


Item No. 11.6.1
Halifax Regional Council
June 25, 2013

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:  Original Signed _____
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, Grants Committee

DATE: June 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Community Grants Program 2013-2014: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The May 29, 2013 staff report and June 10, 2013 Grants Committee meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter (2008) Section 79 (1) (av) (vii) permits the Municipality to expend funds on a grant or contribution to a registered Canadian charitable organization

RECOMMENDATION

The Grants Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council approve the 71 awards detailed in Attachment 2 of the May 29, staff report for a combined value of \$429,483 from operating account M311-8004 (Community Grants Program). It is further recommended that the terms of conditional funding in the amount of \$5,272 to the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals be amended to specify that the society's cost-share contribution be from non-municipal funds.

BACKGROUND

As per the May 29, 2013 staff report included as Attachment 1 to this report.

DISCUSSION

The Grants Committee reviewed the May 29, 2013 Community Grants Program 2013-2014 Recommended Awards report at their June 10, 2013 meeting. Following discussion, it was noted that on May 14, 2013, Regional Council had approved a one-time grant of \$40,000 to the Nova Scotia SPCA for infrastructure improvements to its shelter to facilitate a spay/neuter clinic. The Grant Committee felt that clarification was required to the NSSPCA grant to ensure cost-share for the project listed in the May 29, 2013 staff report was not provided from the HRM one-time contribution. In light of the discussion the following amendment to the recommendation was put and passed:

That the terms of conditional funding in the amount of \$5,272 to the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals be amended to specify that the society's cost-share contribution be from non-municipal funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As per the May 29, 2013 staff report attached as Attachment 1 to this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Grants Committee is comprised of five (5) citizen representatives and five (5) elected officials representing the three Community Councils. The Grants Committee meetings are open to the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There were no environmental implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee did not provide an alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

1. The May 29, 2013 Community Grants Program 2013-2014: Recommended Awards

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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**HRM Grants Committee
June 10, 2013**

TO: Chair and Members of HRM Grants Committee

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Greg Keefe, Director Finance and Information Technology/CFO

DATE: May 29, 2013

SUBJECT: Community Grants Program 2013-2014: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The HRM *Community Grants Program* awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations located within the geographic boundary of HRM. The focus of these grants is primarily the provision of modest financial assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. The 2013-2014 program received 140 applications for a combined value of \$1,310,639.78 in requests.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter (2008) Section 79 (1) (av).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the 71 awards detailed in Attachment 2 of this report for a combined value of \$429,483 from operating account M311-8004 (Community Grants Program).

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Charter (2008) gives municipalities the authority to issue cash grants to specific categories of community endeavour. The 2013-2014 *Community Grants Program* received 140 applications for a combined total of \$1,310,639.78 in requests. Thirty (30) applications totalling \$238,697.49 were deemed ineligible. Of the remaining 110 applications, 39 have not been recommended for funding in the 2013-2014 and are addressed in a separate Grants Committee information report.

DISCUSSION

Appeals from those applicants deemed ineligible or not recommended for an award, and grant recipients who wish to appeal the value or conditions of an award, must be submitted in writing within two (2) weeks of written notification from HRM. In accordance with program policy, "Appeals will only be considered on the basis of new information or an error in fact or procedure during the review process" (Guidebook, page 36).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Combined value of recommended awards relative to the 2013-14 *Community Grants Program* budget of \$500,000 (M311-8004):

2013-2014 Program Budget	\$500,000
Less Combined Total Value of Recommended Awards (71)	<u>\$429,483</u>
Balance Pending Appeals	\$ 70,517

Subject to the approval of the Grants Committee and Regional Council, a balance of \$70,517 allows for any appeals pending amendments. This balance could increase if an applicant is unable to meet the proposed conditions of funding or their project is unable to proceed.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Information regarding program eligibility, application timelines, applicant scoring, and previous awards are posted on the HRM web site. Printed materials are also available from all HRM Customer Contact Centres and the HRM Call Centre. Public participation on the HRM 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 HRM *Community Grants Program* criteria are approved by Regional Council and published annually in a guidebook. Formal reports are posted to the HRM web site and a notice publicizing awards is placed in the Municipal Notices section of the Chronicle-Herald newspaper.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee could overturn or amend a recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Review Methodology.
2. List of Recommended Grants by Sector.
3. Supplementary Information on Prior Funding to an Organization or Project: 2007-2012.

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Review Methodology

Presently, the *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) funding categories, each of which has specific funding criteria and priorities that guide evaluation. Individual submissions are evaluated within the respective funding sector using a standardized scoring form. The scores are then moderated based on other applicants to the same sector and the program budget. In the event that a reviewer declares a conflict of interest the file is reviewed by a peer.

Because some smaller volunteer groups assumed that they were competing directly with larger organizations with greater financial capacity or paid staff, the recommended awards are presented by funding sector and by 'tier'. The designation refers to the applicant's prior year's gross revenue and the combination of staff and volunteers or volunteer only. Tier 1 represents prior year gross revenues below \$50,000, Tier 2 for annual budgets from \$50,000 to \$250,000, and Tier 3 organizations have a budget over \$250,000. In general, a score of 50 out of 100 is considered the minimum funding threshold. The score does not correspond to the value of any award. Other factors are taken into consideration include the applicant's ability to cost-share, efforts to access funding from other sources or project-specific fundraising, barriers to fundraising, and urgency of need (safety, legal liability or by-law, code compliance and licensing). The individual project description includes the estimated total cost of a project. However, readers are cautioned that such costs might not be indicative of actual cash expenditures. For example, an applicant may include a percentage of recurring overhead costs, in-kind labour, or poorly quantified expenses or quotes. For clarity, terms and conditions may be applied to a grant to protect the public interest.

Some applications are "bundled" meaning that the applicant has listed several purchases within one submission. In some cases these expenditures are not part of the same project and may simply be included to align the value of grant requested with the maximum value of award. Also, a project budget may include expenses that are ineligible under the *Community Grants Program*. Therefore, the value of any award is based on (a) eligible expenses, (b) in relation to one project, and (c) a demonstrated inability to fully self-fund.

The program does not provide multi-year funding but applicants can apply in consecutive years. In circumstances where there is insufficient capacity to fund all qualified candidates preference may be given to groups who have not received a grant or those who do not receive other forms of HRM assistance (event grant, rent subsidy, tax exemption etc.). Financial information is also reviewed to confirm an inability to self-fund or contribute a portion of expenses.

Unless noted otherwise, the applicant is a duly registered non-profit society as per the Societies Act. Charitable status is noted because the designation is subject to tight financial and reporting requirements as compared to other forms of incorporation. A charity serves an altruistic purpose and is restricted in its ability to accrue funds unless for an identified capital project. Upon dissolution a charity's assets must be conveyed to another non-profit entity with similar aims. Other forms of incorporation are also noted such as a non-profit cooperative, a company limited by guarantee, or a non-profit incorporated under an act of the Nova Scotia legislature.

List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2013-2014

ENVIRONMENT

Tier 1

1. Halifax Cat Rescue Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The society is a registered charity whose mandate is to reduce the feral cat population using a trap-neuter-return and cat adoption approach. The organization is comprised solely of volunteers and revenues are primarily donations. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested to support a spay/neuter clinic event in HRM expected to cost \$6,410. Some expenses are ineligible for consideration (medications) and with Regional Council's approval of a publicly subsidized spay and neuter clinic for low income pet owners and feral cat colonies the request for veterinary surgical kits is not recommended for funding. A grant for humane trapping equipment is eligible for consideration. *A capital grant of \$1,007 recommended for the purchase of trapping equipment.*

2. Halifax Northwest Trails Association – Halifax/Bedford – Project Grant/Interpretation

The Association's objectives are to promote the creation, protection and maintenance of trails within the Halifax Mainland North area (St. Margaret's Bay Road to Hammonds Plain Road; Bedford Basin to the Birch Cove Lakes). The Association is comprised solely of volunteers and modest revenues are derived from fundraising, small grants, and donations. A grant in the amount of \$4,500 requested towards the purchase and installation of two interpretive panels for the Mill Run Trail, Bedford, costing a total of \$7,474. One panel will explain the local cultural and historical features of the area while the other describes the surrounding area's natural environment. *A grant in the amount of \$2,500 recommended towards the purchase and installation of an interpretive panel on the Mill Run Trail.*

3. Deanery Project Cooperative Limited – Lower Ship Harbour – Capital Grant/Building Repairs and Upgrades

In 2012, the newly formed cooperative acquired title to the former United Church campgrounds to support environmentally-based programming with a focus on youth. The cooperative is self-funded supplemented by project-specific grants. A capital grant of \$24,962 requested towards building upgrades and repairs totalling approximately \$36,000 (siding, insulation, windows, doors). *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended for exterior wall insulation and siding. Holdbacks pending payment of tax arrears or a signed payment plan agreement with HRM.*

Note: Applicants must be in good standing with HRM and all applications are screened for debt to the Municipality. The debt is not uncollectable and if a grant were to be awarded HRM would invoke the right of set-off to deduct any debt prior to issuing the balance. In effect, the *Community Grants Program* would be paying an applicant's debt, which is not the purpose of the program or a permitted expenditure.

4. Transition Bay St. Margaret's – Upper Tantallon – Project Grant/Marketing

Transition Bay St. Margaret's promotes ways to build resilience in communities in order to address issues such as energy consumption, sustainable food production, and climate change. The society is comprised solely of volunteers and modest revenues are derived from grants and workshop fees. A grant in the amount of \$4,500 requested to fully fund production of an educational video production featuring current environmental initiatives in the surrounding communities (e.g. community garden, community greenhouse), web site upgrades, promotional brochures, and a mobile display banner. *A grant in the amount of \$2,000 towards the production of video on local community-based environmental initiatives.*

5. Williams Lake Conservation Company – Halifax – Project Grant/Education

The organization is a non-profit society comprised solely of volunteers whose aim is to promote the health of Williams Lake and surrounding watershed. The society derives modest revenues from its membership and fundraising. The group recently completed a study of the wild bird population in the area; a grant in the amount of \$2,000 requested towards the cost of technical research and identification of local flora, and production of an educational brochure. Total project costs are \$3,105. *A grant in the amount of \$2,000 recommended towards the production an educational brochure on local flora.*

Tier 2

6. Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp – Moose River – Capital Grant/Site Remediation

The society is a registered charity that owns and operates a seasonal campground. Programming is primarily summer camps for children and youth some of whom are sponsored by social service and child care agencies. Operations are sustained by facility rentals, camp fees, donations, and project-specific grants. A capital grant of \$10,000 requested towards the removal of an abandoned structure (potential environmental hazard) and site remediation costing a total of \$20,000. *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards demolition of derelict structure and site remediation.*

7. Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society: Nova Scotia Chapter – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

CPAWS is a national charity whose networks of local affiliates aim to foster the preservation and conservation of the natural environment. The organization works collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders and uses science, education, and advocacy to approach conservation issues. Revenues are primarily from membership dues, grants, and fundraising. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested towards the cost of producing an educational newsletter for its members and the general public costing \$5,874.73. Because the intended distribution is primarily to existing members, the value of the proposed HRM is pro-rated and applied only to copies for distribution to the general public. *A grant in the amount of \$1,680 recommended towards cost-shared re-print of educational newsletter.*

8. Clean Nova Scotia – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Education

Clean Nova Scotia is a registered charity whose mandate is to encourage public participation in environmental stewardship. Initiatives include energy conservation, solid waste reduction, and stream restoration. A grant in the amount of \$1,917 requested to fully fund the costs for producing and installing two (2) interpretive panels with information on the local environment and current restoration efforts associated with the Ellenvale Run and Morris Lake. The panels will be situated on the Portland Lakes Trail, which runs parallel to the waterways. Financial information provided by the applicant indicates an ability to cost-share. *A grant in the amount of \$1,000 recommended toward design and fabrication of interpretive panels for Ellenvale Run/Morris Lake conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

9. East Coast Environmental Law Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

The society provides information to the general public, conducts legal and policy research, and publicizes educational resources to increase public awareness of environmental laws in Atlantic Canada. Operations are sustained by a grant from the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, donations, and project-specific grants. A grant in the amount of \$4,406 requested to fully fund the re-development of the society's web site. *A grant in the amount of \$2,000 recommended towards the cost of web site re-design conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

10. Sackville Rivers Association – Lower Sackville – Project Grant/Repairs to Fishways

The Association provides community-based stewardship for the Little Sackville River, Sackville River, and associated lakes and watershed areas. Activities include river restoration, fish habitat preservation, trails development, and public education. Revenues are from federal and provincial grants, foundations and fundraising. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested towards the cost of repair of in-stream restoration structures (called a fishway) in the Sackville River. The proposed award is towards project-specific eligible expenses only, not general operating. *A grant in the amount of \$2,500 recommended to repair in-stream restoration structures. Refer applicant to Grants Program staff for assistance with future submissions.*

Tier 3

11. Hope for Wildlife Society – Seaforth – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Society is a registered charity that rehabilitates wildlife for release and promotes public education. Revenues are derived primarily from donations and grants. A capital grant of \$12,550 requested towards establishing a temporary location to be used for retrieving and treating injured and orphaned wildlife closer to the urban and suburban area of HRM at a total cost of \$24,517. Because the additional site is described as temporary and leasehold improvements to private property are ineligible for funding, the proposed award is for equipment that can be moved if required. *A capital grant of \$7,000 recommended to purchase outdoors cages (\$6,000) and live traps (\$1,000).*

12. Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children is a registered charity that derives revenues primarily from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and donations. The society recently created the *Akoma Family Centre*, a program to support vulnerable families in the African Nova Scotian community. The centre has established a community garden where

children and youth participate in gardening and nutrition programs. The garden produces food for a local community feeding program and offers space for residents to grow their own food. A capital grant of \$3,681.12 requested towards the purchase of small equipment and a new garden shed for equipment storage. *A capital grant of \$3,216 recommended towards the purchase of a shed for community garden project.*

13. Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: Provincial Animal Shelter – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades and Repairs

The SPCA is a registered charity that advocates for animal rights and cruelty prevention, operates shelters for seized or abandoned animals, and provides on-site and on-line education for current and future pet owners. Revenues are primarily from adoption fees, fundraising, and donations. A capital grant of \$11,770.02 requested towards facility upgrades costing \$15,270.02 (exterior ventilation unit, interior ventilation duct work, exterior windows, and a hot water heater). On May 14, 2013, Regional Council approved a grant towards the capital cost of establishing a spay/neuter clinic; a site visit was conducted by Grants Staff to confirm no duplication in funding. The interior ventilation duct work has been excluded from eligibility. *A capital grant of \$5,272 recommended towards the cost of window replacement and exterior ventilation unit conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

RECREATION & LEISURE

Tier 1

14. Club 24 Society - Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

Club 24 is a registered charity that owns and operates premises used extensively by the community for peer support meetings and leisure activities. A majority of clientele are persons in recovery, lower income, or marginalized persons at risk of homelessness. Facility use is free or at a very nominal rental rate. Modest revenues are derived primarily from donations and facility rentals. The society is limited in its ability to access funds from other levels of government or corporate sponsorship and is unable to fund conversion of the existing heating system to natural gas to save operating costs. A capital grant in the amount of \$9,185 requested towards the cost of new natural gas heating system costing \$11,965. Savings from the conversion will be re-directed to operating and program costs. *A capital grant of \$9,000 recommended to fund the purchase and installation of a replacement natural gas heating system.*

15. Hammonds Plains Fire Hall & Community Centre Association – Hammonds Plains – Capital Grant/Building Repair

In 2012, HRM transferred title to a former fire hall to the Association for continued community access. The society derives its revenues from facility rentals and bar sales. A capital grant of \$22,000 requested for deck and stair replacement (\$10,000) and new exteriors siding and windows (\$17,000). *A capital grant of \$8,000 recommended towards the replacing the deck and stairs which have been identified as a current safety issue. Holdback pending confirmation of cost-share for deck and stair repair.*

16. Sailable Association of Nova Scotia - Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Sailable is a volunteer society whose mandate is to promote the integration of persons with disabilities in recreational and/or competitive sailing. Revenues are derived primarily from

fundraising. A capital grant of \$12,500 requested towards the purchase of a safety/coach boat, motor, and trailer. *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the purchase of a safety/coach boat and motor.*

17. Sheet Harbour Rockets Association – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Outdoor Sports Facility Repairs

The club owns and operates a baseball field that is used by adult teams, little league teams, schools, and local community groups. The volunteer association's annual budget is modest and comprises of team registration fees and fundraising. A capital grant of \$12,500 requested towards the cost of repairing the field lighting system at a total cost of \$16,100. The current state of the lights requires repair to allow for continued evening use as well as address potential safety issues. The club has secured the balance of funding required to complete the project. *A capital grant of \$12,000 recommended towards to repair ball field lighting.*

18. St. James Community Hall Society – Head of Jeddore – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

The society own and operate a former church hall used extensively by individuals and community groups from the surrounding Eastern Shore area for a various social and leisure activities. The society is managed solely by volunteers and modest revenues are derived primarily from fundraising. A capital grant of \$10,000 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a new furnace. *A capital grant of \$7,000 recommended towards the cost of replacing community hall furnace.*

19. Waverley Amateur Athletic Club – Waverley – Capital Grant/Signage, Construction of Outdoor Sports Amenities, and Equipment

The WAAC is a registered non-profit whose primary mandate is to support outdoor recreation and sport in the McDonald Sports Park under an agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. A capital grant of \$18,000 requested towards the costs of constructing a mountain bike skills track and basketball court, purchasing a boat trailer, design and installation of park directional and interpretive signage, and the purchase of a BBQ costing a total of \$20,000. The application contains several separate projects, some of which are ineligible for funding under the *Community Grants Program* (trail, basketball court). The permanent amenities are ineligible for funding (the applicant does not own the property) and might be more appropriately funded by the Province of Nova Scotia or an independent capital campaign. *A capital grant of \$7,791 recommended towards the cost of park directional and interpretive signage.*

Tier 2

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

William Black Memorial United Church is a municipally registered heritage church and community centre, including an EMO comfort centre capability. Revenues are primarily derived from members of the congregation and fundraising. The Church would like to construct and maintain a community playground on their property, including signage. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested towards the construction of a new playground. The total cost of the project is valued at

\$33,527. *A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the cost of constructing a new community playground.*

Tier 3

21. Farrell Benevolent Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

The society owns and operates a community hall used by the community primarily for bingo, leisure activities, private functions, and rentals to local non-profit groups. The society distributes a portion of net revenues annually to local events, individual bursaries, and Christmas projects. A capital grant of \$10,000 requested towards the cost of window replacement. The total cost of the project is approximately \$20,000. *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the cost of new windows conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

22. Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

ISIS is a registered charity that offers a variety of programs and referral services to assist new immigrants in adjusting to life in HRM. Revenues are primarily from Provincial and Federal contribution programs. A grant in the amount of \$4,016.95 to fully fund the purchase of six new sewing machines and a surge-protector for a newly formed *Immigrant Sewing Group*, a program that brings newcomers and volunteers together to engage in sewing activities in a recreational environment. Financial information provided by the applicant indicates ability to cost-share and purchases could be phased, therefore partial funding recommended. *A grant in the amount of \$1,858 recommended towards the purchase of sewing machines.*

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Tier 2

23. Greenstem Housing Cooperative – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

Green Stem Housing Cooperative own nine properties (combined total of 18 units) located in the Peninsula Halifax. Presently, 50% of the units are rent subsidized by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. A grant in the amount of \$10,000 requested to insulate two duplexes at a total cost of \$20,000. Lower income families occupy the units and the coop has committed to insulate an additional two units. *A capital grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the cost of insulating two housing units conditional upon confirmation that the Cooperative will be insulating two additional housing units as indicated in the application.*

24. High Hopes Housing Cooperative – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

High Hopes Housing Cooperative own and operate a total of 23 housing units located in the Quinpool Road area. Presently, 25% of the units are rent subsidized by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services thereby demonstrating housing affordability. A capital grant of \$23,603.75 requested to fully fund the replacement of eleven (11) doors and sixteen (16) windows. *A capital grant of \$5,900 recommended to cover the costs of window and door replacement for rent subsidized rental units.*

Tier 3

25. Metro Non-Profit Housing Association – Halifax – Capital Grant/New Facility

Metro Non-Profit Housing Association is a registered charity that own and operate a portfolio of supportive housing facilities for homeless or at-risk adults in urban Halifax and Dartmouth. Revenues include rental income, government rent subsidies, grants and donations. In 2012, the Association partnered with the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Ecology Action Centre, St. Paul's Home, and Ark to relocate the former Morris House residence and construct an expansion for use as a residence for at-risk youth. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$365,500. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards the cost of window replacement. *A capital grant of \$25,000 recommended towards the cost of window replacement for the Morris House. Conditional upon confirmation that building permit requirements have been met and that the project will be completed by March 31st 2014.*

26. Shelter Nova Scotia (Formerly St. Leonard's Society) – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

St. Leonard Society is a registered charity that provides residential facilities for persons in conflict with the law (e.g. probationary, supervised release, post incarceration). Revenues are derived primarily from Correctional Services Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia. The society own and operate Metro Turning Point, a shelter for homeless men. In 2011-2012, the society constructed a new 22-unit apartment building that provides former shelter clients with permanent housing. A capital grant of \$4,290 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a security system for the new apartment building. Financial information provided by the applicant indicates ability to cost-share. *A capital grant of \$2,175 recommended towards the purchase of security system for the building.*

27. W. Williams Non-Profit Housing Association (Alice Housing) – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Repairs

Alice Housing is a registered charity that owns and operates nineteen safe housing units serving families throughout HRM. The organization provides second stage and tertiary housing, and support programs for women and their children leaving domestic violence. A majority of their revenue is acquired through donations and fundraising. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards the \$31,500 cost of purchasing and installing new siding on two rental facilities that accommodate four families. The total budget includes \$3,000 for staff wages; an ineligible expense for a municipal grant. *A capital grant of \$12,500 recommended towards the cost of siding replacement.*

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier 1

28. Calvin United Church – Lawrencetown – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade – EMO

The church is self-funded through congregational offerings and fundraising. A capital grant of \$3,500 requested towards 50% of the cost of washroom renovations to increase accessibility for an HRM-recognized Comfort Centre. A signed MOU is on file with HRM Fire & Emergency Services. The total cost is \$7,000 and the applicant's share of costs is confirmed. *A capital grant of \$3,500 recommended towards accessible washrooms in a rural EMO Comfort Centre.*

29. Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Construction

SHGSR is a registered non-profit society and has made application to Revenue Canada for charitable status. The organization assists HRM Fire & Emergency Services, Halifax Police/RCMP, and government EMO operations in locating missing persons, emergency response operations, and evidence searches. The organization is sustained by fundraising and government grants. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested for site grading, concrete foundation, and installation of a garage on land owned by HRM. A request for a less than market value land lease is under review and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of Regional Council. The total cost of the garage project is estimated to be \$82,000 and the group has a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the provincial government. HRM Fire & Emergency Services is supportive of the group's co-location on the site of an active fire station. *A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards site preparation and construction of a multi-bay garage for emergency equipment storage. Award conditional upon confirmation of land lease and permitted use under current zoning.*

30. Vajradhatu Buddhist Church – Upper Tantallon – Capital Grant/Property Repair

In 1999, the former school building was purchased at less than market value for re-use as the St. Margaret's Bay Shambhala Centre. Since, 2009 the St. Margaret's Bay Food Bank Society has operated a food bank and thrift store on the first floor serving the St. Margaret's Bay and Timberlea area. A capital grant of \$1,600 requested for minor septic system repairs estimated to cost a total of \$4,000. *A capital grant of \$1,600 recommended for septic system repair.*

Tier 2

31. Halifax Regional Ground Search & Rescue – Lakeview – Capital Grant/Equipment

HRSR is a registered charity that assists HRM Fire & Emergency Services, Halifax Police/RCMP, and government EMO operations in locating missing persons, emergency response operations, and evidence searches. The organization is sustained by fundraising and government grants. In January 2013, the organization experienced a garage fire that resulted the loss of a vehicle and extensive damage to the building. Insurance coverage did not fully cover the cost of a replacement truck and the tools stored in the vehicle. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested to outfit an emergency vehicle and purchase assorted small safety equipment. *A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended towards emergency vehicle fit-up and assorted safety equipment.*

32. Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Building Repair

The Lions Club purchased the property formerly owned by a seniors club, unable to sustain operations and who now hold occasional leisure and social events on site. The Eastern Shore Food Bank also re-located to this building with the closure space they rented at Head of Jeddore. The club is self-sustaining through donations and fundraising. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested for replacement of exterior door (\$2,000) and kitchen extension totalling \$7,899 (electrical, flooring, cupboards, an range exhaust hood). *A capital grant of \$3,000 recommended*

towards kitchen upgrades conditional upon confirmation of cost-share. Refer applicant to staff for assistance with future submissions.

33. Saint Matthews United Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/ Equipment

Several years ago the St. Mathews congregation assumed responsibility for accommodating the Out of the Cold Shelter, a seasonal (November to April) emergency overnight shelter for hard-to-house homeless persons. The shelter operations are subsidized by the United Church of Canada Foundation and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. A grant in the amount of \$4,788.31 requested towards kitchen upgrades and storage shelving costing \$5,038.31 in support of the *Out of the Cold Shelter Program*. ***A capital grant of \$4,000 recommended for Out of the Cold Shelter program.***

Tier 3

34. Community Care Network Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

A registered charity, the society operates a food and furniture bank and a training centre providing instruction in computer skills and the manual trades. The organization is sustained through government grants (employment, training), donations, and investments. The society intends to lease a car to deliver food and small items to persons without transportation. Delivery will be restricted to the Metro area, three times a week. A grant of \$5,000 requested to assist with project launch. The majority of costs are ineligible for funding (vehicle lease, gas, salary), therefore the recommended award is limited to one-time start-up expenses. ***A grant in the amount of \$2,788 recommended for advertising (\$1,610) and computer software (\$1,178) to support food bank home delivery program launch. Refer applicant to Grants Program staff for assistance with future submissions.***

35. Halifax Transition House Association – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

A registered charity, the Association provides short-stay emergency accommodations and secondary housing for persons leaving domestic violence. Operations are dependent upon a Nova Scotia Department of Community Services operating grant, supplemented by donations and fundraising. A capital grant of \$19,012.97 requested to fully fund assorted minor repairs including clean and affix exterior shingles, affix emergency exit to exterior wall, minor roof upgrade. The building is a registered heritage building. ***A capital grant of \$9,500 recommended towards minor repairs to a registered heritage property. Holdback pending confirmation of cost-share. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner for approval.***

36. YWCA Halifax – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

The YWCA provides recreational and fitness programming, and residential accommodations for women. A funding application has been made in relation one building described as the *HERizons* building that accommodates women and children, some of whom self-report experienced of domestic violence. A grant in the amount of \$4,247.51 requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a security system, mailbox, and exterior lighting in the parking lot. Because some of the residents of the facility have experienced partner abuse the provision of a security system may provide some psychological well-being; the security of mailboxes would not be considered a funding priority. Hence, partial funding is recommended. ***A grant in the amount of \$3,176***

recommended for exterior security monitoring system conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Tier 1

37. City Centre Ministries – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

City Centre Ministries is a registered charity that is in the process of implementing an outreach pilot project entitled *Operation Safe City*; a project designed to engage multiple community stakeholders in neighbourhood crime prevention. The project has been endorsed by Halifax Regional Police. Modest revenues are derived solely from donations. A grant in the amount of \$3,225 requested towards the costs of a laptop computer, projector, print material, and space rental required to support the project. Rent is an ineligible recurring operating cost under the *Community Grants Program*. Therefore, the recommended grant focuses on equipment and marketing. *A project grant of \$3,198 recommended towards the cost of program materials: laptop computer (\$600), projector (\$600), and print/publicity material (\$1,998).*

COMMUNITY HISTORY

Tier 1

38. Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Interpretation

The society's modest revenues are donations and grants. In 2010, the society received a small project grant to develop self-promotional materials and a project grant for interpretation panels the following year; these panels are now on display at the Black Cultural Centre, Cherry Brook. The cooperative arrangement gives the society a venue in which to exhibit their interpretation materials and the group has also collaborated with Hockey Nova Scotia in a *Black Youth Ice Hockey Program* for children aged 4-8. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 has been requested to fully fund the creation and fabrication of five additional interpretation panels. *A project grant of \$4,000 recommended for design and fabrication of four interpretation panels featuring the history of local African Nova Scotia athletes. Refer applicant to Grants Program staff for assistance with future submissions.*

39. Friends of the Public Gardens – Halifax – Project Grant/Interpretation

As a registered charity the organization advocates for the protection and interpretation of the Halifax Public Gardens, a national registered heritage site. The society is self-sustaining through membership dues and donations supplemented by project-specific grants. In 2008, the society self-published a revised book on the history of the Gardens with up-dated material related to the post-Hurricane Juan restoration. The society would like to create and publish a new book that will contain new information including an updated plant inventory and horticultural map, and the restoration of the Jubilee Bandstand and Jubilee Fountain. The total production costs are \$18,000. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested towards self-published book. *A project grant of \$5,000 recommended towards self-publishing The Halifax Public Gardens book.*

40. Icelandic Memorial Society of Nova Scotia – Markland – Project Grant/Marketing

The society preserves the history of local Icelandic settlement in the rural community of Markland. The group is self-funded through membership dues, donations and project-specific grants. A grant in the amount of \$4,000 requested towards production of a DVD costing \$5,000 to document building a reproduction log cabin located on land leased from the Nova Scotia Department of Resources. The DVD will feature video clips, still photography, and interviews with the society's founders. *A grant in the amount of \$3,000 recommended for production of a self-promotional DVD.*

41. Parish of French Village/Saint Paul's Anglican Church – French Village – Project Grant/Building Maintenance and Repairs

The original St. Paul's Church was built in 1824 and replaced in 1863. The property is a registered heritage building. On November 3, 2013, the congregation will celebrate the church's 150th Anniversary. The Parish of French Village is self-sustaining through congregational offerings. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 has been requested to fully fund painting and minor repairs. *A grant in the amount of \$5,000 recommended for painting St. Paul's Anglican Church, a registered heritage property.*

42. Parish of Saint Barnabas/St. John's Church Hall – Necum Teuch – Capital Grant/Building Restoration

The St. John's Church Hall is a former one-room school house and a municipally registered heritage property. The hall is used by community members for social functions. The parish is self-sustaining through congregational offerings and donations. A capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested towards re-shingling exterior wall and insulation, and minor kitchen repairs costing a total of \$5,410. *A capital grant of \$2,500 recommended towards replacement of exterior shingles and insulation. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner for approval.*

43. S.S. Atlantic Heritage Park Society – Terence Bay – Project Grant/Marketing

The society is a registered charity that preserves the history of the sinking of the S.S. Atlantic in 1873 and provides stewardship to a burial ground, boardwalk and gazebo, and a seasonal gift shop. Operations are self-sustaining through craft and food sales, bingo, fundraising, and project-specific grants. A grant in the amount of \$1,500 requested to fund web page updates to allow for event postings, photographs and text. *A grant of \$1,377 recommended towards web site upgrades.*

44. Saint Patrick's Restoration Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Technical Study – Heritage Restoration

Incorporated in 2007, and now a registered charity, the society was created for the purpose of saving the iconic St. Patrick's Church from being sold. The owner of the church agreed to a lease/management agreement with the society conditional upon their assuming all capital and operating costs. The church has an important role in the history of local Irish immigrant settlement, notable architectural features, interior frescoes and stained glass windows. The applicant is not the owner of the property (the *Community Grants Program* does not fund leasehold improvements) but the program can assist the group in engaging professional consultants to evaluate the building's condition and prepare the technical specifications and drawings required to tender the restoration work. Specifically, the project will examine wood

damage and windows in the West elevation that would be the first phase of a capital project based on potential loss and urgency of need. A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 requested towards the cost of the preparatory project expected to be \$125,000. ***A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards professional engineering and architectural fees for a building restoration evaluation, technical specifications, and cost projections for the restoration of St. Patrick's Church, a registered heritage property. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner for technical assistance.***

45. Tangier Gold Mines Historical Society – Tangier – Project Grant/Interpretation

The society preserves the history of the village of Tangier and its historical association to the local gold mining industry of the 1860's and is self-sustained by modest fundraising. In 2001, the society erected a commemorative arch to HRH Prince Alfred's visit to the local gold mine. A grant in the amount of \$4,000 requested to fully fund way-finding signage and a replacement interpretation panel at the Prince Alfred Arch. The monument is located in a park overlooking Tangier Harbour maintained by volunteers from the society. The interpretation panel was installed in 2003 and shows signs of deterioration. ***A project grant of \$2,000 recommended for replacement interpretation panel for Prince Alfred's Arch conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.***

Tier 2

46. Old Burying Ground Foundation – Halifax – Capital Grant/Artefact Restoration

Incorporated in 1987, the Foundation raises funds and provides stewardship to the Old Burying Grounds, a national historic site, the City of Halifax's first (non-Aboriginal) burial ground. The Foundation is sustained by grants and donations. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested for two projects: the completion of restoration to the Welsford-Parker Monument, and repairs to the perimeter stone wall. The *Community Grants Program* accepts only one application per year; the two projects are discrete and related only by their shared location. Given that the monument restoration project is underway a grant towards completion of this project is recommended. The monument is a rare pre-Confederation war monument c.1860 and the total cost of the work is expected to be \$57,950. ***A capital grant of \$16,500 recommended for restoration of the Welsford-Parker Monument. Holdback pending receipt of itemized restoration quotes for the balance of work and confirmation that the project will proceed in 2013.***

47. Parish of Christ Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/ Heritage Cemetery Restoration

Christ Church was established in 1817; in 1832 the land now known as the cemetery was deeded to the church and was also known as the Old Quaker Burying Ground. Several founding and notable Dartmouth citizens are buried in this location. The church is self-sustaining through offerings, donations and investments. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards repairs to the cemetery perimeter wall bordering Victoria Road; the site is a registered heritage property. The total cost is estimated to be \$32,000-\$35,000. The wall itself is not an historic artefact but is integral to the site and its authentic reproduction or restoration is preferable to replacement with a modern system of containment. The project could be phased. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended towards authentic reproduction or repair to cemetery wall. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner for approval.***

Tier 3

48. Royal Canadian Legion: Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Interpretation

The Legion derives its income from the national and local annual *Poppy Campaign*, donations, lotto, and program fees. With the closure of the Spring Garden Memorial Library, Halifax, the Legion has collaborated with Halifax Library in creating books of remembrance to commemorate persons who lost their lives in World War I and II that are to be located in the New Central Library. A grant in the amount of \$4,495 requested to fully fund the production of a third *Memorial Book*, to commemorate those who served in the Korean War. *A project grant of \$4,000 recommended for the cost of custom binding a commemorative book of remembrance.*

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

Tier 2

49. Canadian Lebanon Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

The Society own and operate a facility that is used for a variety of activities that focus on celebrating and promoting Lebanese culture (dancing, community celebrations). The facility is also available for community use. Revenues are generated primarily from facility rentals and membership fees. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested towards the cost of facility repairs (roof windows, siding). The total project cost is estimated to be \$65,000. A site visit by staff indicated internal damage due to leaks in the roof. *A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended towards the cost of roof repairs. Holdback pending payment of tax arrears or a signed payment plan agreement with HRM.*

Note: Applicants must be in good-standing with HRM and all applications are screened for debt to the Municipality. The debt is not uncollectable and if a grant were to be awarded HRM would invoke the right of set-off to deduct any debt prior to issuing the balance. In effect, the *Community Grants Program* would be paying an applicant's debt; which is not the purpose of the program nor a permitted expenditure.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Factors taken into consideration in reviewing applicants to the Arts & Crafts sector include: restricted access to federal and provincial arts funding for non-professional or community-based arts groups, inclusion, arts facilities, emerging artists, access to a facility or equipment for non-members, and the capacity to self-fund or cost-share. Local talent development, local content, and youth participation are also a focus of municipal funding.

Tier 1

50. Dartmouth & District Pipe Band Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment: Performing Arts - Music

As a registered charity, the band promotes a traditional music form and perform at local community events throughout the region and band competitions. The group is sustained through

membership dues and fundraising. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested towards the purchase of drums to replace existing equipment that will be re-purposed for use by the junior band. The total estimated cost is \$10,000 and the band's share of costs is confirmed. As a non-professional organization, the group is ineligible for government funding that targets professional production and performance. Overall the application scored high on individual merit with a clear capacity-building component. Cost-sharing capacity confirmed. *A capital grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase of drums.*

51. Ink Storm Screen-Printing Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment: Visual & Literary Arts

The society operates a studio for professional artists and non-members to produce screen-printed materials including applied arts (zine, poster, book covers etc.). Monthly introductory classes are provided for a modest fee with an outreach program for youth. The society is largely self-funded through membership dues and fundraising. A project grant of \$1,500 requested towards the purchase of screen-printing equipment costing \$2,262.50. *A capital grant of \$1,500 recommended for printing equipment conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

52. Legacy Centre for Performing Arts Society – Halifax – Project Grant/ Facility Feasibility Study

Incorporated in 2010, the society comprises nine “residents companies” with a representative of each serving on the Board of Directors (Mocean Dance, Live Art Dance, Marie Osende Dance, Kinetic Dance, 2b Theatre Company, Zuppa Theatre Company, Eastern Front Theatre Company, One Light Theatre, and Neptune Theatre). A grant in the amount of \$10,000 requested towards professional fees for a facility feasibility study incorporating site selection and design, business plan and fundraising plan. Total costs are \$100,000 with confirmed contributions from Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage, ACOA, and a modest contribution from participating arts groups and a private donor. *A project grant of \$10,000 recommended towards professional fees for arts venue feasibility study.*

53. Nova Voce Male Choral Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Production: Performing Arts - Music

The all-male choral society performs primarily in local venues throughout the region (in 2012 venues included Cole Harbour, Musquodoboit Harbour, Halifax) and is self-sustaining through ticket sales, CD sales, and fundraising. In 2013, the society plans to record a new CD, *Christmas in Nova Scotia*, with the Halifax Honor Boys Choir. The CD will be sold mostly during concert performances by both choirs. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested towards professional production fees. *A grant in the amount of \$5,000 recommended towards professional fees.*

Note: Municipal funding of a CD is considered a non-commercial activity if the project is self-directed and sales are by volunteers with the proceeds entirely retained by the non-profit entity. In effect, such a project is a self-promotional not a commercial venture.

54. Phin Performing Arts – Halifax – Project Grant/Production: Performing Arts - Dance

Incorporated in 2010, the society is a professional arts group that combine dance with spoken word. A grant in the amount of \$2,568.62 requested towards video and printed marketing materials expected to cost \$5,137.25 for the performance of *Eureka*. *A project grant of \$2,000*

recommended towards production of marketing materials to increase the profile of local dance/multi-media company (excludes consulting fees).

**55. Pormorze Polish Dance Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment:
Performing Arts - Dance**

A registered charity, the Association performs traditional Polish dances at community events (Annual Polish Festival, Multicultural Festival, Natal Day Parade). The group is self-sustaining through ticket sales, fundraising and donations. A capital grant of \$5,000 requested to purchase a laptop computer, sound system, video camera and projection equipment (total \$6,440.52). *A grant in the amount of \$4,000 recommended for the purchase of computer and technical equipment. Holdback pending confirmation of cost-share.*

56. Saint George's Youthnet – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment: Performing Arts - Theatre

St. George's Youthnet is an outreach program of St. George's Parish and provides social and recreational activities for children and youth from lower income families in the immediate neighbourhood. The society is funded through parishioner and corporate donations. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 towards construction of puppets for a children's performance based on the local community garden. The total cost is estimated to be \$7,649 but included in-kind contributions from St. George's Parish that are not actual cash expenditures (staff, hall rental). *A project grant of \$800 recommended for fabrication of puppets (\$500) and the purchase of storage equipment (\$300) for youth art project. Refer applicant to Grants Program staff for assistance with future submissions.*

57. Secret Theatre Society – Halifax/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment: Performing Arts - Theatre

The Secret Theatre Society is a professional theatre company that specializes in project-based production and performance including theatre walks, site-specific performance, public art, and participatory audio installations. The society is supported by ticket sales and government grants. Although an established touring company, the group wishes to increase its local profile. A capital grant of \$4,577.44 requested to fully fund the purchase of a camera and software to document performances and produce promotional material. *A grant of up to \$2,000 or up to 50% of costs recommended for recording equipment purchase.*

58. Vile Passeiest Theatre – Halifax – Project Grant/Production: Performing Arts - Theatre
Incorporated in 2011, the professional theatre company is "...devoted to ending the Shakespearean monopoly on Jacobean drama by staging brilliant plays quilled by his peers". Operations are sustained by ticket sales and project-specific grants. A grant in the amount of \$3,400 requested towards staging the play *The Maid's Tragedy* at the Neptune Studio Theatre expected to cost \$36,925 including salaries and wages. *A project grant of \$1,400 recommended for venue rental.*

59. View-Point Gallery Cooperative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment: Visual Arts

Dedicated to the presentation of photo-based artwork, the gallery's on-site programming includes illustrated lectures, workshops and exhibitions. The cooperative also participates in events such

as Nocturne: Art at Night, Photopolis, Culture Days and a Working Artist Open House. A grant in the amount of \$2,300 requested for the purchase of a projector, screen, cables and mount (total costs \$2,500) to enhance capacity. *A grant in the amount of \$1,250 or up to 50% of total costs recommended conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

Tier 2

60. Halifax Theatre for Young People – Dartmouth – Project Grant/ Production: Performing Arts - Theatre

Halifax Theatre for Young People is a facility-based (non-touring) professional theatre company whose productions focus on families and youth. The company is sustained by grants supplemented by modest ticket sales. In 2013, the society will present a Christmas production *The Patron Saint of Stanley Park* at the Alderney Landing Theatre, Dartmouth. Given the association between the company and a HRM-owned venue, and the developmental stage of the company, full funding is recommended. A grant in the amount of \$2,800 requested for venue rental fee. Competitive quotes were provided. *A project grant of \$2,800 recommended for venue rental.*

61. Khyber Centre for the Arts – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment: Visual Arts

The society operates an artist-run centre in an HRM-owned building. The group is sustained by a Canada Council for the Arts core grant, room rentals, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$18,817.36 requested to fully fund the purchase stacking chairs (\$17,924.30), a projector (\$2,131.51), and portable air conditioners (\$1,261.55). The application contains several distinct elements: the recommended grant is for the purchase of a projector. Due to the physical condition of the building and possible major renovations, a month-to-month lease agreement, and HRM funding of the power bill, the request for chairs and air conditioners are not recommended for funding. *A grant in the amount of \$2,100 recommended to fully fund the purchase of projection equipment.*

62. Lake Charlotte & Area Historical Society – Lake Charlotte – Capital Grant/Equipment: Performing Arts - Music

As a registered charity, the historical society own and operate the Memory Lane Heritage Museum and is sustained primarily through a grant from Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage, sales revenue, and grants. In 2012, the society received an HRM grant of \$12,500 towards development of an exhibit and performance venue in one of the sites historic buildings, the Old Clam Factory. The site hosts several events throughout the year including the Atlantic Canada Harmonica Festival. A capital grant of \$4,583.03 requested to fully fund the purchase of a keyboard. *A capital grant of \$3,000 recommended towards the purchase of a keyboard.*

63. Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra – Halifax –Capital Grant Equipment: Equipment: Performing Arts - Music

Incorporated in 1977, the youth orchestra is a registered charity that provides instructional and performance opportunities to advanced high school, university students. Membership/tuition is \$550 per annum with bursaries available to assist lower income students. Operations are sustained by membership dues, donations, grants, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$20,000 requested to purchase percussion instruments (total cost \$23,386.39). *A capital grant of \$12,550*

recommended towards the purchase of musical instruments (vibraphone and symphony chime board).

64. Onelight Theatre Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing: Performing Arts - Theatre

A professional theatre company and Prismatic event producer/collaborator, the society is sustained by government grants (Canada Council for the Arts and Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage) and ticket sales. A grant in the amount of \$4,000 requested to purchase a video camera, color photocopier, telephone, and web site updates. The application contains several items (production equipment, office equipment, and self-promotion). Given the organization's recent move to Alderney Landing, Dartmouth, the proposed grant focuses on web site updates to assist in marketing the group's new location and contact information. *A project grant of \$2,600 recommended for professional fees to update web site.*

65. Shakespeare by the Sea Theatre Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment: Performing Arts - Theatre

The society is a professional theatre company that leases an HRM-owned facility in Point Pleasant Park for the presentation of both indoor and outdoor performances with a focus on the works of William Shakespeare and commissioned works. The society is largely self-sustaining through ticket sales and fundraising. The facility is not a custom performance venue and lacks basic technical equipment; a grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested to purchase stage lighting, laptop computer, and ancillary equipment. *A capital grant of \$2,155 recommended towards the purchase of stage lighting conditional upon confirmation of cost-share. Refer to Grants Program staff for assistance with future funding applications.*

66. Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation – Shearwater – Project Grant/Equipment: Visual Arts

The Foundation operates a community museum in a hanger leased from the Department of National Defense. The focus of the collection is military aviation and in addition to artefacts the Foundation maintains a collection of military-themed artwork. Operations are sustained by membership dues, donations and fundraising supplemented by project-specific grants. A grant in the amount of \$2,597 is requested towards a participatory arts project to be launched in relation to the 50th Anniversary of the Sea King helicopter in active service. Total costs are estimated to be \$3,778.21. The project builds upon a tradition of images or insignia applied to the fuselage of military aircraft to boost troop morale in times of war. The work was unofficial and therefore temporary, and is largely unknown or unseen by the general public. The Foundation's members maintain this tradition and wish to engage the public in creating their own digital artwork for display on-site or on-line. *A grant in the amount of \$1,950 recommended for the purchase of laptop computer and projector conditional upon confirmation of cost-share.*

67. Society for Art Presentation: Centre for Art Tapes –Capital Grant/Equipment: Visual Arts - Film/Video

The Centre is a registered charity that operates an artist-run venue offering programming that promotes the production and presentation of media arts via workshops, an artist-in-residence program, screenings and exhibitions. The organization is largely dependent upon Canada Council for the Arts core funding, grants, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$25,000 requested

to fund the purchase of video-editing, monitors, and software for a video editing and digital suite that are estimated to cost a total of \$28,627.27. *A capital grant of \$13,240 recommended towards the purchase of specialized equipment conditional upon confirmation of cost-share indicated in application.*

68. Upstream Music Association – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing: Performing Arts - Music

As a registered charity, the Association promotes improvisational jazz and related musical genres. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales and government grants. A project grant of \$2,100 requested to update the Association's web site at a total of cost of \$4,200. *A project grant of up to \$1,600 or up to 50% of total costs recommended towards the cost of web site upgrades.*

Tier 3

69. Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative – Halifax –Capital Gran/ Equipment: Performing Arts - Film

AFCOOP provides technical instruction and resources to the local film, video and media arts community. The cooperative is sustained by a Canada Council for the Arts grant, film-specific grants funding (Film NS, Telefilm), provincial grants and workshop fees. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested to purchase lighting equipment costing \$6,425.05 that will be used in workshops and leased to individual filmmakers and groups at a nominal rate. *A capital grant of \$4,000 recommended towards the purchase of LED lighting equipment.*

70. Live Art Dance Productions – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing: Performing Arts - Dance

Live Art presents professional dance performances, including touring companies, in various venues throughout HRM but primarily the James Dunn Theatre, Dalhousie University. The organization is sustained through a Canada Council for the Arts grant, Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage, and ticket sales. To raise the profile of the venue and decrease box office commissions, the society want to undertake a major re-design of their web site and Internet capacity including web-based ticket sales. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 requested to upgrade the web site (\$10,670) software installation (\$3,742), display hardware (\$180), and a banner (\$700). *A grant in the amount of \$5,000 recommended towards web site upgrade for on-line ticketing and audience tracking capacity.*

71. Neptune Theatre Foundation – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment: Performing Arts - Theatre

The Foundation is a registered charity that own and operate the Neptune Theatre complex, Halifax. Core funding is provided through the Canada Council for the Arts, Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage, HRM (tax exemption), subscriptions and ticket sales, donations and fundraising events. To increase the venue's set design capacity, the theatre proposes to purchase a video projection system at a total cost of \$41,545.17. A capital grant of \$20,545.17 requested towards equipment purchase. *A capital grant of \$20,000 recommended towards the purchase of new video projection system conditional upon confirmation of federal project-specific funding.*

Supplementary Information on Prior Funding to an Organization or Project

Table 1. 5-Year Review of Grants: 2007-2012							
Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Other*
Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative		\$4,700			\$5,000		
Black Ice Hockey Sports Hall of Fame Society					\$1,500	\$4,370	
Calvin United Church					\$5,000	\$5,000	100% tax exempt
Club 24							75% tax exempt
Dartmouth & District Pipe Band		\$5,000				\$2,000	
East Coast Environmental Law Society		\$5,000					
Greenstem Housing Cooperative					\$7,500		
Halifax Northwest Trails Association					\$4,500		HRM trails funding
Halifax Regional Search & Rescue Team			\$4,000	\$10,000			100% tax exempt
Halifax Theatre for Young People							
High Hopes Housing Cooperative			\$8,000				
Hope for Wildlife Society	\$15,000		\$18,500				
Ink Storm Screen-Printing Society				\$1,200			
Khyber Centre for the Arts							100% tax exempt
Lake Charlotte Area Historical Society	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$15,000		100% tax exempt
Live Art Dance Productions	\$4,700			\$3,600	\$5,000		
Metro Non-Profit Housing Association		\$25,000		\$2,000		\$25,000	75% and 25% tax exempt
Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions			\$3,900	\$5,000	\$4,000		Conversion
Neptune Theatre Foundation	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	100% tax exempt
Nova Voce Male Choral Society				\$3,475			
NS SPCA		\$10,000		\$12,500		\$14,680	100% tax exempt
Old Burying Ground Foundation		\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000			100% tax exempt; Parks grant
One Light Theatre Society			\$5,000	\$3,250	\$4,000		
Parish of St. Barnabas - St. John's Church Hall				\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	100% tax exempt

Table 1 Continued. 5-Year Review of Grants: 2007-2012							
Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Other*
S.S. Atlantic Heritage Park Society		\$2,500	\$3,000	\$2,000			100% tax exempt
Sackville Rivers Association	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$740	\$1,793	Rent subsidy, not taxed
Secret Theatre Society						\$2,000	
Shakespeare By The Sea		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$4,000	Rent subsidy, not taxed
Shearwater Aviation Museum	\$2,500		\$5,000	\$2,500			100% tax exempt
Centre for Art Tapes	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$12,500	
St. Georges YouthNet				\$1,500			100% tax exempt
Shelter Nova Scotia (St. Leonard's Society)					\$25,000		75% and 25% tax exempt
St. Mathews United Church					\$2,272	\$2,217	100% tax exempt
Upstream Music Association	\$1., 000				\$2,500		
View Point Gallery Cooperative Limited.						\$2,000	
W. Williams Non-Profit Housing Association of Dartmouth					\$5,000		75% tax exempt and a Conversion
William Black Memorial United Church	\$5,000		\$10,000				100% tax exempt
YWCA Halifax			\$15,000				100% tax exempt

*Tax exemption includes those exempt by legislation and discretionary exemption under HRM By-law T-200. A rent subsidy indicates a less than market value lease of an HRM-owned property and excludes discounted rental rates from other levels of government, a non-profit or private owner.

➤ **Prior Award (1998-2006) or Previous Application Declined (18)**

In alphabetical order, the following eighteen organizations have either applied to the program and were declined funding or received an award prior to 2007:

Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp; Community Care Network (Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank); Friends of the Public Gardens; Halifax Cat Rescue; Halifax Transition House Association (Bryony House); Icelandic Memorial Society of Nova Scotia; Immigrant Settlement & Integration Services; Legacy Centre for the Performing Arts; Phin Performing Arts; Pormorze Polish Dance Association; Royal Canadian Legion: Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command; Sailable Association of Nova Scotia; Sheet Harbour Rockets; St Patrick's Restoration Society; Sheet Harbour Ground Search & Rescue; Tangier Gold Mines Historical Society; Vile Passeist Theatre; Waverley Amateur Athletic Association.

➤ **New Applicants to the Program (13)**

In alphabetical order, the following thirteen organizations are new applicants to the program:

Canadian Lebanon Society; Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society; City Centre Ministries; Hammonds Plains Fire Hall & Community Centre; High Hopes Housing Cooperative; Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children; Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra; Parish of Christ Church (Dartmouth); St. Paul's Anglican Church (French Village); St. James Community Hall; Transition Bay St. Margaret's; Vajradhutu Buddhist Church; Willams Lake Conservation Company.