations and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards installation and repair of in-stream structures in the Little Sackville River that promote salmon spawning and to re-print assorted self-promotional and information brochures. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 for river restoration project (excludes re-printing brochures).*

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

6. Friends of the Halifax Common - Halifax - Public Education/Leisure (4)

In 2007, local citizens formed the Friends of the Halifax Commons to preserve and promote public use of the Halifax Commons. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues and donations. Established in 1794, the Halifax Commons is Canada's oldest urban park. The society plans a communications strategy to publicize events via an interactive on-line bulletin

board where citizens can post notices of informal events on the Commons. Awareness of the web site would be generated through a mail-out postcard. A grant of \$4,255 was requested for graphic design, printing fees, and web site programming. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,200 for promotional material to create public awareness of an on-line Halifax Commons Community Events Bulletin Board. Conditional upon confirmation of web site feature and HRM approval of postcard copy.*

7. Golden Age Social Centre - Herring Cove - Capital Grant/Facility (11)

The Golden Age Social centre own and operate a clubhouse used by the local Young at Heart Club Seniors Club, tenant groups, and occasional room rentals. Programming is primarily indoor leisure activities for seniors with occasional fundraising events. The centre's very modest revenues are self-generated through membership dues and fundraising. A capital grant of \$24,500 was requested for window replacement to enhance energy efficiency and reduce utility costs, and re-surfacing the parking lot. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards window replacement. Refer to federal New Horizons Program.*

8. BCM International: Mount Traber Bible Camp - Middle Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Facility (1)

The Mount Traber Bible Camp is owned by Bible Centred Ministries International², with a Canadian head office located in Montreal, and operated by local missionary workers and church volunteers. Programming is non-denominational and includes children 7-13 years of age. Costs range from \$50 (3 day) to \$230 (2 weeks) with a designated fund to assist low income families. During the summer ~30 volunteers serve as camp instructors and supervisors; there are no salaried staff. A grant of \$22,713 was requested for accessibility upgrades to the lodge (doors, stairs, wheelchair ramp) and "chapel"; a large two-storey structure used for indoor games with basement sleeping quarters. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards accessibility upgrades to the lodge wheelchair ramps and doorways (excludes chapel).*

9. Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club - Musquodoboit Harbour - Capital Grant/Facility (14)

The Lions Club is largely self-supporting through fundraising events supplemented by grants and donations. The club supports various community groups, fundraising events and local facilities. In 2008, the club purchased a former seniors club property in Musquodoboit Harbour and have undertaken an extensive upgrade to the building estimated to cost a total of ~\$40,000. The facility is expected to host the re-location of a nearby food bank and community group meetings.

² The HRM Community Grants Program does not fund congregational or religious groups or activities. However, the majority of camp sites in HRM were originally developed by church groups or were based in a particular faith (eg. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides) that have since adopted an inter-denominational or non-denominational practice. A site visit was made by staff in April, 2009, to confirm programming and public access.

A capital grant of \$5,000 was requested for minor repairs (emergency lights, well cap, chimney), septic system service fee, and the purchase of furnishings. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$3,900 for building repairs (emergency lights, well cap, and chimney).*

10. Riverlake Rugby Football Club - Windsor Junction - Program/Equipment (10)

The Riverlake Rugby Club is run entirely by volunteers and modest revenues are self-generated through fundraising, donations, and program fees. The club has run a mini rugby program (ages <15 years) for the past 3 years. In 2008, ~75 children participated in the instructional/recreational program and the club's goal is to expand. The program fees are \$50-\$100. Discounts are available for low income families. A grant of \$3,351 was requested towards the purchase of field equipment (ie. post pads, field flags, ropes and anchors to cordon the field) and mini rugby balls. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,500 for field equipment (excludes rugby balls).*

11. Social, Cultural, Recreational Inclusion Society - Halifax - Program/Equipment (19)

The SCRI Society is an outgrowth of the Halifax Association for Community Living which provides volunteer-led programming such as dance, theatre, music, and social events for persons with intellectual disabilities. Revenues are self-generated from donations and program fees. A grant of \$4,604.30 was requested for the purchase of sound and cooking equipment. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,000 towards the purchase of sound equipment. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

12. St. John's Church Hall - Necum Teuch - Capital Grant/Facility (12)

The church hall is a former one-room schoolhouse saved from demolition by a small group of community volunteers. Revenues are very modest and exclusively by donation. In 2008, HRM awarded a capital grant of \$10,000 for window repairs to secure the integrity of the structure and preserve a potential heritage building. Heritage registration is in progress. A grant of \$10,000 was requested for replacement of exterior shingles and roof repairs. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards exterior repairs.*

13. St. Paul's Church Hall - Moser River - Capital Grant/Facility (5)

St. Paul's Church Hall serves the village of Moser River and local area. Revenues are self-generated through congregational offerings and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 was requested for floor repairs, walkway improvements, and exterior painting. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$1,000 for floor repairs to address safety compliance.*

Tier 2

14. Bayside United Baptist Camp Association - Sambro - Capital Grant/Facility (7)

Since 1953, the Bayside United Baptist Camp Association has owned and operated a non-denominational summer residential camp for youth. Revenues are self-generated through camp registration fees, donations, and fundraising. In 2008, the association sold their former camp site and acquired a larger 100 acre waterfront property on Third Pond, Sambro Head. The association will develop a winterized year-round operation to increase program capacity. Part of the \$1,500,000 development (of which \$1,361,349 has been raised) is to construct floating docks with a cantilevered deck system for swimming, canoeing, fishing, and sailing at a total estimated cost of \$74,531. A grant of \$25,000 was requested towards site preparation and construction of floating docks. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards camp waterfront development project.*

15. Farrell Benevolent Society - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility (18)

The Farrell Benevolent Hall is owned by the residents of District 9 and operated by volunteers assisted by custodial and administrative staff. Revenues are primarily from weekly bingos. A capital grant of \$5,000 was requested for replacement of ceiling tiles. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards ceiling upgrades.*

16. Hubbards Yacht Club - Hubbards - Capital Grant/Equipment (6)

The Hubbards Yacht Club own and operate a sailing facility with clubhouse, docks, and storage amenities. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, instructional fees, grants, and fundraising events. The club offers beginner and competitive summer *Junior Sailing* programs for ~100-125 children over an 8 week period. A one-week course costs \$100-\$150 and is open to members and the general public. To help expand programming the club would like to buy a new motorized coach/safety boat at a total cost of \$9,032.09. A grant of \$5,000 was requested. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$3,600 towards the purchase of a coach/safety boat. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

17. Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Fireman's Association - Fall River - Capital Grant/Facility (3)

The LWF Fireman's Association is a registered non-profit society that own and operate a building part of which (truck bays) is leased to HRM Fire & Emergency Services; the upper and lower level each contain a social room that is rented at nominal or no cost to local groups. For example, the Fireman's Social Club, Lions Club, sports teams, Scouts, and seniors groups.

Revenues are primarily from bar sales and grants³. The association want to make repairs and upgrades to increase energy efficiency and expand programming. Work includes new roofing, soffits and fascia, windows and doors, at a total estimated cost of ~\$31,225. A grant of \$25,000 was requested. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$6,250 for window and door replacement to enhance energy efficiency.*

18. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (15)

The church is self-funded through congregational offerings and fundraising. The hall is available for free or at a nominal charge and users include weekly addictions recovery self-help groups, a seniors' lunch program for residents of the nearby St. Joseph's Guest Home, and rentals to local community groups. A grant of \$5,000 was requested for the replacement of the wheelchair access ramp to the hall (cost \$5,380). *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$2,500 towards wheelchair access ramp. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

19. Orenda Canoe Club - Lake Echo - Capital Grant/Equipment (13)

The club provides recreational and competitive paddling programs at the Lake Echo Recreation Centre. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, donations, fundraising and grants. Children and youth programming includes instructional summer camps (~150 participants), recreational canoeing, and a day camp run in collaboration with the recreation centre. *After School* programs for children aged 9-12 (8 weeks) cost \$165. The club want to replace existing docks at an estimated cost of \$9,617.07. A capital grant of \$8,617.07 was requested. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards partial replacement of floating docks. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

20. Petpeswick Yacht Club - Musquodoboit Harbour - Program/Equipment (17)

The Petpeswick Yacht Club own and operate a club facility with clubhouse, docks, and storage amenities. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, instructional fees, grants and fundraising. The club provides beginner and advanced CYA *Learn to Sail* summer programs for ~45-60 children and youth 8-18 years of age. Program fees are \$50-\$75 per week and financial assistance is available to low income individuals in cooperation with *Kidsport Nova Scotia*. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards the purchase of a new Club 420 sail boat that costs \$10,400. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a sail boat for Junior Sailing Program. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

³ The Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Ratepayer's Association receive annual revenue from an HRM area rate but does not own property. The Ratepayer's Association distributes these funds directly to groups and events in the area, including the LWF Fireman's Association (open to the public) and the Windsor Junction Community Centre (restricted to members).

Tier 3

21. Bedford Basin Yacht Club - Bedford - Capital Grant/Facility (8)

The club own and operate a clubhouse, docks, storage and ancillary buildings located on the Bedford Basin. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, marina services, bar sales, and program fees. The club has ~200 members most of whom live within the immediate locale. The club's basic *Junior Sailing* program for ages 10-17 is subsidized and open to both members and the general public for a nominal cost. The program averages 20-30 students per week for 8 weeks; about 50% are non-members. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards repairs to the instructional classroom and staff administration building, new boats and sails, and a new boat repair shed. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards repairs to the classroom building for Learn to Sail programs.*

22. Dartmouth Curling Club - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility (9)

The Dartmouth Curling Club own and operate their own facility. The club is self-supporting through membership fees, rentals, bar sales, and fundraising. The club offers open skates to the general public and hourly ice rentals. The *Little Rock* program is a weekly program for children aged 8-11 at a cost of \$80/year and the *Youth Rocks* program offers introductory (\$110) and competitive (\$160) curling program for youth and young adults aged 12-20. Due to the nature of the sport, this type of facility carries higher capital and operating costs. The club want to make repairs to the refrigeration system (\$24,860), enhance siding insulation (10,863), and repair furnace duct work (\$2,938). A grant of \$20,000 was requested. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards repairs to rink refrigeration system.*

23. Maritime Muslim Academy- Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment (2)

The Maritime Muslim Academy (formerly registered as the Halifax/Dartmouth Islamic School) is a registered non-profit society that own and operate a private school on Chebucto Road. In 2008, the school started construction on a new community centre/gymnasium at an estimated cost of \$5,600,000. The gym is expected to cost ~\$2,400,000 of which \$1,200,000 has been raised to date. In keeping with the academy's goal of community integration, the general public will have access to the gym and HRM Community Recreation staff are assisting with the development of rental rates and policies. A grant of \$24,574.23 was requested towards the purchase and installation of sports volleyball and basketball equipment. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards the purchase and installation of sports equipment.*

24. Scouts Canada: Halifax Area - Waverley - Capital Grant/Facility (16)

Scouts Canada is a federally registered Canadian charity. Revenues are self-generated through camp fees, fundraising and interest on investments (the principle from a property sale). Camp Lone Cloud, located on Miller Lake, has been owned and operated by the Scouts for ~50 years

and provides co-ed seasonal camping for children 8-16 years of age. In 2008 the camp had, ~253 participants. The annual dues for Scouts membership is \$200 and camp is an additional \$50. Non-members can attend camp for \$50 plus insurance. Low income families are free; ~10% of participants are included under this sponsorship program. A grant of \$14,319 was requested to construct a new Director's cabin. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$4,000 towards cabin construction at Camp Lone Cloud. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & SHELTERS

Tier 2

25. ABC Housing Cooperative - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility (4)

ABC Housing Cooperative owns and operates 15 units of affordable housing of which one is rent subsidized. A recent sewer failure has exhausted the coop's financial resources. A grant of \$2,662.28 was requested for the replacement of exterior doors in one unit. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$2,000 for door replacement.*

26. Atlantic Housing Cooperative - Cole Harbour/Eastern Passage - Capital Grant/Facility (5)

Atlantic Housing Cooperative owns and operates 14 properties in Cole Harbour and Eastern Passage, of which ~30% are rent subsidized. A grant of \$11,627.70 was requested for window replacement in three rent subsidized units. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 towards window replacement. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share and project implementation in 2009.*

27. High Hopes Housing Cooperative - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (3)

High Hopes Housing Cooperative owns and operates 21 units of affordable housing located in the Quinpool Road area. A grant of \$25,000 was requested for insulation, window replacement (\$27,007) and upgrading insulation (~\$27,399) so as to reduce energy costs. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$8,000 towards insulation. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share and project implementation in 2009-10.*

28. Maria's Housing Cooperative - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (2)

Maria's Housing Cooperative owns and operates 20 units of affordable housing, of which 5 are rent subsidized, located in the Cowie Hill area. Revenues are from tenant rents and subsidies from the Department of Community Services. In 2008, P.A. Gardner Engineering Associates conducted a Property Condition and Reserve Fund Study. The study assessed upgrades required to meet building code, repairs, and future maintenance. The report indicates that windows and electrical panels should be replaced within four years. The coop has requested a grant of \$25,000

for the replacement of windows, storm doors, and electrical panels. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$8,000 for electrical upgrades.*

Tier 3

29. Dunbrack Housing Cooperative - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility (6)

The Dunbrack Cooperative owns and operates 30 units of affordable housing of which ~50% are rent subsidized. A grant of \$23,705.99 was requested towards window, deck and ramp repairs. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$4,000 for repairs to accessibility ramps.*

30. John Hugh McKenzie Cooperative Housing - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (7)

John Hugh McKenzie Cooperative owns and operates a 42 unit apartment building of which ~50% are rent subsidized. Deterioration of window caulking has resulted in leaks and heat loss. A capital grant of \$25,000 was requested for caulking windows in 7 units. The total estimated cost of the project is ~\$37,000. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$8,000 towards window repairs. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share and project implementation in 2009.*

31. YWCA Halifax - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (1)

The YWCA is a registered Canadian charity that provides a range of recreational, educational and support services primarily to women. Revenues are from program fees, government grants, donations, and fundraising. In 2007, the YWCA acquired a property to provide supportive housing for up to five formerly homeless, single mothers attending post secondary institutions. To date, ~\$100,000 in renovations has been completed funded by YWCA donations, the federal *Community Action on Homelessness Initiative*, Nova Scotia Shelter Enhancement program, and church volunteers. A capital grant of \$25,000 was requested for renovations. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$15,000 towards window replacement.*

SAFE COMMUNITIES

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 2

32. Halifax Regional Search and Rescue - Lakeview - Capital Grant/Equipment (4)

Halifax Regional Search and Rescue is a registered Canadian charity whose members provide volunteer services in cooperation with HRM Fire & Emergency Services, Halifax Regional Police, and the RCMP. Revenues are primarily self-generated through bingo and fundraising events. The group want to establish a training classroom for search managers and field personnel. The facility will also be available to Halifax Police and RCMP for missing persons incident

training. A capital grant of \$23,412.02 was requested for the purchase of laptop computers, software, and radios for training search volunteers. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards radio communications and computer equipment for volunteer training program. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

Tier 3

33. Phoenix Youth Programs - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (3)

Phoenix Youth Programs is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operates a portfolio of housing for homeless youth and runaways. Revenues are primarily from federal and provincial grants. The property located at 6035 Coburg Road, Halifax, serves as a resource and drop-in centre for at-risk and homeless youth. Amenities include laundry, showers, telephone and computer, counselling and support services. The building needs repairs to the exterior and kitchen upgrades. A capital grant of \$23,000 was requested for exterior repairs and painting. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$20,000 for repairs to drop-in centre serving runaway and homeless youth.*

34. St. Margaret's Bay Community Hall & Legion - Seabright - Capital Grant/Facility (1)

The Legion serves as the community hall and a contingency location in the event of an emergency evacuation⁴. Revenues are self-generated through bar sales, fundraising events, and donations. User groups includes seniors, Sea Cadets, various church groups in the area, and social events. A capital grant of \$16,627 was requested for assorted repairs (water tank, roof, bathrooms) and gravel for the parking lot. *Staff recommend \$12,000 for building repairs (excludes parking lot).*

35. William Black United Church Community Hall - Glen Margaret - Capital Grant/Facility (2)

The church hall is one of only a few community halls remaining in the area and therefore serves a wide variety of users. The hall is recognized as a contingency location in the event of an emergency evacuation⁵. A capital grant of \$13,000 was requested for repairs to flooring due to a water leak. *Staff recommend a \$10,000 capital grant for repairs to community hall/comfort centre. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share and that the source of water damage has been identified and risk mitigated.*

⁴ Confirmed by HRM EMO.

⁵ Confirmed by HRM EMO.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Tier 2

36. Stepping Stone Association - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment (2)

Stepping Stone is a user-directed federally registered Canadian charity that serves adults and youth currently or formerly engaged in the sex trade, and youth considered at risk of involvement. Programming includes street outreach, emergency relocation, and a drop-in centre that provides counselling and referrals, court support, and social activities. A grant of \$4,257.79 was requested towards the purchase of garden furnishings and library resources. *Staff recommend a grant of \$4,000 towards furnishings for drop-in centre*

37. Supportive Housing for Young Mothers - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Equipment (3)

SHYM provides supportive housing for single mothers. Revenues are primarily per diem subsidies, government grants, and fundraising. In 2006, HRM donated the former school premises that was converted to a residence federal *Community Action on Homelessness Initiative* funding. The development of an outdoor garden and children's play area requires security for residents who may be at risk from former partners. The installation of security cameras is intended to resolve the problem of the current system's blind-spots. A capital grant of \$5,000 was requested for the purchase and installation of security equipment. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$5,000 for purchase and installation of a security system.*

Tier 3

38. YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth - Halifax - Capital Grant/Facility (1)

The YMCA is a registered Canadian charity that owns properties in Halifax (2) and Dartmouth (2). Revenues are primarily self-generated through child care services, membership and program fees, grants and investment earnings. The society wants to install a security system and exterior lights at the Community YMCA on Gottingen Street, Halifax. The total estimated cost is \$20,000. A grant of \$17,226.70 has been requested. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$17,000 for purchase and installation of security a system. Conditional upon confirmation of cost-share and project implementation in 2009-10.*

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 1

39. Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association - Cole Harbour - Public Education/Archaeology (9)

The Association's primary role has been the development of the Salt Marsh Trail. Revenues are primarily government grants. In 2007, in cooperation with St. Mary's University Department of Archaeology, the society began mapping the former *Halifax County Poor Farm*. The project is distinct in terms of community and academic collaboration and the inclusion of members of the general public. In 2008, over the course of a two week "public dig", 80 participants ranging in age from youth to seniors plotted and excavated part of the farm's foundation. The society have requested a grant of \$3,800 for equipment rental (tent, portable toilet, and ride-on lawn mower). A rental is preferable to purchase given that the project is an outdoor archaeological excavation with no permanent storage capacity. **Staff recommend a grant of \$3,800 to support the *Poor Farm Public Archaeology Program*.**

40. Holy Cross Cemetery Trust - Halifax - Program/Heritage Site (2)

Holy Cross Cemetery is owned by the Archdiocese of Nova Scotia and stewardship provided by the Trust, a registered Canadian charity. The site is a registered heritage site as is the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel (c.1843), a simple gothic-style wooden structure located on site that was built in a day by ~1,800 volunteers. The Trust has undertaken fundraising and minor repairs to the gravestones, chapel, fencing, and signage. In 2009, the Trust will collaborate with students from St. Mary's University Department of Anthropology to record the names and inscriptions on all gravestones, link this information with photographs and survey locations, and make data available to the public via the Internet. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards professional fees for web site/database interface and signage to be posted on site to publicize the Trust and its' restoration work. The group will raise additional funds towards repairs to the chapel and perimeter fencing. **Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards professional fees for web site database development and self-promotional banner.**

41. S.S Atlantic Heritage Park Society - Terence Bay - Public Education/Heritage Site (10)

The S.S Atlantic Heritage Park Society preserves the history of the sinking of the SS Atlantic in 1873 with the loss of 562 passengers and crew, many of whom are buried in the St. Paul's Anglican Church Cemetery and Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Cemetery, Terence Bay. Revenues are primarily grants, donations, tearoom and craft sales. The Interpretation Centre displays artifacts from the wreck and the Memorial Site includes a coastal boardwalk and

heritage trail. A grant of \$3,500 was requested to replace and enhance directional signage. *Staff recommend a grant of \$3,000 for the replacement of roadside advertising signs.*

Tier 2

42. Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum - Halifax - Capital Grant/Museum (11)

The Museum is a registered Canadian charity that preserves the history of commercial and military aviation. Revenues are primarily from admission fees, gift shop sales and grants. A grant of \$2,775 was requested to repair carpet in the Silver Dart Gallery. The poor condition of the flooring is a public safety issue. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,775 for carpet repairs.*

43. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society - Cole Harbour - Capital Grant/Heritage Site (7)

The society own and operate a collection of farm buildings and artifacts preserving the occupational history of farming and rural lifestyle. Revenues are primarily from government grants, a seasonal tearoom and gift shop, and fundraising. The society's Conservation Plan has identified priority capital repairs, notably to address the poor condition of the Settle Barn's foundation and water drainage/grade issues that are contributing to deterioration. The group also wants to upgrade exterior "secondary" features that have typically been built and repaired with materials not always in keeping with the heritage interpretation of the site ie. animal enclosures and points of entry. Total project costs are estimated to be \$27,000. A capital grant of \$25,000 was requested for repairs to the Settle Barn. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$20,000 for stabilization of the Settle Barn and drainage.*

44. Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society - Lake Charlotte - Capital Grant/Heritage Site (4)

The Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society own and operate the Memory Lane Heritage Village, an historical attraction that depicts rural life in the 1950's. Revenues are primarily from government grants, tour and cookhouse revenues, and donations. The site has also developed the Eastern Shore Archives, an affordable and efficient resource for a network of small historical societies from West Jeddore to East Ship Harbour. A grant of \$12,000 was requested towards completion of the archives, storage, and the installation of generator switches. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$8,000 towards completion of the archives. Staff to refer the applicant to HRM EMO re: transfer switches.*

45. Old Burying Grounds Foundation - Halifax - Capital Grant/Heritage Site (5)

The Old Burying Ground (c. 1749) is owned by St. Paul's Church, Halifax, and stewardship provided by the Foundation. The site is a registered municipal, provincial and National Historic Site, with ~5,000 visitors annually. Revenues are primarily grants and donations. In 2008, the Foundation engaged a professional conservator to assess and prioritize the condition of 1,310 grave markers. The total restoration project is estimated to cost \$86,000 and will have to be phased.

A grant of \$25,000 was requested towards professional fees for gravestone restoration. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 towards burial ground restoration. Staff recommend further municipal support be conditional upon cost-shared funding from other sources.*

46. Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation - Shearwater - Public Education/Museum (8)

The Shearwater Aviation Museum is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to present exhibits that interpret the history of naval aviation history. Revenues are primarily from memberships, donations, and fundraising. The museum's current aviation art collection has sustained damage due to insufficient and inappropriate storage. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for mobile storage racks. The artworks are considered artifacts in terms of recording military history. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 for the purchase of equipment for aviation art collection.*

Tier 3

47. Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Heritage Building (3)

The Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society own and operate a portfolio ~45 buildings comprising 112 units of affordable housing for low to middle income individuals and families. Revenues are primarily tenant rentals and Nova Scotia Community Services rent subsidies. The property located at 53 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth, is a registered heritage property. In 2008, the society had a small operating deficit due to compliance with provincial regulations that now require \$55 per unit/per month be deposited into a capital replacement reserve. A capital grant of \$21,560 was requested towards window and door replacement. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$15,000 towards the replacement of windows and doors on the heritage building's Ochterloney facade. The balance of work will have to be phased subject to the society's ability to raise funds.*

48. National Broadcast Reading Service Inc: VoicePrint Division - Halifax - Public Education (6)

The National Broadcast Reading Service Inc is a registered Canadian charity with two operating divisions, VoicePrint and Audio Vision Canada. VoicePrint serves vision-impaired persons by broadcasting readings from English language newspapers, magazines and periodicals. The Halifax Division of VoicePrint wants to collaborate with Northwoodcare and Chebucto Links to host memoir writing workshops for seniors. A CD of memoirs will be professionally produced and distributed to seniors groups in the area. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards the collaboration project. *Staff recommend a grant of \$3,370 for seniors oral history project (studio production costs, print and advertising). Conditional upon confirmation of collaboration with local seniors groups.*

49. Woodlawn United Church - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Heritage Property (1)

The Woodlawn United Church owns and operates several buildings of which one, called the “Heritage Centre”, is a wooden structure dating to 1884. This building is a municipally registered heritage property. The hall is used for congregational and community functions including the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank, Scouts and Guides, and addictions recovery groups. Revenues are self-generated from church offerings, investments, and grants. The “Heritage Centre” requires \$21,000 in repairs to the roof and furnace. A grant of \$6,000 has been requested towards re-shingling a portion of the roof. *Staff recommend a capital grant of \$6,000 for roof repairs to heritage building.*

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

Tier 1

50. Egyptian Canadian Association of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment (2)

The Egyptian Canadian Association is in the developmental stages of establishing a peer organization. To date, revenues are self-generated through membership fees and food sales at the annual Multicultural Festival. The association has requested a grant of \$4,500 towards the purchase of portable kitchen equipment to enhance the ability of volunteers to serve authentic cuisine at public and social events. Appropriate equipment will also help meet Canadian public health standards. *Staff recommend a grant of \$3,500 towards the purchase of portable kitchen equipment.*

Tier 3

51. Canadian Mental Health Association - Halifax/Dartmouth - Program/Disabled (1)

CMHA is a registered Canadian charity that provides client advocacy, public education, and social programs for persons experiencing mental illness and their caregivers. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, government grants, and foundations. A grant of \$1,606 was requested for the purchase of video equipment for the *Our Voices Matter Project*. The project will record the stories of resilience and recovery of individuals who have lived with mental illness and experienced marginalization. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,600 for the purchase of video equipment. Staff recommend any further municipal support for the project require cost-sharing to enhance sustainability.*

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier 1

52. Anchor Archives - Halifax - Literary/Literary Arts (4)

Anchor Archives promotes self-publishing and independent art. Revenues are primarily self-generated through membership dues, workshop fees, and rentals. Programming includes a *Zine Library*, the *Ink Storm Screen Printing Collective*, *Crow's Nest* meeting space, and an artist-in-residence program. The facility and amenities are available at minimal or no cost to independent and alternative media arts. Existing computer capacity is inefficient and unreliable in cataloguing the computerized zine collection. A grant of \$4,506.44 was requested for the purchase of computer equipment. *Staff recommend a grant of \$4,000 towards the purchase of computer equipment for self-publishing archives.*

53. LunaSea Theatre Company Society - Halifax - Program/Performing Arts (Theatre) (14)

Incorporated as a non-profit society in 2007, LunaSea Theatre is a professional theatre company whose mandate is to produce works that highlight the contributions and talents of women in theatre, and to mentor young artists. To enhance capacity building the group needs to develop a web site and establish a public presence in the local arts community. A grant of \$5,000 was requested for professional assistance in web site development. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards the development of a self-promotional web site.*

54. Mariners Quilt Guild - Dartmouth - Program/Crafts (13)

The guild is a non-profit "teaching guild" and restricts its membership to ~60 so as to provide sufficient mentors to inexperienced quilters⁶. Revenues are self-generated through membership dues, donations and fundraising. In 2009, The guild will host a quilt show featuring the work of members and local artisans in traditional and contemporary styles. The show includes workshops featuring notable instructors. The estimated project cost is \$2,550. A grant of \$1,000 was requested for the rental of specialized exhibit equipment. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,000 towards specialized equipment rental for quilt exhibit.*

55. Maritime Dance Performance Group - Halifax - Program/ Performing Arts (Dance) (10)

The Maritime Dance Performance Group provides technical training in dance and choreography with a focus on young or emerging participants. Revenues are self-generated through instructional fees and fundraising. A grant of \$2,274 was requested towards the *Infringe* youth choreography workshop and show to be presented at the 2009 Atlantic Fringe Festival. The total

⁶*Quilt Canada 2012* will be hosted in Halifax/Dartmouth and is expected to attract ~800 delegates and teachers from across North America.

project cost is estimated to be \$3,010. *Staff recommend a one-time only grant of \$2,274 for video equipment (\$1,164) and professional fees (\$1,110) for youth choreography workshop.*

56. Veith Street Gallery Studio Association - Program/Visual Arts (3)

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that operates the *Veith Gallery*, a resource centre and studio for the Creative Spirit East Artist Collective (artists with disabilities), and offers workshops and outreach eg. the *Pedway Gallery*, Alderney Gate. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, arts sales, and grants. The association want to develop an educational resource library that focuses on community-based arts education and practices related to persons with a disability. A grant of \$1,782.94 was requested for the purchase of a computer for an on-line library of publications related to the arts and persons with special needs. *Staff recommend a grant of \$1,782 for the purchase of a computer for on-line resource library.*

Tier 2

57. 2B Theatre Company - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre) (8)

2B Theatre is a professional theatre company that creates and presents original theatre in Halifax and via touring. Revenues are primarily government grants and ticket sales. A grant of \$4,970 was requested for a media advertising campaign to increase the company's profile in this their 10th season. *Staff recommend a grant of \$4,970 towards marketing.*

58. Centre for Art Tapes - Halifax - Program/Performing Arts (Film/Video) (18)

The Centre is an artist-run facility whose programming promotes the production and presentation of media arts via workshops, screenings, and exhibitions. The society is largely dependent upon core funding from Canada Council for the Arts, grants, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards the purchase of equipment, marketing, instructor fees and honoraria for the *New Media Residency Program*. *Staff recommend a grant of \$2,500 for equipment (\$1,000) and marketing (\$1,500). Excludes fees and honoraria.*

59. Eastern Front Theatre - Dartmouth - Program/Performing Arts (Theatre) (6)

Eastern Front Theatre is a professional theatre company that presents works featuring Atlantic Canada culture and artists. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales and government grants. The company is at a crossroads in its development: the Alderney Landing Theatre has proven too challenging and in the short-term the theatre will use itinerant rental facilities or "found and created venues" to reduce production costs and attract a younger, urban audience. In re-positioning the company, Eastern Front will replace conventional print advertising with on-line, and network with non-profit organizations in the development and presentation of productions. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards professional fees for graphic designer to develop on-line marketing campaign. *Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 for marketing.*

60. Nova Scotia Sea School - Halifax - Program/Visual Arts (15)

Nova Scotia Sea School is a registered Canadian charity that provides adventure-based programming for youth (aged 14-18) in sailing, boat building and wilderness camping, and professional development courses for adults. Revenue is primarily from tuition fees, grants, and donations. In 2009, in partnership with the 4C's Foundation and HRM Community Recreation, the school will initiate a *Get Out and Surf Program* for youth aged 15-18 from the Eastern Shore (Sheet Harbour, Musquodoboit, Chezzetcook area). The course costs \$100 for a 9-day program. Participants will build and decorate surfboards with the help of local artists who are expert in surf-art styles. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$2,990 towards a surf art and surfboard shaping workshops for youth (excludes curriculum design).***

61. Onelight Theatre - Halifax - Equipment/Performing Arts (Theatre) (9)

Onelight Theatre is a professional art company whose mandate is to develop and stage original works. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales, government grants, and fundraising. The company aspires to be more self-reliant and requested a grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a laptop computer and color printer to allow for the creation of self-promotional materials, and technical fees for re-designing their web site to access a variety of media and social networking sites. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 for office equipment and web site design fees.***

62. Shubenacadie Canal Commission - Dartmouth - Program/Visual Arts (5)

The Shubenacadie Canal Commission is a registered Canadian charity. The Commission was established to provide stewardship and promote the Shubenacadie Canal System, which includes operation of the Fairbanks Interpretation Centre. The Commission is dependent upon core operating funding from the Province of Nova Scotia (ie. capital costs and building maintenance) supplemented by project-specific fundraising. The *Shubenacadie Art Connection* is an exhibit of works by Nova Scotian artists on the theme of canals and waterways. The exhibit will be presented simultaneously in five community locations along the length of the waterway at a total cost of \$27,335. A grant of \$2,000 was requested for advertising and promotion. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$2,000 for marketing the Shubenacadie Art Connection Exhibition.***

63. Zuppa Theatre - Halifax - Program/Performing Arts (Theatre) (7)

Zuppa Theater is a registered Canadian charity; a professional theatre ensemble whose works feature physical theatre, mime, and clowning. Revenues are primarily from grants and ticket sales. In 2009, the group will collaborate with Mermaid Theatre to construct nine over-sized custom puppets for the new site-specific show entitled *The Yesterday Invasion*. These props will also be used in school programming and the Nova Scotia Drama Festival. A grant of \$5,000 was requested for construction of puppets. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000 towards custom puppets.***

Tier 3

64. Atlantic Council for International Cooperation - Halifax - Program/Visual Arts (11)

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation is federally incorporated under the Government of Canada. Membership comprises individuals and non-profit international development organizations. The Council is sustained by a grant from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). In 2006, ACIC received a three-year CIDA grant for a collaborative project, *First Voices*, that connects indigenous youth through the arts. A grant of \$5,000 was requested towards development of an on-line *First Voices Gallery* to showcase various arts medium (video, painting, photography, writing) and profile artists. ***Staff recommend a one-time only grant of \$5,000 towards the creation of an on-line gallery. Future funding conditional upon cost-share contribution.***

65. Atlantic Film Festival Association - Halifax - Facility Development/ Visual Arts (Film/Video) (12)

The Atlantic Film Festival Association is a registered Canadian charity and professional arts organization. The association is noted for the *International Film Festival*, *ViewFinders International Film Festival for Youth*, *alFresco filmFesto* (outdoor screenings on the Halifax waterfront), collaborative projects that explore synergies between film/video and music (eg. *Inspired Music, Music & Image*), networking and business development workshops with members of the national and international film and television industry. The possible consolidation of CBC operations presently located in Halifax and the association's own growth are the impetus to explore re-location and the development of a presentation and administrative centre in Halifax. The scale of project, potential economic and sectoral impacts, requires a building condition report and comprehensive business plan. The estimated cost of consulting fees is \$80,000. A grant of \$15,000 was requested for an engineering and architectural assessment of an existing site. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$10,000 towards building assessment consulting fees for the development of a film presentation and administration facility***⁷.

66. Kinetic Dance Studio/Halifax Dance - Halifax - Facility/Performing Arts (Dance) (16)

Kinetic Dance and Halifax Dance are both registered Canadian charities. Revenues are primarily government grants, ticket sales, and fundraising. In 2008, the two groups collaborated on a consultant's study to assess the feasibility of a new dance facility. The next stage of the project includes a site assessment of potential properties located within the urban core and their suitability. The total project costs are estimated to be \$17,234. A grant of \$10,000 has been requested for consulting fees to identify potential development sites. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$10,000 for site selection consulting fees for the development of a new dance facility - Hold pending confirmation of project feasibility.***

⁷ A grant towards professional fees does not imply a future municipal capital contribution if the property is privately owned and/or leased.

67. Neptune Theatre Foundation - Halifax - Program/Performing Arts (Theatre) (1)

The Neptune Theatre Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that built and operates the Neptune Theatre complex, a regional venue containing a theatre school, the Mainstage and Studio theatres. Core funding is provided through the federal and provincial government with additional revenues raised through ticket sales and subscriptions, corporate sponsorship, donations, and fundraising events. The theatre offers discounts and special pricing to enhance access. The Studio Theatre specializes in smaller developmental productions such as new works by emerging performing arts groups⁸ and special events. Admission fees do not cover facility operating costs and therefore productions are indirectly subsidized by Neptune Theatre. A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards the *Studio Series*. ***Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$20,000 for the 2009-2010 Studio Series.***

68. Symphony Nova Scotia - Halifax - Program/Performing Arts (Music) (2)

Symphony Nova Scotia is a registered Canadian charity. Programming includes orchestral and collaborative performances and support to an array of educational and artistic programs throughout the region. Core funding is provided through the federal and provincial government grants with additional revenues from ticket sales and subscriptions, corporate sponsorship, donations and fundraising. Discounts and special pricing are offered to enhance access. The Symphony rents performance venues and administrative offices. A grant of \$30,000 was requested towards community engagement programming. ***Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$20,000 for community engagement programming for children and youth.***

69. Theatre Nova Scotia - Halifax - Program/Performing Arts (Theatre) (17)

Theatre Nova Scotia is a registered Canadian charity that serves as an umbrella organization for 18 professional and 25 community theatre companies. Revenues are primarily government grants and program fees. In addition to programs and services for the theatre sector, the society works in collaboration with other arts groups eg. *Perform*, a school program in cooperation with Dance Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Choral Federation. A grant of \$3,000 requested towards the purchase of a laptop computer and projector for use during the annual *Merritt Awards* event and throughout the year for community presentations. ***Staff recommend a grant of \$3,000 for the purchase of computer and projection equipment.***

⁸ For example, Onelight Theatre, SupaNova Theatre Festival (Eastern Front Theatre), Atlantic Jazz Festival, Atlantic Fringe Festival, and Atlantic Film Festival.

Attachment 2

Applications Not Recommended for Funding 2009-2010

The following 19 submissions, for a combined total of \$201,506 were not recommended for funding due to (a) program budget, or (b) project merit.

ENVIRONMENT - (\$25,000)

St. Paul's United Church, Spryfield

RECREATION & LEISURE - (Combined total of \$83,506)

Halifax Cycling Coalition, Halifax (\$5,000)

Halifax Rowing Club, Halifax (\$3,672)

Riverlake Community Cemetery Society, Fall River (\$6,085)

Sack-A-Wa Canoe Club, Sackville (\$5,000)

St. Andrew's Parish, Eastern Passage (\$4,600)

St. George's Youthnet, Halifax (\$11,036)

Sheet Harbour Rockets, Sheet Harbour (\$12,500)

Ecology Action Centre, Halifax (\$5,613)

Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club, Dartmouth (\$5,000)

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Halifax (\$25,000)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & SHELTERS - (Combined total of \$23,000)

Habitat for Humanity, Dartmouth (\$10,000)

Society for Women Healing from Addictions & Abuse, Lakeside (\$13,000)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - (\$25,000)

Faith Tabernacle Church, Halifax

COMMUNITY HISTORY - (Combined total of \$10,000)

Icelandic Memorial Society of Nova Scotia, Markland (\$5,000)

Halifax Citadel Army Museum, Halifax (\$5,000)

DIVERSITY - (\$5,000)

Dartmouth Learning Network, Dartmouth

ARTS & CRAFTS - (Combined total of \$30,000)

Aeolian Singers, Halifax (\$5,000)

Nova Scotia Mass Choir, Halifax (\$25,000)

Attachment 3

Table 1. Distribution of Applications and Proposed Awards by Sector 2009-2010 Excludes Ineligible Applicants*					
	Applicants	Combined Value of Applications	Proposed Award 2009	Combined \$ Value of Proposed Awards	% Total of Proposed Funds Awarded
Healthy Communities (Awards: \$189,450) 40%					
Environment	6	\$74,703.64	5	\$43,500	9%
Recreation & Leisure	29	\$325,400.31	19	\$95,950	20%
Affordable Housing & Shelters	9	\$160,995.97	7	\$50,000	11%
Sector Sub-Total	44	\$561,099.92	31	\$189,450	40%
Safe Communities (Awards:\$78,000) 17%					
Emergency Assistance	5	\$101,039.02	4	\$52,000	11%
Neighbourhood Safety	3	\$26,484.49	3	\$26,000	6%
Sector Sub-Total	8	\$127,523.51	7	\$78,000	17%
Cultural Communities (Awards:\$191,561) 43%					
Community History	13	\$124,635	11	\$81,945	18%
Community Diversity	3	\$11,1062		\$5,100	1%
Arts & Crafts	20	\$159,533.38	18	\$109,516	24%
Sector Sub-Total	36	\$265,268.38	31	\$191,561	43%
TOTAL	88	\$983,897.81	69	\$464,011	100%

* 15 deemed ineligible for a combined total of \$371,824.98.

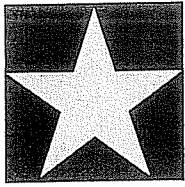
Attachment 4

Table 2. Year-to-Year Variance in Distribution of Awards by Sector (Excludes Appeals)			
Sector	2008-2009 Awards	2009-2010 Proposed Awards	Proposed Change Over Prior Year
Healthy Communities	\$217,201	\$189,450	(\$27,751)
Safe Communities	\$56,287	\$78,000	\$21,713
Cultural Communities	\$224,037	\$198,571	(\$27,476)
TOTAL	\$497,525	\$464,011	\$33,514

Attachment 5

Community Grants Program Reviewers	
Staff Review Team	
Environment	Cameron Deaken, Environmental Performance Officer, Sustainable Environment Office
Recreation & Leisure	Betty Lou Killen, Planning & Development, Service Delivery
	Tara Legge, Coordinator Community Facilities, Service Delivery
	Claudette Levy, Area Coordinator, Community Recreation
	Lee Moore, Community Developer, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
	Christine Buckley, Grants Program Technician, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
	Judi Rice, Special Projects, Client Services
Affordable Housing & Shelters	Fred Wendt, Planner, Regional & Community Planning
	Kasia Tota, Community Developer, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
Emergency Assistance Neighbourhood Safety	Susan Corser, Team Lead Community Engagement, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
	Phillip Hammond, Community Developer, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
Community History	Betty Ann Aboe-Milligan, Heritage Curator, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
	Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, Heritage & Design
Community Diversity	Laughlin Rutt, Diversity Consultant, Human Resources
Arts & Crafts	Sally Christie, Information Officer, Corporate Communications
	Kate MacLennan, Art Facilitator, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs

	Jamie McLellan, Public Art Facilitator, Community Relations & Cultural Affairs
	Mary Angela Munroe, Area Coordinator, Community Recreation
HRM Grants Committee	
Councillor Russell Walker	Chebucto Community Council
Councillor Tim Outhit	North West Community Council
Councillor Jennifer Watts	Peninsula Community Council
Councillor Jim Smith	Harbour East Community Council
Councillor Peter Lund	Western Region Community Council
Councillor Barry Dalrymple	Marine Drive, Valley & Canal Community Council
Andrew Higdon	Community Volunteer
Geoff Baker	Community Volunteer
Gina Byrne	Community Volunteer
Monica Jordan	Community Volunteer
Pamela Henley	Community Volunteer
David Woo	Community Volunteer



HRM Community Grants Program Application Review Form



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Application Deadline: March 31

Name of Organization:	
Funding Sector:	Year:

Level 1 - Basic Eligibility

The applicant's eligibility is assessed by Grants Program staff before a file is forwarded to sector staff review teams.

- Application is late (March 31st deadline).
- Not a registered non-profit society or Canadian charity, registered status revoked.
- Not registered 12 months prior to application deadline (March 31st).
- Located outside the geographic boundary of HRM.
- Debt to HRM.
- Project is ineligible for funding consideration.
- One-time application (multi-year requests are ineligible).
- More than one application (applicant must select).
- Application is incomplete (quotes, signed, financial etc).
- Applicant withdrew.

Proceed to Level 2 of Review

Ineligible

Provide Details of Reason for Ineligibility:

Grants Program staff will prepare an Information Report for HRM Grants Committee and Regional Council. The applicant has two (2) weeks from date of notice to appeal in accordance with criteria approved by Regional Council.

Contact Record: *Note the date of contact (call, fax, email), name of contact, and info requested.*

Level 2 - Project Merit

This section evaluates the specific project submission (not the organization, its reputation or public profile, or previous grants) and relative to other applicant's within the same funding category and tier.

Tier 1	Volunteer/Staff	Volunteer/No Staff	Budget <\$50,000
Tier 2	Volunteer/Staff	Volunteer/No Staff	Budget <\$250,000
Tier 3	Volunteer/Staff	Volunteer/No Staff	Budget >\$250,000

The scoring is weighted to the merit of the proposed project. The application form should indicate that the applicant has read the funding guidelines (eg. maximum grant, eligible expenses, eligible projects) and can reasonably be expected to complete the project within the time-frame and proposed budget.

Project Description (/20pts)

The application should include a brief, concise description of the project. Who is the beneficiary (audience, participant, group, client)? Is there a 'need' or service gap? Is this an expansion of an existing program or a new initiative? The key question is why? The aim is to eliminate generic "grant-seeking" and any group seeking a core operating subsidy under the guise of a 'new project'.

Notes:

Project Budget (/10pts)

Project budget appears to be complete and is supported by quotes or other form of support material (report, financial records, estimates, quotes etc).

Notes:

Project Sustainability (/5pts)

Can the group maintain the program (or a building or site) independent of further HRM funding?

Notes:

Public Benefit (/10pts)

Project provides a clear benefit to the general public, a specific geographic community, or an inclusive community of interest.

Notes:

HRM Funding Priority (/10pts)

For example, environment, inclusion, youth, public safety, access, cultural diversity, homelessness. Score higher for project that addresses more than one priority. For example, homelessness and heritage protection.

Notes:

Sector Funding Priority (/20pts)

Refer to sector's funding priorities in program guidebook. Score higher for project that addresses more than one priority. For example, original production by local racially diverse theatre company.

Notes:

Organizational Capacity Building (/5pts)

Project's potential to enhance organizational capacity: skills, public awareness, membership etc.

Notes:

Project Merit Total Score _____ /80 points

Level 3 - Financial Stewardship

This section tries to determine if there is a risk to HRM if a grant is awarded to the applicant, or a serious risk to the organization or a specific project if an award is not granted. Organizations, projects, or issues that are disadvantaged or receive comparatively limited public support can be recognized. Please call the applicant if you have questions or concerns.

Financial Statement (/5pts)

Financial statement for prior year is current, appears to be complete, shows revenues and expenses, assets and liabilities if applicable (this is important for a capital project), and cash savings, investments etc as applicable.

Notes:

Financial Diversification (/5pts)

Group demonstrates an ability to manage funds but is unable to cover the total cost of the proposed project independently. The aim is to detect financial need and to eliminate efforts to simply increase revenue, save money, or replace lost revenue.

Notes:

Barriers to Financial Sustainability (/10pts)

Systemic barriers to equitable participation in community life are not limited to financial resources and include demographic characteristics (age, sex), geographic isolation (human resource capacity), social stigma, access to information, literacy, disability, and marginalization (exclusion by social convention or policy). Note: in identifying a barrier to self-generated revenue the Community Grants Program should avoid perpetuating stereotypes (eg. not all seniors are frail, single parents are not necessarily low income).

Notes:

Financial Stewardship Total Score _____ /20 points

Reviewer's Comments:

Brief, overall assessment of proposal's strengths or weaknesses.

Level 4 – Scoring Summary

This section notes the applicant's score and sector ranking, \$-value of grant recommended, purpose of the grant, and any terms and conditions of funding. The ranking is important in the event that un-committed funds are transferred from another funding sector of the program.

Project Merit	/80pts
Financial Stewardship	/20pts
Total Score	/100pts

Funding Sector Ranking

The scores for each sector are placed in rank order and the \$-value of any award is based on (a) the specific aspect of the project to be supported by a grant, (b) cost or portion of the cost, and (c) the sector's budget capacity.

Recommended Award*

Specify what aspect of the project is to be supported by a grant (eg. product, equipment purchase, rental, professional fee, service and/or materials charge)

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Recommend Decline

In point form, briefly explain why this project is not recommended for funding in this year's program.

***Terms and Conditions of Funding**

In addition to recommending an award, purpose, and amount of grant, Grants Program staff may recommend specific terms and conditions.

- Confirm project can proceed with an HRM grant in an amount lower than requested.
- Confirm project can proceed if budget indicates high reliance on unconfirmed (*) funding.
- Progressive payments.
- Reimbursement.
- Hold-back (specify condition).
- Other (specify).

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Referral:

Can we refer the applicant to another funding source?