

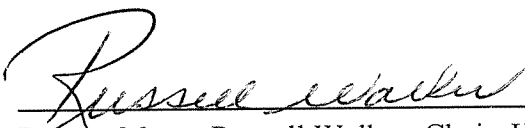
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Halifax Regional Council
June 27, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Deputy Mayor Russell Walker, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: June 15, 2006

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2006-2007: Recommended Awards**

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located within HRM. The focus of these grants is to provide modest assistance to community-based, volunteer initiatives. For the 2006-07 year, the *Community Grants Program* received 123 applications and the total value of requests was \$2,794,788.30.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve the *Community Grants Program* awards as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, for a total of 83 awards with a combined total value of \$488,851 for 2006-07.

BACKGROUND

Legislation: The Municipal Government Act (1996) gives municipalities discretionary authority to issue grants and contributions to specific categories of community endeavour. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any such grant or contribution through notice in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region (Section IV). 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.

The awards recommended by the HRM Grants Committee are detailed in **Attachment 1** of this report. Unless otherwise noted for clarity, a grant recipient is a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act administered by the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks. Organizations registered under the federal Income Tax Act have been individually identified because charitable status denotes mandatory financial reporting and conditions with respect to expenditures and reserve accounts.

Equitable Access to Opportunity: The *HRM Community Grants Program* application form and guidebook were distributed in January, 2006, and the deadline for applications was March 31st, 2006. After screening for ineligible applicants, files are distributed to inter-departmental review teams and staff recommendations presented to the HRM Grants Committee. A list of staff reviewers is provided in **Attachment 2** of this report.

Appeals: The program includes an appeal process for applicants deemed ineligible and those declined funding. Appeals are only conducted on the basis of new information or an error in fact or procedure; not the value of an award. Applicants have two (2) weeks from date of notification to submit a written appeal. If appealed by a member of Regional Council, the councillor(s) making the appeal is required to attend the next Grants Committee meeting to present the reason for the appeal. A supplementary report on appeals, if required, is presented to Regional Council by the HRM Grants Committee for approval. The program's ability to award a grant on appeal is a function of budget capacity; there is no provision for a budget over-expenditure or accrual.

DISCUSSION

- ▶ The total number of grant applications for 2006-07 was 123 for a combined total value of \$2,794,788.30. The initial review deemed 23* applications ineligible for further consideration (Information Report, May 9th, 2006) and **18** are not recommended for funding in this year. *A staff error was corrected and one (1) ineligible applicant reinstated in the review for a revised total of 22 ineligible.
- ▶ The total number of new applicants who have not previously applied to the program was 40 (33% of all applications in 2006-07). New applicants were especially notable in the Ethnocultural, Environment, and Heritage sectors. The Arts & Crafts sector continues to receive the highest number of repeat applicants seeking recurring core operational subsidies.

While the HRM Grants Committee are in agreement that the municipality needs to serve as a patron of the arts, concern was expressed regarding the appearance of providing sustaining grants to a select number of groups within the Arts & Crafts sector, and the value of these grants relative to policy

guidelines. Grants Program staff are to report to the committee in September, 2006, re: potential policy or program amendments.

- ▶ The issue of access to HRM-owned facilities or programs arose within the context of grants to recreation or social service sector applicants. The risk associated with one-time funding to core operating costs is the ability of the recipient to maintain access in the absence of public subsidy. This issue is beyond the scope of the *HRM Community Grants Program* and has been referred to HRM staff for consideration in policy and program development.
- ▶ Grants Program staff suggest that the program be reviewed during 2006-07 re: equitable access for communities of interest who may face barriers in applying to the program such as literacy, ethnocultural values, or access to resources. Does the current program's criteria and evaluation method reflect socioeconomic or socio-cultural bias?
- ▶ Changes to the program's eligibility criteria have reduced generic "grant seeking" and increased accountability for the expenditure of public funds. The program received fewer mis-directed requests regarding grants for festivals or events.
- ▶ Grants Program staff propose the review scoring method be amended for the 2007-08 program to place greater emphasis on municipal funding priorities.
- ▶ In response to the number of year-end inquiries for guidance regarding reporting for the expenditure of a grant, staff have developed a Grant Reporting Form that will be sent to all successful applicants along with their letter of notification and cheque. A sample grant reporting form is included in **Attachment 3**.

As shown below in Table 1, the total value of awards (excluding appeals) increased in 2006-07 as compared to last year but not uniformly across all categories. The variance can be explained as follows:

- Fewer capital grants to community-owned recreation facilities in 2006-07;
- A significant increase in the number of Social Support awards for daycare playgrounds;
- A capital grant of \$50,000 to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia as compared to \$25,000 in prior years: the final payment of a Capital Pledge made by the former City of Halifax.

Table 1. Year-to-Year Variance in Distribution of Funding by Sector			
Sector	2005-06 Sector as % of Total Funds Awarded	2006-07 Sector as % of Total Funds Awarded	Variance
Healthy Communities	33% (\$158,557)	26% (\$127,373)	-7% (-\$31,204)
Safe Communities	17% (\$79,241)	19% (\$95,614)	2% (\$16,373)
Cultural Communities	50% (\$235,900)	55% (\$265,864)	5% (\$29,964)
	\$476,328	\$488,851	\$12,523

Table 2. Distribution of Applications and Awards by Sector 2006-07*					
Excludes Ineligible Applicants (n 22)					
	Applications	Combined \$-Value of Applications	Awards	Combined \$-Value of Awards	% of Total Funds Awarded
Healthy Communities (\$127,373) 26%					
Environment	8	\$70,132	7	\$26,815	5%
Recreation	24	\$231,025	17	\$47,727	10%
Affordable Housing	6	\$74,967	5	\$52,831	11%
Sub-Total	38	\$376,124	29	\$127,373	26%
Safe Communities (\$95,614) 19%					
Emergency Assistance	3	\$23,800	4	\$21,160	4%
Emergency Shelters	2	\$26,715	2	\$26,715	5%
Social Supports	17	\$132,437	13	\$47,739	10%
Sub-Total	22	\$182,952	19	\$95,614	19%
Cultural Communities (\$265,864) 55%					
Heritage	15	\$165,269	13	\$96,875	18%
Arts & Crafts	19	\$230,997	16	\$145,550	30%
Ethnocultural	7	\$34,939	6	\$23,439	5%
Sub-Total	41	\$431,205	33	\$265,864	55%
TOTAL	101	\$990,281	83	\$488,851	100%

+ 22 ineligible applications (\$1,804,383.30) and 18 declined for a total of 123 (\$2,794,788.30).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommended awards conform to the proposed program budget for 2006-07 of \$503,700. If approved, the awards total \$488,851 leaving a modest balance for 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.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Regional Council could overturn a recommendation, amend the value of an award, or refer a specific case back to the Grants Committee for further review.

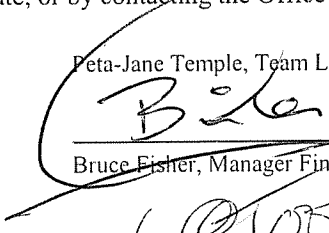
This action is not recommended: Applications are reviewed on their respective merit and relative to other applicants in the same funding sector according to criteria and priorities set out in the HRM Community Grants Program Guidebook 2006-07. In the event of an appeal, the applicant has two weeks from date of notification to provide additional information or proof of a breach of policy or procedure.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Recommended Grants by Sector, 2006-07.
2. Staff Review Team Members, 2006-07.
3. Grant Reporting Form

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment 1

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Jim Donovan	Project Manager, Economic Development Strategy
Susan Ivany	Counsellor, Victim Services (Police)
Betty Lou Killen	Project Manager, Commonwealth Games 2014
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Barbara Nehiley	Policy Analyst, Planning & Development
Bill Plaskett	Heritage Planner, Heritage & Culture
Holly Richardson	Coordinator, Heritage & Culture
Kent Ritchie	Accommodations Officer, Real Estate
Peta-Jane Temple	Team Lead, Tax, Grants & Special Projects
Kasia Tota	Housing Researcher, Regional Planning Project

Attachment 2.

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2006-2007

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

ENVIRONMENT

Tier I

1. Hope for Wildlife Society - Seaforth - Protection (Wildlife)

This organization was founded in 1997 and formerly operated under the name of the Eastern Shore Wildlife Rehabilitation & Rescue Centre. The society rehabilitates wildlife and promotes education and research. The group operates a licensed facility supported by ~70 volunteers. Revenues are primarily from donations. In 2005, an existing white-tail deer rehabilitation-for-release program in Shubenacadie Park had to be closed due to the potential for disease transmission from captive deer. The Department of Natural Resources has approved the Seaforth operation as an alternate site. By law, an abandoned deer cannot be released if it comes into contact with humans and must be euthanised; the society must therefore provide a deer enclosure shielded from public access. A grant of \$4,370 has been requested for the purchase of remote web cameras so deer can be observed without interference. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,370 towards the purchase and installation of web camera system for deer rehabilitation program.**

2. McIntosh Run Watershed Association - Spryfield/Herring Cove - Protection (Water)

The Association's aim is to protect the ecological integrity of the McIntosh Run, a river that flows out of Long Lake through Spryfield to Herring Cove. The group requested a grant of \$22,485.21 for interpretive signage, water testing analysis, and the purchase of water monitoring equipment. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,600 for water testing analysis and equipment. Funding conditional upon sharing test results with HRM staff.**

3. Sackville Rivers Association - Sackville - Protection (Water)

The Sackville Rivers Association provides community stewardship in river restoration, fish habitat preservation, and trails development. Revenues are primarily from federal and provincial grants, foundations, and fundraising. A one-time grant of \$6,514 requested for computer purchase, restoration of structures, and brochure production. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards equipment purchases and the development of an information brochure.**

4. Saint Mary's University: Community-Based Monitoring Network - Halifax - Capacity Building

The Community-Based Monitoring Network operates under the auspices of the department of Geography, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, but has independent non-profit status. The goal of the organization is ecological and environmental education for the general public through local stewardship groups. A grant of \$4,500 requested for the purchase of water monitoring equipment for the *Environmental Stewardship Equipment Bank*, an equipment loan program at no cost to users. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,500 towards the purchase of technical equipment for loan to community groups.**

5. Springfield Lake Watch - Sackville- Protection (Water)

Established in 2004, the Springfield Lake Watch monitors the status of Springfield Lake, Fenerty Lake, and related watershed areas. The group is funded primarily through grants. A grant of \$3,850 has been requested towards the purchase of a laptop computer, water testing analysis, and repairs to water flow regulation structures. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,450 for water analysis and repairs to water flow control structures. Funding conditional upon sharing test results with HRM staff.**

6. Sable Island Preservation Trust - Sable Island- Protection (Ecological)

Established in 1997, the Sable Island Preservation Trust is a federally registered Canadian charity whose mandate is the management and protection of Sable Island and surrounding marine environment. The Trust's revenues are primarily federal and provincial environment grants supplemented by volunteer fundraising. Sable Island is one of fourteen (14) sites identified by Environment Canada in the *Atlantic Coastal Action Program*; a community-based initiative whereby local volunteers help restore and sustain watershed and coastal areas. A grant of \$1,000 was requested for the printing of a revised information brochure publicizing the mandate of the Trust and its conservation programs. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$895 towards printing of a promotional brochure.**

Tier III

7. Ecology Action Centre - Halifax- Capital Grant/Protection (Water)

The Ecology Action Centre is a federally registered Canadian charity. The organization's programming covers an array of environmental issues including coastal protection, energy conservation, ecological agriculture, bio-diversity, transportation, and urban design. The group's primary source of revenues is membership sales and fundraising. In 2005, the group purchased a property in urban Halifax that will serve as a demonstration site for resource conservation. A request for \$5,268.47 towards a stormwater collection system (for on-site non-potable use) and "Grass Stone" that decreases rainwater runoff from parking areas typically surfaced with asphalt. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 towards the installation of a rainwater diversion system. Request that an evaluation report be forwarded to HRM Real Estate for consideration in future municipal property design and operations.**

RECREATION

Tier I

8. 4H Club of Canada: Halifax/East Hants Club - Middle Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Community Facility

The Nova Scotia 4H Council is a federally registered Canadian charity. The organization's programs target rural youth and young adults aged 8-21 years of age. The Halifax/East Hants Club owns a 40-year old barn located on the County Exhibition Grounds; the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society own the property and support the club's on-site activities. The barn requires roof repairs at an estimated cost of \$15,840.25. A grant of \$2,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$2,000 towards repairs to barn.**

9. Citadel Amateur Boxing Club - Sackville - Sport/Youth

The Citadel Boxing Club provides instructional and competitive boxing programs for youth and adults.

The club's revenues are primarily from bingo, boxing shows, and donations. The club has requested a grant of \$5,000 for equipment. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,200 towards the purchase of sports equipment.**

10. Halifax Area Leisure and Therapeutic Riding Association - Halifax - Disabled/Youth

HALTR provides supervised opportunities for physically challenged children and youth to experience horse riding or pony rides. Revenues are primarily from student fees and grants but the association is heavily subsidized by the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers who provide access to facilities, equipment loan, and horses. The association is entirely volunteer and the special needs of students requires a high volunteer to rider ratio (3:1). This type of program cannot be offered by HRM Community Recreation. A grant of \$2,003 requested towards equipment rentals, participant assessments, and administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,350 towards provision of a riding program for disabled children and youth.**

11. Seaforth Community Society - Seaforth - Capital Grant/Community Centre

The Seaforth Community Society own and operate the local community centre. To date, revenues have been primarily self-generated through social functions, instructional classes, and non-recurring rentals. Presently, all programming must take place indoors; the centre plan to build an exterior deck with wheelchair ramp to expand programming and enhance access for disabled persons. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,350 towards construction of a deck and wheelchair ramp for community centre access and outdoor programming.**

12. Spryfield Boys & Girls Club - Spryfield - Youth

The club is a federally registered Canadian charity whose primary focus is recreational and educational programming for children and youth 5-15 years of age from lower income families. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, the provincial government, and program fees. The club plans to expand its *Girls Night* program to include younger children and those not interested in "athletic" recreational pursuits. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for games equipment and nutrition. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards the purchase of exercise equipment for development of a *Girls Night* Program. Refer to staff for assistance with future funding proposals.**

13. Tangier Deanery Camp Association - Lower Ship Harbour - Capital Grant/ Recreation Facility

The Association is a federally registered Canadian charity operating under the auspices of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and supported through donations from parish and church groups throughout the region (Dartmouth, French Village, Hubbards, Spryfield, and Halifax), rental revenues, grants and fundraising. The camp site has two buildings and is used primarily by church youth groups, rentals to community youth groups, and private parties. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested for building upgrades, including siding, window and door replacement, installation of a fire alarm, and walking trail. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$3,000 towards fire alarm system.**

14. St. Margaret's Bay Community Hall & Legion - Seabright - Capital Grant/Community Facility

The St. Margaret's community hall is owned and operated by the Legion, Branch # , and made available to local groups at no cost or for a nominal contribution. On-site water quality testing has indicated a need to install a water filtration system at an estimated cost of \$2,891. A capital grant of \$5,000 has been requested. HRM staff have confirmed that the community hall is a potential emergency evacuation location. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$2,891 for the purchase of a reverse osmosis unit**

for water purification. Refer to recreation staff for assistance with future funding proposals.

15. Upper Musquodoboit Community Association - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Community Centre

The Upper Musquodoboit Community Association owns and operates the local community hall. The organization is fully self-sustaining through fundraising and events. The surrounding community has an aging population and many seniors attending social and recreational programs are experiencing difficulty with the stairs and washroom access. A grant of \$2,731.40 has been requested towards the cost of building materials; volunteers will donate the labour to build an accessible washroom, including donated electrical and plumbing services to code. **Recommend a capital grant of \$2,732 for building materials for community hall accessibility.**

Tier II

16. Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp - Mooseland - Capital Grant/ Recreation Facility

The Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp is owned and operated by the United Church of Canada, a federally registered Canadian charity. Located in the Musquodoboit Valley, the 560 acre camp site hosts summer camps for children and youth some of whom are sponsored by social service and child care agencies. Revenues are primarily from camp registrations, rentals, the United Church of Canada, and grants. A grant of \$15,000 has been requested towards renovations to the camp lodge. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 towards mould removal, purchase and installation of a humidifier, and insulation of hot water pipes for energy efficiency.**

17. Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre - Beaver Bank - Youth

The Beaver Bank Kinsac Community centre is owned by HRM and operated under a facility management agreement by a local volunteer group. The facility is subsidized through an area rate (capital debt retirement and utilities). A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of games equipment and craft supplies. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for the purchase of games equipment. Refer to staff for assistance with future funding proposals.**

18. Hubbards Yacht Club - Hubbards - Sport/Youth

The club provides learn to sail, water safety, and competitive sailing for children and youth 8 to 18 years of age primarily living in the Saint Margaret's Bay to Hubbard's area. The club's revenues are from sailing program fees, memberships and fundraising. The club has requested a grant of \$5,000 towards the cost of buying two (second-hand) boats. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 towards boat purchase for junior sailing program.**

19. Nova Scotia Sea School - Halifax - Youth

The Nova Scotia Sea School is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides adventure-based programming in boat building and sailing for youth 14-18 years of age. The Sea School Program is included in the public school system with bursary support for lower income participants. A grant of \$4,985 requested for boat repairs, safety equipment, and a laptop computer. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,185 for the purchase of safety equipment.**

20. Sack-A-Wa Canoe Club - Lower Sackville - Capital Grant/Recreation Facility

The Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club provides seasonal canoe and kayak recreational and instructional programs for youth and adults. The club plans to build a new boat house closer to the lakeshore, retrofit the existing clubhouse washrooms, and purchase additional boats. Total project budget estimated to be \$75,322 over three years. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$6,000 for washroom upgrades.**

21. Scouts Canada - Fall River - Capital Grant/Recreation Facility

Scouts Canada is a federally registered Canadian charity that owns and operates Camp Lone Cloud located on Miller Lake. The camp site is used by local Scout troops throughout the region with occasional rentals to Girl Guide and school groups. A grant of \$5,000 requested for replacement of dock. **Recommend a grant of \$2,500 for construction materials for dock replacement. Conditional upon confirmation of applicant cost-share.**

22. Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club - Dartmouth - Youth

The club is a federally registered Canadian charity whose primary focus is recreational and social programming for children and youth from lower income families. Revenues are primarily from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, federal grants, and program fees. The club operates a preschool whose focus is on language development and play. The club has requested a grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of art and craft supplies, toys, and literacy materials for the preschool program. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,232 towards games equipment and literacy materials for *After School Program*. Refer to staff for assistance with future funding proposals.**

23. East Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club - East Dartmouth - Youth

The club is federally registered Canadian charity whose primary focus is recreational and social programming for children and youth from lower income families. Revenues are primarily from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, federal government grants, and program fees. Programming includes day and evening instructional and leisure programs, and a summer camp for children 5 - 16 years of age. The club plans to expand their evening ball hockey league and add an additional sports day camp during the summer season. A grant of \$10,000 has been requested for equipment, materials, and facility rental fees. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,600 towards facility rentals and equipment purchase for expansion of ball hockey league and summer day camp program in 2006. Refer to staff for assistance with future funding proposals.**

24. Oakwood Terrace Foundation - Dartmouth - Seniors

Oakwood Terrace is a federally registered Canadian charity who own and operate a seniors nursing home. Revenues are from accommodation fees. The facility operates an Adult Day Program for seniors who cannot be left unattended by their caregiver. The program includes leisure activities and outings. The Foundation has requested a grant of \$1,687 towards the development of a *Computer Club* for Day Program participants and permanent residents. The goal is to provide access to information and free email. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,687 for the purchase of a computer for development of a *Seniors Computer Club*.**

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Tier I

25. Supportive Housing for Young Mothers - Dartmouth - Supportive Housing

The aim of SHYM is to address issues of affordable housing for young mothers. The group has formed links to community partners such as the United Way of Halifax Region, IWK Children's Hospital, YWCA, and the Alexandra Children's Centre. In 2004-05, a multi-year developmental grant was awarded to assist in the development of a capital funding proposal under the federal affordable housing initiative. **Recommend a developmental grant of \$5,000 as per agreement. Reporting received. Final year of funding.**

Tier II

26. Canadian Mental Health Association: Nova Scotia Division - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Supportive Housing

The Canadian Mental Health Association is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides client advocacy, public education, and social support programs for persons experiencing mental illness and their caregivers. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, government grants, foundations, and fundraising. A grant of \$25,000 has been requested towards the development of 30-unit mixed housing complex for mental health consumers. Application has been made to the federal government for capital funding and to the provincial government for operating assistance. The proposed location is a former gas station and "brownfield" site identified in the [HRM Regional Plan](#), therefore stringent assessment is required to detect and rehabilitate site contamination. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$15,965 towards completion of environmental assessment and community consultation regarding facility development. Conditional upon confirmation of federal capital funding.**

27. Habitat for Humanity: Halifax/Dartmouth Branch - Capital Grant/Affordable Housing

Habitat for Humanity is a federally registered Canadian charity that creates affordable home ownership for first time, lower income families. The organization is essentially self-funding with the revenues from the sale of properties re-invested in new construction supplemented by corporate donations, government grants, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested towards the purchase of a cube van for a *Restore* outlet; a project that generates revenues through the sale of new and used building materials. In addition to supporting the development of affordable housing in HRM, the project complements municipal environmental initiatives in recycling and the diversion of solid waste from landfills. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$15,000 towards the purchase of a van for the *Restore Program*. Conditional upon confirmation of applicant cost-share.**

Tier III

28. Dalhousie University: Dalhousie Legal Aid Service - Halifax - Advocacy

Dalhousie Legal Aid Service is a community-based service sponsored by Dalhousie University, Faculty of Law, Nova Scotia Barristers Society, Nova Scotia Law Association, Law Foundation of NS, and donations. A grant of \$4,866 has been requested towards the purchase of office equipment and furniture for the *Tenants Rights Project*; a legal literacy program established in 2004 and staffed entirely by volunteer law students from Dalhousie. The program provides information and workshops for tenants advising them of their rights and obligations under the [Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Act](#) and

includes drop-in sessions (Halifax and Dartmouth) information workshops for community organizations serving “at risk” populations, and a telephone information line (50 clients in first 3 months of operation). The service does not provide legal advice or representation but enables disenfranchised persons to represent their own interests or access government and community-based support. The program complements HRM’s Minimum Standards By-law. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,866 towards the purchase of office equipment in support of the *Tenants Rights Project*.**

29. Saint Leonard’s Society of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Capital Grant/Supportive Housing

The St. Leonard’s Society is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides residential facilities for persons in conflict with the law (eg. probationary, supervised release, post incarceration) and emergency shelter (Barry House for women and Pendleton Place a cold-weather shelter). The society’s primary revenues are largely federal and provincial operating subsidies: Correctional Services Canada and Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. A grant of \$13,000 requested towards roof repairs to Sir Sandford Flemming House, a registered heritage property located on Brunswick Street, Halifax. The property is an 18-bed residence for male offenders. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$12,350 for roof repairs.**

SAFE COMMUNITIES

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier II

30. Chebucto Links Seniors Support Association - Seniors

Chebucto Links is a federally registered Canadian charity whose programs and services encourage older adults to maintain independence in the community. The association is supported through a core operating grant from Nova Scotia Department of Health. The organization participates in the *Vial of Life Program*: a kit containing a vial in which key health information is kept in case of an emergency, the vial is placed in the refrigerator and a sticker placed in a visible location for emergency personnel to locate. The association has worked with the VON, Nova Scotia Seniors Secretariat, and RCMP to create a standardized version of the kit which is free to clients of all ages. These changes require new printed materials. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 towards printing revised *Vial of Life Program materials*.**

31. Deafness Advocacy Association of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Disabled

The Deafness Advocacy Association of Nova Scotia is a federally registered Canadian charity and serves as an umbrella advocacy association for sixteen deaf and hard of hearing associations across the province. The association’s revenues are primarily from a United Way grant, Nova Scotia Community Services, membership fees and donations. Over the past two years the organization has worked with government and community non-profit partners in the development of an information guide to emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities. A printed brochure will be produced but there is a need to make the information available visually for persons with visual limitations or low literacy using American Sign Language. The group has also identified a need for TTY access in emergency shelters in HRM for hearing impaired clients. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards equipment purchase and video production. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards TTY equipment purchase and ASL emergency preparedness video. Conditional: final reporting to include copy of notification to**

emergency shelters in HRM re: availability of TTY equipment loan.

32. Marine Drive Community Centre Association - Head of Jeddore - Capital Grant/Community Facility

The Association own and operate the Centre by the Sea facility which houses a volunteer food bank, educational programs (literacy, academic upgrading, computer access), employment support, meetings, and social events. Revenues are primarily federal government grants and rental income. The Association has requested a capital grant of \$18,000. In 2005-06, a grant of \$4,000 was awarded under the Social Supports sector towards the cost of a building condition report which indicated that the building was in good condition but required interior (\$14,200) and exterior (\$19,350) accessibility upgrades such as grading, ramps, signage, and lighting. A capital grant of \$18,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$2,660 for removal of asbestos tile, water heater replacement, and security alarm. Refer to staff for assistance with future funding proposals.**

Tier III

33. Community Care Network Society - Halifax - Food Bank

The Community Care Network is a federally registered Canadian charity that operates a food bank, household furnishings program, CAP site, and educational/training facility for low income individuals and families. In 2003-04, a multi-year capital grant was awarded for the purchase of two properties on Maynard Street, Halifax. Funding conditional upon approval of project business plan by HRM Grants Committee for sustainability. **Recommend a grant of \$12,500 as per multi-year agreement. Hold-back pending progress report.**

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Tier II

34. Adsum Association for Women & Children - Halifax - Capital Grant/Emergency Shelter

Adsum Association for Women & Children is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides emergency shelter and second-stage housing for women and their children leaving domestic abuse. The majority of operating revenues are from provincial per diem rates from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, government grants, and fundraising. The property located on Brunswick Street, Halifax, is trying to extend services to homeless female youth who cannot access shelters because they have pets. The association plans to build six on-site kennels plus storage shed. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$3,280 towards the construction of on-site kennels and purchase of a storage shed for local women's shelter.**

35. Salvation Army - Halifax - Capital Grant/Emergency Shelter

The Salvation Army is a federally registered Canadian charity. The society own and operate the Booth Centre, Gottingen Street, Halifax, a men's emergency overnight shelter that provides addictions support services and social programs. Operating revenues are primarily from Red Shield Campaign donations, rehabilitation service fees, and rental income. The facility is located in the HRM Capital District, therefore property improvements that enhance the streetscape supplement HRM's interests in the area. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$23,435 towards upgrades to the facility's entrance and signage. Conditional upon HRM Right of Way approval. Refer to HRM Capital District staff for**

assistance with design and service providers.

SOCIAL SUPPORTS

Tier I

36. Gerald Hardy Memorial Society - Sheet Harbour - Disabled

The Gerald Hardy Memorial Society offers life skills and social programs for adults with intellectual disabilities and serves the entire Eastern Shore where few structured programs are available. The society is funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, donations from local service clubs, and fundraising. A grant of \$932 has been requested towards the purchase of equipment for a program whereby clients manufacture and sell sewn goods (environmentally friendly shopping bags, aprons, quilts etc). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$932 for equipment purchase in support of adult day program.**

37. Mulgrave Park Tenants Association - Halifax - Advocacy

Mulgrave Park Tenants Association provides a children's breakfast program, CAP site, food bank, tutoring and recreational classes for ~43 lower income individuals and families. The association receives a modest core operating grant and use of an apartment (office) at no cost from the Metropolitan Housing Authority. Programming is provided by volunteers: there are no permanent paid staff. Presently, there are not enough tables and chairs for group activities and office equipment is needed to provide access for lower income clients and program promotion (event flyers, resumes, letters etc). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,307 towards the purchase of office equipment.**

38. Parents & Children Together Family Resource Centre - Cole Harbour - Child Care

The Family Resource Centre is sustained by a core operating grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. Presently, the group rents a facility but aim to raise sufficient funding to acquire a property. A grant of \$10,000 has been requested for the production of capital campaign materials (\$2,000) and a donation (\$8,000) to "kick start" the campaign. The *HRM Community Grants Program* does not fund fundraising but can support the efforts of volunteers in seeking public and private sector support. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards the production of capital campaign marketing materials. Hold-back pending confirmation of detailed campaign plan for 2006-07.**

Tier II

39. Bayers Westwood Daycare Society - Halifax - Capital Grant/Child Care

The Bayers Westwood Daycare Society provides child care service to ~355 predominantly lower income families of whom ~80% are single parents. The Metropolitan Housing Authority has donated the use of an apartment at no cost and the daycare receives core operating funds from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. A capital grant of \$3,500 has been requested for playground upgrades (landscaping and equipment). **Recommend a one-time grant \$2,000 towards the purchase of playground equipment.**

40. Dartmouth Literacy Network Society - Dartmouth - Literacy

The Dartmouth Literacy Network is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides one-to-one literacy tutoring for adults (~120) in the Dartmouth area who not enrolled in the public school system. The tutors are community volunteers. The society's revenues are from grants and their annual fundraising event *Word for Word*. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of resource materials in basic reading and math. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards purchase of resource materials. Conditional: staff to issue notice that HRM Community Grants Program does not fund recurring core operating costs.**

HRM Grants Committee asked staff to investigate the role of Halifax Regional Library in literacy support to establish the municipality's role and a potential partnership in this area of adult programming.

41. Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Inclusion

The Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia is a federally registered Canadian charity sustained primarily by a grant for the Nova Scotia Department of Health that provides client support and public education. A grant of \$4,200 requested for office computer and outreach projection equipment for public presentations. The aim of the outreach presentation is to reduce the stigma association with epilepsy. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 towards equipment purchase for public awareness program.**

42. Fairview United Church Parent N Tot Meeting Place - Halifax - Capital Grant/Child Care

The Parent N' Tot Meeting Place, a federally registered Canadian charity, is a long-standing program of the Fairview United Church and serves an average of ~170 clients. The program is supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the United church, and grants. A grant of \$2,000 requested towards replacement of concrete floor in children's program area and interior painting. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$2,000 towards floor refinishing and interior painting. Conditional upon proof of property owner's approval.**

43. Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre - Halifax - Capital Grant/Community Centre

The Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre is a registered non-profit organization that rents St. Mark's Church Community Centre, Halifax. The centre runs a food bank, social programs for seniors, and recreation programs for children and youth. The property also contains a non-profit daycare. A capital grant of \$15,000 has been requested towards the installation of a lift to access the lower floor kitchen and multi-purpose room used for community feeding and recreational programs. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$10,000 towards the purchase and installation of a chair lift for community centre.**

44. Halifax Association for Community Living - Halifax - Disabled/Child Care

The Association is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides educational supports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities or mental health disorders, and their caregivers. Core operating funding is provided by the provincial government supplemented by preschool fees and grants. A grant of \$25,000 has been requested for the purchase of resources for the resource library serving families and staff (eg. reports, manuals, and videos) and the purchase adaptive learning materials and equipment. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards the purchase of assistive communication devices for children's literacy program. Refer to staff for assistance with future funding proposals.**

45. Reachability Association - Halifax - Disabled

The Association is a federally registered Canadian charity with core operational funding from the federal and provincial governments. The association provides advocacy and training for disabled persons, information and referrals. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards the development of a money management workshop for disabled adults to address the distinct financial issues faced by the disabled community (tax, credit, loans etc). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 towards printing of workshop materials. Conditional upon confirmation of project launch.**

Tier III

46. Progress Centre for Early Intervention - Halifax - Capital Grant/Child Care/Disabled

The Progress Centre for Early Intervention is federally registered Canadian charity that provides resources and outreach programs for infants and young children with developmental disabilities. Core operating funding is provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and the local chapter of the Progress Club of Canada. Presently, the centre serves ~150 families most of whom live in HRM. In 2005, a playground was constructed through a grant from Ronald McDonald Foundation; a grant of \$4,546.98 has been requested for the purchase of specialized equipment. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$2,000 for specialized playground apparatus.**

47. Wee Care Developmental Centre - Halifax - Capital Grant/Disabled/Child Care

The Wee Care Developmental Centre is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides day care for ~58 children with special needs. The centre's revenues are primarily from fees and Nova Scotia Department of Community Services subsidies, donations, and grants. A grant has been requested for \$10,000 towards the construction of a new toddler play area and upgrades to the existing playground for children with mobility challenges. The playground is also made available to the Veith House preschool. The total estimated project budget is \$145,000 and the centre has sought assistance from a variety of foundations and the Government of Nova Scotia. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$10,000 for construction of equipment for playground enhancement project.**

48. St. Joseph's Children's Centre - Halifax - Capital Grant/Child Care

The St. Joseph's Children's Centre is a federally registered Canadian charity that operates five day cares throughout the Halifax area. Core operating funds are provided through the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and client fees. The program located in the former St. Alexandra School, Brunswick Street, uses land owned by HRM for a playground. The centre would like to upgrade the playground by replacing the surface with a safe and durable product, landscaping, new play equipment, and repairs to fencing. The playground is open to the general public. A capital grant of \$10,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$4,000 towards playground equipment purchase. Conditional: hold-back pending confirmation of a lease agreement between HRM and St. Joseph's Children's Centre.**

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

HERITAGE

Tier I

49. Lake Charlotte Heritage Society Lake Charlotte - Capital Grant /Historical Attraction

The Lake Charlotte Heritage Society own and operate the Memory Lane Heritage Village. This historical attraction depicts rural life in the 1940-50's and includes authentic and reproduction buildings, artifacts, and the Lake Charlotte & Area Genealogical Archives and Community Photographic Archives. In 2004-05, the society was awarded a multi-year capital grant of \$10,000 x 4 years. In 2002, the site was awarded the title of Best New Attraction in Nova Scotia by the Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia and in 2004 the site was designated a municipal heritage site. **Recommend a grant of \$10,000 as per multi-year agreement. Reporting received. Final year of funding.**

50. Hubbards Heritage Society - Hubbards - Public Education

The Hubbards Heritage Society is a federally registered Canadian charity whose focus is the preservation of the local community's history. The society has gathered documents, photographs, and artifacts that need to be scanned and catalogued on a database. A grant of \$4,500 has been requested to hire a person with computer expertise to develop a database and input material. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,500 for computerized collection management. Conditional: staff recommend use of the *Passages Project* database format for consistency with provincial Community Museums Program.**

51. Moose River Gold Mines Museum Society - Moose River - Public Education

The Moose River Museum is a former one-room schoolhouse located in the small rural village of Moose River. The population of the village has diminished to a few residential homes most owned by elderly long-term residents but the surrounding community has lent its support to maintaining the museum and its' modest collection of artifacts and materials related to the community's settlement in association with gold mining. Funding is primarily from government grants and local residents fundraising. With the resumption of mining operations by private business, the village will cease to exist in its present form. The mining company has agreed to re-locate the museum to an interpretation platform they are creating outside the current provincial park. Faced with the displacement of the village, the society wants to create an interpretation panel featuring the village history to add to an interpretation kiosk previously funded by HRM and the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism & Culture. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,200 towards interpretation panel depicting the historical development of the village of Moose River.**

52. Tangier Gold Mine Historical Society - Tangier - Public Education

The Tangier Gold Mine Historical Society preserves the history of Tangier's development during the gold rush of the 1860's. The society has worked cooperatively with the Lake Charlotte Archives to conserve documents and records related to the village's settlement and history. Revenues are primarily from memberships and fundraising. The group plan to publish the manuscript *Tangier: Birth of a Village* to increase awareness of the area's local history. A grant of \$1,000 has been requested towards printing. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 towards publishing *Tangier: Birth of a Village*.**

53. Porters Lake & Myra Road Wilderness Area Association - Porters Lake - Capital Grant/ Interpretation Centre

The Porters Lake & Myra Road Wilderness Area Association is a federally registered Canadian charity that works to preserve local wilderness and the area's social heritage. The association's primary source of funding is fundraising and occasional government grants. In 1996, the group acquired ownership of the Old Wilderness Heritage Centre located in **Porters Lake**. The centre distributes maps and information to residents and visitors, and displays local natural and community history. The building is 80 years old and needs repairs and exterior painting. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$8,000 towards roof repairs to the Old Hall Wilderness Heritage Centre.**

54. Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum - Halifax - Public Education

The museum is a federally registered Canadian charity that houses a collection of artifacts and documentation to preserve the history of commercial and military aviation in Atlantic Canada. Revenues are primarily from admission fees, gift shop sales, and grants. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the construction of display cabinets and shelving. The total estimated cost of materials is \$4,676 and volunteers will construct the cabinetry. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,675 for display cabinet construction.**

55. Friends of St. James Parish - Spry Bay - Capital Grant/Building

St. James United Church (c.1782) is a registered heritage property built by members of the local fishing community. The Friends of St. James Church Heritage Society is a non-denominational federally registered charity formed for the purpose of preserving the building and its historical association to the settlement of Spry Bay. The society is funded through membership dues and fundraising. In 2005, the society accessed the volunteer services of an architect to assess the integrity of the building and the merit of restoration. The report indicates restoration is feasible. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 towards roof repairs.**

Tier II

56. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society - Building Preservation

The Cole Harbour Heritage Farm is a collection of buildings and artifacts preserving the occupational history of farming and rural lifestyles. Several of the outbuildings on site are registered heritage properties. Revenues are primarily from government grants, team room and gift shop sales, and fundraising. The society need to develop a conservation plan for the site and assess the capital investment required over a multi-year program. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards a building condition and conservation report.**

57. Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation - Eastern Passage - Public Education

The Shearwater Aviation Museum is a federally registered Canadian charity that preserves military aviation history. Revenues are primarily from association memberships, donations, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards the construction of display stanchions to protect artifacts and the public. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for display safety.**

58. Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame - Halifax - Public Education

The Nova Scotia Sports Hall of fame is a federally registered Canadian charity whose collection features sports memorabilia and artifacts featuring local teams, athletes, coaches, officials, and sport organizations. The operation of the centre is funded primarily from bingo proceeds, fundraising, and a provincial operating grant. In 2005, the collection moved to the HRM-owned Metro Centre, Halifax, and have requested a \$25,000 capital grant for audio-visual upgrades. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$15,000 towards audio-visual equipment for interactive displays.**

Tier III

59. Parish of St. George - Halifax - Heritage Protection

St. George's United Church, Brunswick Street, Halifax, is a municipally registered heritage property and includes the famous St. George's "Round Church", manse, and church hall. A grant has been requested towards a building condition and conservation report on the church hall. The congregation have conducted an assessment of the space required for congregational and community activities and conclude that the building is larger than required. The hall has an addition which if removed could reduce facility operating costs. The congregation must assess the comparative cost of demolition and new construction versus conservation of the original hall structure (~8,000 sq.ft). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$7,500 towards a building condition and conservation report for St. George's church hall to assess the feasibility of conservation. Conditional upon applicant cost-share. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.**

60. Presbyterian Church of St. David - Halifax - Capital Grant/Building Preservation

The Presbyterian Church of St. David is a federally registered Canadian charity. The church is a municipally registered heritage property (c. 1869) and a prominent landmark building on Brunswick Street, Halifax. Based on a 2002 building condition report by McFawn & Rogers Architects, the trustees have undertaken a phased five-year restoration plan that includes structural repairs and restoration, code compliance, and upgrades to electrical and mechanical systems. The congregation has invested approximately \$600,000 over the past four years and in 2006-07 the final phase will address repairs to exterior brick walls to prevent further water damage. The total estimated cost of the exterior wall restoration is \$160,000. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$25,000 towards structural repairs to exterior walls. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.**

61. Woodland United Church - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Building Preservation

The Woodlawn United Church is a federally registered Canadian charity. The church is a municipally registered heritage building (c. 1884). Revenues are primarily from congregational donations and collections. The building requires window repairs due to wood rot, exterior painting, and the replacement of an exterior door. The estimated budget for the project is \$17,500 and the church has requested a grant of \$8,100. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$7,500 towards replacement of repairs to gothic windows. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.**

ETHNOCULTURAL

Tier I

62. AIESEC: Halifax - Halifax - Outreach

AIESEC is an international exchange program that places university students in local, national, and international work internships. The local chapter was formed in the 1960's and is supported by the main office in Toronto, membership dues, business donations, and an in-kind donation of office space from St. Mary's University. A grant of \$2,500 has been requested for the purchase of a laptop computer and projector for use in presentations to local business, student groups, and events. The cost exceeds the very modest revenues collected by the organization. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for purchase of laptop computer and projector for promotion of the *Global Internship Program*.**

63. Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church - Clayton Park - Outreach/Youth

Formed in 2004, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Halifax, is a registered non-profit organization and has a modest congregation of 45 members, most from the Ethiopian immigrant community. The church relies upon donations from its membership and has access to Saint Menia Orthodox Church for programming. The Tewahido Church has established a weekly "learning group" for youth that promotes an understanding of Ethiopian culture and its relationship to other cultural groups. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards expansion of the youth group program and production of a self-promotional brochure. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 for the purchase of video equipment and production of promotional materials (excludes wages). Conditional: progress payments based on program reporting.**

64. Halifax West Community Theatre Association - Clayton Park - Capital Grant/Facility

The Halifax West Community Theatre Association is a registered non-profit organization that operates TheatreHalifax, a facility annexed to the new Halifax West High School. The theatre's operating revenues are from rentals and fundraising. The theatre is located within a community with a significant number of residents from a wide variety of ethnocultural origin. A capital grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards fees for landscape design to maximize use of the existing courtyards, and multi-lingual signage design and installation. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for design fees and exterior multi-lingual signage. Conditional: inclusion of diverse ethnocultural representation in design process.**

65. Korean Association of Nova Scotia - Clayton Park - Capital Grant/Facility

The Korean Association of Nova Scotia is a federally registered Canadian charity that preserves and promotes Korean culture, including an annual Korean Festival. The organization is self-funded through membership dues and donations. HRM Parks has approved the development of a portion of Stratford Way Park, Clayton Park, as a memorial garden to honour Canadians who served in the Korean War and a location for visitors from Korea. The association propose landscaping the site, installation of a Korean-style gazebo, outdoor lighting, park furniture, and commemorative plaques. The total estimated total cost for the Memorial Garden is \$156,500. A capital grant in the amount of \$8,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$8,000 towards construction of a *Korean Memorial Garden*.**

Tier II

66. CKDU FM Society - Halifax - Outreach

CKDU is a long-standing community radio station located on the Dalhousie University campus and a registered non-profit organization supported through student fees and on-air advertising revenues. In 2006, the station's broadcast capacity was enhanced and now extends beyond Peninsula Halifax to the entire HRM. Current programming includes coverage of diverse ethnocultural and sociocultural communities of interest. A grant of \$4,439 has been requested for the purchase of portable recording equipment for community outreach. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,439 for purchase of portable recording equipment. Conditional: grant reporting to include details of geographic scope and ethnocultural participation of outreach program.**

67. Beechville Baptist Church - Beechville - Outreach/Youth

The settlement of Beechville (Beech Hill) began in 1817 with the influx of refugee Blacks fleeing the United States. The Baptist Church was established in the community in 1795 but did not have a permanent church building until 1844; this structure was subsequently replaced in 1979 with the present church building. The church represents a social institution in which Black refugees escaping slavery or war were autonomous and self-supporting. In the early 1900's a school was added to the site and replaced in 1949 with the current building that now serves as a community centre. Members of the congregation propose the development of a youth outreach program, a one week 'camp' in July that will bring together youth and young adults from the three communities of Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea for a combination of devotional, recreational and social activities. Part of the proposed program includes teaching youth about the history of the Beechville Baptist Church and the community's settlement, a weekend camping trip, and recreational day trips. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time developmental grant of \$500 for camp site rental fee. Conditional: one-time funding to assist with program launch.**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier I

68. Nova Scotia Opera Association - Halifax - Performing Arts (Music)

Formed in 2003-04, the Opera Association specializes in the development and performance of operatic works. A multi-year developmental grant was awarded in 2003-04 for marketing and equipment purchases. **Recommend a grant of \$1,000 as per multi-year agreement. Reporting received. Final year of funding.**

69. Northwood Care Incorporated - Halifax - Performing Arts (Music)

Northwood Care Inc is a federally registered Canadian charity that owns and operates several long-term care and independent living accommodations for seniors. The Northwood Community Centre is located within the Northwood complex, Halifax, and offers a range of social and recreational program for adults over 50 years of age. The community centre's revenues are primarily from bingo, membership dues, and fundraising. The current membership is ~600. The Northwood Players is an amateur group of ~60 seniors who sing, dance, and stage musical productions for senior audiences. A grant of \$1,200 has been requested for the rental of risers for four performances at seniors residences in the Halifax/Dartmouth area. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 for equipment rental.**

70. Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce - Sheet Harbour - Visual Arts & Crafts

The Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce promotes the development of the local economy. Revenues are primarily from government grants. The organization has joined with local community members to develop an art and crafts exhibition featuring local artisans from Ecum Secum to East Ship Harbour. This initiative is driven by local artisans who want to bring recognition to quality of artistic talent in the region, to educate the general public about their craft, and provide a cultural attraction for visitors to the area. Many of these artisans produce works using traditional skills and local materials, such as wood carving, weaving, and quilting. To date, over 40 local artisans have agreed to display their work and/or to provide educational programs for visitors. A grant of \$4,150 has been requested for the production of an exhibition catalogue. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,150 towards catalogue production for the inaugural *Seaside Exhibition of the Arts*.**

71. Paradise Sisters Film Society - Halifax - Visual Arts (Film)

The Paradise Sisters Film Society is trying to establish a repertory cinema in Halifax to present local media art, non-commercial and alternate films, foreign language films and video, and to present screenings of productions featuring local arts and cultural groups. In 2004-05 a multi-year developmental grant was awarded towards establishing a facility. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for development of repertory cinema. Conditional: hold payment pending progress report.**

Tier II

72. Society for Art Presentation Centre for Art Tapes - Halifax - Visual Arts (Film/Video)

The Centre for Arts Tapes is an artist-run facility (~180 members) that offers programming to promote the production and presentation of media arts (film, video, multi-media) through workshops, screenings, and exhibitions. The society is largely dependent upon core funding from the Canada Council for the Arts, grants, donations, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of equipment for the *Electronic Arts Lab Project*: a production suite for electronic arts that will be available for local artists and enhanced through low cost instructional workshops. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for technical equipment purchase.**

73. Upstream Music Association - Halifax - Performing Arts (Music)

Upstream Music is a professional arts organization that promotes the development of composition and improvisational performance. Programming includes outreach and collaboration with non-profit groups (eg. Jazzeast, Scotia Chamber Players, Maritime Conservatory of Music). Operating revenues are from ticket sales and grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards production costs for a new performance series of 10 concerts, *Sonic New Music Series*, October/December, 2006, to be staged in North End Halifax featuring an array of local and visiting musicians. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 for facility rental and publicity for the fall *Sonic New Music Series*.**

74. Live Art Dance Productions - Halifax - Performing Arts (Dance)

Live Art Dance presents contemporary dance by local, national and international professional and semi-professional performers. Revenues are primarily from ticket sales and donations. A grant of \$5,000 requested for the *Family Focus Program*; a new initiative that focuses on family and young children. The inaugural performance is *Like the Five Fingers on Your Hand* for children 3-9 years of age and study guide for elementary school teachers has been developed to enrich learning opportunities. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards marketing new *Family Focus Program*.**

75. Shakespeare by the Sea - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre)

Shakespeare by the Sea, a federally registered Canadian charity, is a professional theatre company that specializes in the classical works of William Shakespeare, adaptations of works for family audiences, and a summer camp at Dalhousie University. Revenues are primarily from attendance receipts, grants, and fundraising. Most performances take place outdoors during the summer season and admission rates are modest “by suggested donation”. A grant of \$10,000 has been requested for equipment purchase, signage, and marketing. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for equipment purchase, directional signage, and marketing.**

HRM Grants Committee asked staff to confirm if the revitalization of Point Pleasant park will positively impact theatre on-site performances, for example signage, wayfinding, amenities etc.

76. Zuppa Circus - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre)

Zuppa Circus, a federally registered Canadian charity, is a professional theatre ensemble whose work features physical theatre, mime, and clowning. Revenues are primarily from grants and ticket sales. A one-time grant of \$3,897.31 has been requested to purchase an electric keyboard and lighting. The aim is to reduce annual equipment rental costs. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,600 for equipment purchase.**

77. Theatre Arts Guild - Halifax - Capital Grant/Performing Arts (Theatre)

The Theatre Arts Guild formed in 1931 through the merger of the Halifax Dramatic Musical Club and the Little Theatre Movement; it is the oldest continuously active amateur theatre group in Canada. The group is a federally registered Canadian charity and self-supporting through ticket sales. In 1931, the Guild opened its first playhouse in a former church at LeMarchant and Coburg Road, Halifax, then operated from a variety of locations until purchasing the property known as the Pond Playhouse. The existing 100-seat theatre requires expansion to accommodate a larger lobby area, accessible washrooms, rehearsal space, and props/costume storage. The second floor rehearsal space will be made available to local community groups. The project is estimated to cost \$160,000 and the Guild uses a “pay-as-you-go” debt-free policy to financing. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested. **Recommend a one-time capital grant of \$25,000 for towards lobby expansion and accessible washrooms.**

Tier III

78. Eastern Front Theatre - Dartmouth - Performing Arts (Theatre)

Eastern Front Theatre Company is a professional theatre company located at the Alderney Landing Theatre, Dartmouth. Revenues are primarily from government grants, ticket sales, and fundraising. In addition to main stage theatrical productions, the company hosts two annual events with associated outreach programs. A grant of \$10,000 has been requested towards the *Kids on the Waterfront Festival, May, 2007*; a program that includes professional performances of works for young audiences (admission is \$7 for children), youth performances (music, dance, drama), the *Ten-Minute Play Contest* for high school students (mentored student script-writing contest and public reading), and the *Artists-in-the-Schools Program* in which two local schools each develop a performance based on the work of Shakespeare to be presented during the festival; admission is by donation. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,300 towards marketing the 2007-08 Kids on the Waterfront Festival. Conditional: refer to HRM Attractions & Events Grants Program for future funding consideration.**

79. Neptune Theatre Foundation - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre)

The Neptune Theatre Foundation, a federally registered Canadian charity, owns and operates the Neptune Theatre complex, one of the Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada's major cultural institutions. The Mainstage Theatre features classical works, and national and international works of excellence whereas the Neptune Studio Theatre specializes in smaller contemporary and experimental productions; inaugural works by emerging theatre companies, actors, writers, and associated performers and technicians. The Neptune Theatre School provides a range of instructional classes and a touring schedule for the Young Neptune Theatre Company. A grant of \$25,000 has been requested towards the 2006-07 *Studio Series*; a program designed to attract new and younger audiences to live theatre. The program engages members of the audience to interact with the play's participants following the performance. Total projected costs for the program are \$211,245 and typically the admission fees do not cover the production expenses, hence the request for a an 11% contribution from HRM. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$20,000 for the 2006-2007 *Studio Series*.**

80. Symphony Nova Scotia - Halifax - Performing Arts (Music)

Symphony Nova Scotia, a federally registered Canadian charity, is a major producer and promoter of orchestral music in the province in terms of scope and calibre of programming. In addition to the symphony's musical performances, the organization provides support to an array of educational and artistic programs and groups such as instructional classes, university credit internship, choirs and solo performances, theatrical and television productions, talent identification, recording and promotion. The symphony has requested a grant of \$50,00 towards general operating. **Recommend a \$15,000 one-time grant towards educational programs for young children (*Adopt-A-Musician and In School Concerts for elementary schools*).**

81. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Capital Grant/Visual Arts & Crafts

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, a federally registered Canadian charity, is one of the province's major cultural institutions featuring visual arts across an array of disciplines, notably painting, prints, sculpture, and installation art, art education programs for children and adults, hosting of national and international exhibitions, and out-of-province tours for AGNS curated exhibits. In 2003-04, the *HRM Community Grants Program* assumed the balance of the \$250,000 commitment to the AGNS expansion capital project formerly funded under the *HRM Capital Pledges Program*. The proposed schedule was \$25,000 each of 3 years with a final payment of \$50,000 in the final year. **Recommend a grant of \$50,000 as per multi-year agreement. Reporting received. Final year of funding.**

82. Atlantic Filmmakers Co-Operative - Halifax - Visual Arts (Film)

The Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative promotes film and video production. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards the *Monday Night Movie Series*, a weekly screening of international and alternative cinema. The series is in its' third year and is seeking an Arts Dissemination Grant from the Canada Council of the Arts; a grant to non-profit media arts centres that have been programming for over two years. HRM's support has been requested to help leverage eligibility for federal funding. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 for marketing *Monday Night Movie Series*. Conditional: one-time funding to leverage Canada Council grant application.**

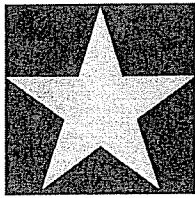
83. Writers Federation of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Literary Arts

WFNS is a federally registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to foster creative writing and the profession of writing, encourage public awareness and recognition, and enhance the literary arts in Nova

Scotia. The Federation is funded primarily through federal and provincial grants, membership fees, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards a *Writers in Seniors Homes* pilot project matching a local writer with a seniors group to encourage their participation in writing (eg. poetry, memoir, journal, creative writing) in a familiar and structured setting. Typically, seniors have a strong oral tradition and enjoy story-telling. The aim of the program is to foster a partnership with seniors residences and encourage their adoption, adaptation, and continuation of the program. **Recommend a one-time developmental grant of \$2,500 towards advertising and promotion for inaugural *Writers in Seniors Homes* pilot project.**

Attachment 2.

Community Grants Program Review 2006-07	
Betty Ann Aaboe-Milligan	Heritage Officer, Culture & Heritage
Tony Blouin	Manager, Environmental Policy
Marion Currie	Project Coordinator, Capital District Project
Jim Donovan	Project Manager, Economic Development Strategy
Susan Ivany	Counsellor, Victim Services (Police)
Betty Lou Killen	Project Manager, Commonwealth Games 2014
Claudette Levy	Area Coordinator, Community Recreation
Heather MacLeod	Community Developer, Community Recreation
Mary Angela Munroe	Area Coordinator, Community Recreation
Lynn Morash	Grants Program Technician
Diane Moulton	Service Delivery Coordinator, Real Estate
Barbara Nehley	Policy Analyst, Planning & Development
Bill Plaskett	Heritage Planner, Heritage & Culture
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HRM Community Grants Program Reporting Form 2006-2007

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PO Box 1749
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Reporting Deadline: Friday, March 30th, 2007

1. Name of Organization:	2. Contact Person: Telephone: Fax:
3. Value of Award:	4. Purpose of Grant:

Grant reporting should include the following information.

- Proof that the grant was spent in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in your letter of notification: this is the letter sent to you with the cheque in the amount of the award.
- Proof of payment: copies of invoices paid, or copies of cancelled cheques, or financial statements as applicable.
- The project budget section of this form is completed (see page 3).
- If you cannot complete the project and want to carry forward the grant to next year, or the balance remaining, please send a letter to the Grants Program for approval. We will send a written reply.
- A progress report on the project. Is the project complete? Check your letter of notification to make sure that you report on the specific aspect of the project funded by HRM.

For example, if HRM's award was towards audience development we ask you to report on attendance at the performance, exhibition, workshop, or instructional program etc. How many people attended and who attended? For example, did your audience development project reach people who had never attended this type of program, a particular age group, or a specific community of interest?

Likewise, if HRM's award was towards a property repair or equipment purchase we ask you to report confirming the work has been done, or the equipment bought, at a cost that conforms to the quotes or estimates provided in your grant application.

- If there is a balance remaining from the grant a refund should be sent payable to Halifax Regional Municipality and mailed c/o of the HRM Grants Program.

Please Note: Organizations who do not report on a grant they receive from the HRM Community Grants Program will be ineligible for further funding until the conditions of funding are complete.

If you need help, please call 490-5469.

Project Description and Progress Report

Please confirm that the project was completed as described in your grant application, or if there were major changes in the scope or timing of the project. Briefly describe the main "outcomes" of the project (what did you accomplish and who will benefit?).

Reporting Examples:

1. Project Grant: 2,000 people attended the exhibition of which 800 were under age 18 and residents of HRM. A random survey of 1,000 visitors to the exhibition showed that most (80%) had never visited the art gallery before and 75% judged their experience to be "very good". Copy of survey enclosed.

2. Equipment Purchase: Purchase of \$4,000 of camping equipment (receipts enclosed) and staged 2 summer camps; 97 children under the age of 12 attended the first camp and 25 youth aged 15-18 attended the second camp. All participants were referred to the program by local social agencies.

3. Building Capital Grant: Installed wheelchair ramp at main entrance and made repairs to existing handrail. Receipts enclosed with before and after photographs.

Project Description Continued.

Project Report (Actual Income and Expenditures)

Actual Income		Actual Expenditures	
Type of Project Income	\$ Amount	Type of Project Expense	\$ Amount
HRM Grant Received	\$		\$
Other HRM Assistance	\$		\$
Provincial Assistance	\$		\$
Federal Assistance	\$		\$
\$ Share of Project Budget from your Organization	\$		\$
Project Income (fees, rental, admission, etc.)	\$		\$
Other	\$		\$
Other	\$		\$
Other	\$		\$
Total Actual Income	\$	Total Project Costs	\$

Note if there was a project surplus or deficit here: \$

Halifax Regional Municipality encourages non-profit groups to send us photographs of projects (either in progress or completed) that can be used in HRM printed material (guidebook, annual report) or on the Grants Program web site. To authorize HRM's use of photographs submitted by grant recipients we require your signature on this form.

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Date

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