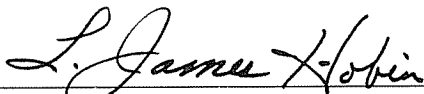

Halifax Regional Council
June 18th, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
James Hobin, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: June 11th., 2002

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program: Awards 2002-2003.

ORIGIN

The HRM *Community Grants Program* awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities. The focus of these grants is to provide modest assistance to community-based, volunteer initiatives. For the 2002-2003 year the *Community Grants Program* received 150 applications and the total value of requests was \$1,093,874.

The selection of grant recipients is a three-tier process: inter-departmental staff review teams make recommendations to the HRM Grants Committee who then submit a final list of recommendations to Regional Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

Regional Council approve the *Community Grants Program* as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, for a total of 111 awards with a total value of \$527,112 for 2002-2003.

BACKGROUND

Grant application forms and a *Community Grants Guidebook 2002-2003* were distributed in September, 2001 and the deadline for submissions was January 31st, 2002. This year's applications demonstrate progress in several areas:

- an increase of 46 (31%) in the number of applications from groups who have not applied to the program in previous years; this is an increase over last year (23%);
- increased awareness of the program among rural communities;
- more realistic request amounts (closer to the \$5,000 ceiling in most categories);
- increased inter-departmental staff participation in terms of referrals, assistance with proposals, and monitoring of grant expenditures.

An area of continuing concern is the number of applications in the Property Development & Community Facilities sector; some of which are HRM-owned and community managed, re-development projects for former schools, or leased from HRM. Grants Program staff are working in collaboration with Real Property Services and staff from other departments towards enhanced viability of these community-operated facilities.

DISCUSSION

Several sectors, **Community Heritage**, have shown an overall improvement in the quality of submissions. The link between heritage conservation grants and municipality's Heritage Property Program is also progressing; HRM grants to this sector help counter the perceived disincentive of heritage registration's higher conservation standards. Assistance is still required in preparing building condition reports and sustainable operations.

The **Community-Based Arts** sector is significantly impacted by multi-year grants to large-scale cultural 'institutions'. Nevertheless, the geographic scope of applicants is broadening beyond the urban core and established professional companies. This sector saw a number of small amateur and semi-professional companies apply to the *Community Grants Program* for the first time; many of these groups have developed through the Fringe Festival, Eastern Front Theatre's "On the Waterfront Theatre Festival", and Neptune Theatre's Ford Centre.

The **Property Development & Community Facilities** sector needs considerable improvement in the quality of proposals, especially in the area of small to mid-size capital projects. Many proposals for new initiatives lack evidence of sustainability, project costing, and life cycle planning. This is an area where workshops for volunteers could benefit community groups.

The *Community Grants Guidebook* continues to be a valuable information and educational tool in support of applicants. Revisions will be made to the *Guidebook* for the 2003-2004 program to target funding and help applicants prepare an application.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

A total of \$527,112 distributed to 111 community non-profit organizations.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommended awards conform to the approved budget allocation for 2002-2003.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could dispute an award, the value of an award, or the lack of an award to a particular organization.

This action is not recommended. Applications are reviewed based on their respective merit and relative to other applicants in the same sector in accordance with the criteria and priorities outlined in the *Community Grants Guidebook 2002-2003*; the *Guide* also includes the score sheet used by reviewers in evaluating an application.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Recommended Grants by Sector, 2002-2003.
2. Distribution of Applications by Sector and % of Funds 2002-2003.
3. Review Team Members, 2002-2003.

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

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Community Based Social Supports

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Inclusion Programs						
Disabled Persons						
Canadian Mental Health Association: Dartmouth Branch	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	Rent subsidy Tax exempt 100%	The CMHA provides educational, support and advocacy services to mental health consumers and promotes awareness of mental health issues among the general public. A one-time grant request to the "Among Friends Social Club".
Canadian Mental Health Association - Halifax Branch	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	Rent subsidy Tax exempt 100%	The CMHA provides educational, support and advocacy services to mental health consumers and promotes awareness of mental health issues among the general public. A one-time grant request towards the "Sharing and Caring Social Club" and the "Building Bridges Club".
Tinnitus Support Group of Atlantic Canada	\$0	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$3,500		The Group provides support services to person's in Nova Scotia afflicted with tinnitus. A one-time grant is requested for the development of a resource kit to distribute to physicians, audiologists, and the public.
YWCA of Halifax	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt under province	The YWCA is in the process of a 3-year accessibility project for the building to make access to the lower level swimming pool available to seniors and the disabled. A one-time grant has been requested for technical fees. Given the age of the building it is anticipated there will be environmental and structural problems to resolve before elevators can be installed.
Seniors						
Sackville Seniors Advisory Council	\$3,000	\$5,215	\$2,000	\$2,000		The Council serves the communities of Sackville, Beaver Bank, Fall River, Windsor Junction, Mount Uniacke and area. The Council operates the "Silver and Gold Club" which has a drop-in centre in Downsview Mall. A one-time grant requested for a seniors computer training program.
Literacy						
Dartmouth Literacy Network Society	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Society provides one-to-one and small group literacy training. The program matches volunteer tutors with adult learners. Basic introduction to literacy for adults. No fees, one time grant towards program materials.
Category Subtotal		\$30,215	\$23,500	\$23,500		
B. Shelters and Access to Housing Initiatives						
Community Action on Homelessness Committee	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000		Final year of 2-year grant for interagency research project to document the extent of homelessness in HRM and link to Quality of Life reporting program.
Habitat for Humanity Halifax - Dartmouth		\$21,382	\$10,000	\$10,000		Habitat for Humanity is an international organization committed to the construction of housing for low-income families. A one-time grant requested towards the development of a business plan for revenue generation, office equipment, and public education. 2 year developmental grant of \$10,000 x 2 years.
Category Subtotal		\$21,382	\$15,000	\$15,000		
C. Emergency Assistance						
Avalon Sexual Assault Centre	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$5,000	\$5,000		The centre runs an After Hours Crisis Line which serves persons aged 16+ who have experienced sexual assault. The service is an early intervention program with follow-up and advocacy. This community-based service supplements and complements the work of HRM Police Services (Victim Services).
Helpline Society	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$20,000		Help Line operates a 24 hr/7 day emergency crisis peer telephone service. In addition to the general line there is also a Youth Help Line (15-19) and a suicide prevention outreach program. The program assists HRM directly in averting a % of calls that would otherwise call 911. Transitional level of funding. Grants Committee recommend one-time rent subsidy to expiry of lease in Nov. 2003. Staff will assist with efforts in finding less expensive location.
Marine Communities Food Bank Society	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500		Located at the Head of Chezzetcook this community-operated food bank serves the area from Seaforth to Musquodoboit Harbour. A one-time grant request for startup assistance (equipment).
Reachout		\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		A community kitchen project located in the Spryfield area. A one-time grant request to purchase two stoves and electrical installation.
Category Subtotal		\$39,000	\$19,500	\$29,500		

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Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
D. Community-Based Family Support						
Coverdale Courtwork Services for Women	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Coverdale is a support service to women in conflict with the law: services include counseling, diversion programs, supervision of court ordered community service, peace bonds, public education, and advocacy. A one-time grant towards the "Fine Options Program" which places women with community agencies to serve court ordered fines.
Fairview United Church Family Resource Centre	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000		A family support facility serving the Fairview area of Halifax. Grants Committee recommend rent subsidy only.
Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Harrietsfield-Williamswood Community Centre is an HRM-owned facility under a community management agreement. The centre operates the only local after school child care program in the community. A one-time grant request towards the only After School Program in the area for children grades 5-12.
Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre		\$4,086	\$4,000	\$4,000		The Resource Centre serves families from Dutch Settlement, Dean, Greenwood, Elmsvale, Moose River, Caribou, Gay's River, Carroll's Corner, and Dutch Settlement. These communities are rural. A one-time grant request for equipment purchases (musical instruments, painting easels, song books etc.).
Rockingham Community Centre	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Rent subsidy Tax exempt 100%	A one-time developmental grant request towards launch of a lunch program for local school children.
St. Paul's Family Resource Centre - Spryfield	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500		The development of a "Community Garden and Nutrition Program" in conjunction with food bank service. The program targets low income families and includes a community kitchen, garden, and food preparation classes. One-time contribution towards garden equipment and horticultural supplies
Ward 5 Community Centre	\$8,000	\$18,000	\$5,000	\$6,000		The Centre serves the neighbourhoods of North and West End Halifax and services include a meal program, food bank, transportation, baby clinic and youth recreation. An operating grant has been requested. Transition to project-specific funds. One time grant towards facility rent.
Category Subtotal		\$47,086	\$31,500	\$30,500		
E. Community-Based Recreation Programming						
Chebucto Boys & Girls Club	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$5,000		The Club serves children and youth from primarily the Spryfield area. A 3-year developmental grant has been requested to develop an After School Program in year 1 and establish a Sustainability Fund in years 2 and 3. The Club is developing a long-term sustainability plan, one that focuses on building a free After School Program. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 years.
Cole Harbour Boys & Girls Club	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exemption 100%	The Club serves children and youth in the Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage area. A one-time grant has been requested for renovations for a leased facility in the community. Part of the renovation will make the site wheelchair accessible. The building is currently vacant and in poor repair but with improvements will provide the Club with a an established locale from which they can develop and meet the needs of their waiting list. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 years
Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Club primarily serves children and youth from the north of Dartmouth, an area with a high ratio of subsidized housing and apartment accommodations. This year's grant request is in support of teen programming and safety upgrades to the building which are the matching funds required by the Boys & Girls Club of Canada grant. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 years
Dartmouth Special Olympics		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		A one-time grant request to purchase sports equipment and uniforms. This club is in the developmental stages of establishing a new group within the Dartmouth area to fill a service gap for the disabled. One time grant for hockey equipment.
East Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The East Dartmouth Club currently provides programming from four community facilities in the area. Children and youth served are aged 3-18. A one-time grant request towards the Summer and After School Programs is requested. These programs serve children aged 5-16 and include recreation, crafts, cooking, trips, and homework support. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 years.
East St. Margaret's Elementary School & Community Association		\$500	\$500	\$500		The Association serves the region from West Dover to Seabright. A grant request in support of the "Active Family Club" to motivate active recreational pursuits for families. One-time grant towards certificates, printing and promotion.

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Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
Ecology Action Centre	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,000		The Centre runs a "Bike Again!" program which distributes repaired secondhand bikes to people who use them as their means of transportation. The program is requesting a one-time grant for a part-time coordinator and advertising funds. One-time grant towards program promotion.
Halifax Area Leisure & Therapeutic Riding	\$5,000	\$2,448	\$2,447	\$2,447		HALTR provides riding lessons and pony rides for disabled children and adults. A one-time grant has been requested towards a one-week riding camp for severely challenged children. Funding has been requested towards a new initiative to serve severely handicapped children. High volunteer commitment is required with 4 volunteers per child. The funds are for teaching aids (equipment) and horse rental.
Musquodoboit Valley Youth Health Centre Association	\$2,500	\$3,799	\$3,799	\$3,799		Located in the Musquodoboit Rural High School the teen health centre provides an array of social development programs and health-related programs. A one-time request towards the "Girls on the Move" program to encourage young women to participate in physical activity. Final year of funding, transition to sustainability.
Preston Area Boys & Girls Club	\$6,500	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Located in East Preston, the Club provides After School, Youth, and Summer Camp programs for local children and youth. Participants attend from East and North Preston, Lake Echo, and Porters Lake. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 years.
Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club - Sackville	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exemption 100%	Serving the community of Lower Sackville and area the Club offers canoe and kayak programs, water safety instruction. The Club is in a rebuilding stage and making significant progress in links with local youth groups, schools, and funders. One-time grant for safety equipment and facility repairs.
Sackville Boys & Girls Club	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Club provides educational, social and recreational programs for children and youth 5-12. A one-time grant in support of a "Satellite After School Program" is requested for children P-6. Due to limited space in the Club's current rented space, additional community venues are needed to accommodate growing demand. Multi-year stabilization grant \$5,000 x 3 years.
St. James United Church Hall - Sheet Harbour		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		A one-time grant request to purchase two bowling machines. This hall is located in a rural community and is the focal point of many social and recreational activities. One-time grant for equipment.
St. Margaret's Sailing Club	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exemption applied for in 2002- 2003	The Club has applied for a multi-year grant to purchase 2 dinghies a year over 4 years. The request is for \$10,000 each of 4 years. One-time grant only for equipment purchase of boats for children/youth sailing program.
Category Subtotal		\$94,247	\$60,746	\$57,746		
Total Grants Awarded		\$231,930	\$150,246	\$156,246		

Property Development and Community Facilities

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion	
A. Community-Owned Sites and Buildings							
Beacon House Interfaith Society - Sackville, Bedford, Fall River		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Tax application for 2002-2003	Well established community coalition which provides food, clothing and household furnishings and appliances to low income individuals and families Access by public transit crucial Multi-year transitional grant \$10,000 x 3 years towards purchase or construction of new facility New facility urgently needed due to overcrowding and poor condition of HRM-owned rental premises (demolition needed of current space)	
Brunswick Street United Church - Camp Brunswick, East Chezettcook		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		One-time grant for kitchen equipment purchase for camp site serving children and families from North End neighbourhood, Halifax One-time grant for equipment purchase The site is under construction and youth labour has been integrated into the project for work experience Long-standing facility with consistent use	
Carroll's Corner Community Centre - Dutch Settlement	\$0	\$2,217	\$600	\$600	Tax exempt 100% Rent subsidy	A one-time grant request for repair of ball fields and fences, painting of dugouts and stands One-time grant for ball field repairs only Recommend internal transfer of funds to HRM Parks & Recreation	
Community Care Network Society - Halifax	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt 100%	Year 2 of a 3-year capital grant towards building repairs and safety upgrades following a fire in 2001-02 The facility houses a food bank, furniture bank and household appliances	
Metro Turning Point - Halifax	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Tax exempt 75%	Final year of 4-year capital grant to construction of a shelter for homeless men, Barrington Street, Halifax	
Mulgrave Park Tenants Association - Halifax		\$16,500	\$5,000	\$5,000		Development of a children's playground for residents of urban housing project Tenants Association collaboration with Dalhousie University, Metro Housing Authority, and HRM Recreation One-time grant for technical specifications and site plan, financial feasibility and implementation Community consultation process Recommend referral to HRM Community Recreation Development: internal transfer of funds	
Scotia Chamber Players - Halifax	\$7,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Tax application for 2002-03	Scotia Chamber Players are best known for hosting the annual Scotia Festival of Music This year's request is for a one-time capital grant towards construction of \$600,000 recital and recording studio extension to existing site Recording studio available to community non-profit groups and school groups at reasonable rental Facility design includes music education in composition, recording, and voice for school children Feature of project is self-sustainability through cd recording market niche	
St. James Anglican Church Hall - Spry Bay		\$6,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		Local church hall in Spry Bay which serves as social centre for local residents One-time grant request for repairs to doors, and exterior trim, and construction of an access ramp The congregation and community members will organize work parties for repairs to the building About 90% of revenues are generated through social events Quote supplied	
St. Mary's Lawn Bowling Club - Halifax		\$6,445	\$2,115	\$2,115	HRM-owned property	A one-time grant request for repairs to backboards and fencing, kitchen renovations, and benches One-time grant for kitchen repairs Refer grounds request to HRM Parks & Recreation for facility capital budget	
St. Paul's Church Guild - Ecum Secum		\$10,250	\$5,000	\$5,000		Located in the rural community of Ecum Secum this community hall is the only facility in the community A one-time grant request to replace rotten flooring and sills, facia and kitchen repairs One-time grant for structural repairs only	
Victoria Road United Baptist Church - Dartmouth		\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	Tax exempt church	Request for assistance with replacement of furnace The building is a municipal registered heritage site (c 1853) and an historical association with the Black community of Dartmouth One-time grant conditional upon approval under Registered Heritage Property Program	
Category Subtotal		\$116,412	\$88,715	\$88,715			
B. Regional Trails System *							
Atlantic View Trail Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$6,900	The Atlantic View Trail runs through the Lawrencetown area
Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Rails to Trails Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$20,100	The proposed trail runs from Lakeside Industrial Park in Beechville to the Lake of the Woods community (Hwy 103) through the communities of Lakeside and Timberlea
Canoe to the Sea Society - Dartmouth	TC&H grant	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$13,400	A proposed hiking trail and paddle park midway along the Shubenacadie Canal, Dartmouth Goal is to link the Dartmouth, Waverley and Cole Harbour trail system Conditional upon resolution of arrears

Property Development and Community Facilities

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$26,800	The Salt Marsh Trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail system. The trail connects Cole Harbour Heritage Park and Cole Harbour Place.
Greater Chebucto Community Development Association	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$49,900	The Pennant Point Park Trail is located in Sambro. A new trail project is planned to link the Sambro Lighthouse and Chebucto Head Lighthouse.
Halifax Urban Greenway Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$50,250	A trail development to link the West and South Peninsula area of Halifax.
Halifax Urban Greenway Association	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,350	The Musquodoboit Trail links Gibraltar Rock to Dollar Lake Provincial Park. The trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail.
Porters Lake & Myra Road Wilderness Area Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,500	Crowbar Trail to link Porters Lake, Salmon River and Lake Echo.
St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails-to-Trails Association	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$20,100	The multi-use trail runs from Timberlea to Hubbards. Final construction work will be completed in 2002-03. Formal opening on May 26, 2002.
West Chezzetcook and Grand Desert Community Interest Group	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$33,500	The Blueberry Run trail extends from Seaforth to the Head of Chezzetcook. The Phase II development will extend the trail to Chezzetcook Inlet.
Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$26,800	The Bluff Trail runs through the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea area. A feature of this trail development is access by public transit.
Category Subtotal		\$32,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$262,600	
C. Environment						
Sackville Rivers Association	\$2,500	\$5,010	\$5,000	\$5,000		Little Sackville River Salmon Holding Pool Creation and Sediment Research Project" in cooperation with local universities, Atlantic Salmon Federation, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Project aims to restore salmon spawning grounds.
Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Technical project to update database and monitor current land use so as to create predictive model for lake impacts and ecological impacts.
Category Subtotal		\$10,010	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Total Grants Awarded		\$158,422	\$120,715	\$120,715	\$262,600	

* Note: The amounts found under subsection B. Regional Trails System, Other HRM Support column indicate the dollar value of support provided to these organizations from the Capital Budget: HRM Parks & Recreation.

Community-Based Arts

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Visual Arts/Crafts						
Atlantic Film Festival - Halifax		\$5,000.00	\$5,000	\$5,000		Atlantic Film Festival will be hosting ViewFinders: International Film Festival for Youth April 24-28, 2002, in Halifax. The principal sponsor is the CBC. One-time developmental grant.
Prospect Peninsula Residents Association		\$5,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000		A one-time grant towards hosting an exhibit celebrating the area's diverse artistic talents in visual arts and crafts. One-time grant towards marketing.
Visual Arts in Nova Scotia		\$7,000.00	\$5,000	\$5,000		Visual Arts Nova Scotia is a registered charity whose mandate is to promote an awareness and appreciation for the visual arts. In cooperation with the Canadian Society of Painters of Water Colour, Halifax has been selected the host site for the National Juried Exhibition, November 1-30, 2002. The exhibit is the first of its kind in the region. A parallel exhibit will be hosted featuring the work of local watercolorists. Interpretive tours and brochure will assist the general public. Free admission.
Category Subtotal		\$17,000	\$11,000	\$11,000		
B. Performing Arts						
Theatre						
Atlantic Fringe Festival - Halifax	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		The Atlantic Fringe Festival is held annually (August-September) in venues across downtown Halifax. The aim is to create opportunities for novice writers and performers, experimental works by established artists, and exposure of local audiences to international works. Public access encouraged through nominal ticket fees. One-time grant towards facility rental fees.
Bunnies in the Headlights Theatre - Halifax		\$2,050	\$1,000	\$1,000		A one-time grant request towards production costs for the new stage play "Who Are You?". The company's members are young local actors who debuted at Eastern Front Theater's "On the Waterfront Festival" in 2001 and the Atlantic Fringe Festival. One-time grant for costumes and props.
Eastern Front Theatre - Dartmouth	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		Located in the Alderney Theatre, Alderney Landing, Eastern Front is the principal cultural tenant in this waterfront facility. The company's audience is drawn primarily from Halifax, Dartmouth, and Bedford with a smaller percentage from Sackville and the Eastern Shore area. The company focuses on the promotion of the Black and Aboriginal community in the theatre arts and on script content which reflects Atlantic Canada's culture.
Exodus Theatre - Halifax		\$2,950	\$2,950	\$2,950		A one-time grant request towards production of the play "The Duchess of Malin" to be presented at the DuMaurier Theatre. The Exodus Theatre company is primarily an amateur group in its developmental stages who launched their work at Eastern Front Theatre's "On the Waterfront Festival" and the Chester Playhouse. The grant is towards props, costumes, and theatre rental costs.
Fire & Light Bahai Chorale	\$500	\$1,052	\$0	\$500		A one-time grant for "The Secret in the Garden" a musical theatre production for children aged 5-12. Promotes peace, global citizenship, tolerance, and conflict resolution. Performed by volunteers. Grant to subsidize children's dues and transportation.
Neptune Theatre - Halifax	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	Tax exempt 100%, year two of four year commitment	Year 2 of a 4-year arts stabilization grant towards Neptune Theatre complex, Halifax, which includes Mainstage, DuMaurier Theatre, the Ford Centre, and Youth Theatre group.
Out-to-Lunch Theatre - Halifax		\$3,700	\$2,000	\$2,000		A new theatre company in downtown Halifax targeting the lunch time audience and visitors. Located in an under-used part of the Khyber Centre, Barrington Street, the company will focus on small-scale productions with local themes and actors. Affordable admission and a marketing link with the Downtown Business Development Association members who serve the lunch-time food and beverage business. One-time grant towards facility rental costs and promotion.
Shakespeare by the Sea - Halifax	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	Rent subsidy. Tax exempt 100%	Shakespeare By the Sea is a popular niche theatre company noted for its outdoor productions of the works of William Shakespeare. Many productions are admission by donation and therefore affordable for low waged or the unemployed, children and youth. Further tree-cutting and construction projects in the vicinity of Point Pleasant Park limit the number of productions in 2002. Alternate locations will have to be used albeit with less profile. One-time grant to marketing.

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Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
Unicorn Theatre Society - St. Margaret's Bay		\$2,000	\$500	\$500		Due to the group's recent move to the St. Margaret's Bay Community Centre there has been an increase in interest from local children. In response the theatre wishes to shift its programming emphasis from "production based" to educational outreach. A one-time grant requested towards a series of small workshops for children interested in acting, script writing, or technical production. A participatory opportunity for rural children and affordable access. One-time grant towards equipment.
Voices Black Theatre Ensemble		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$5,000		The Ensemble was founded as a forum for Black youth to creatively express themselves through the medium of theatre and music. A one-time grant request for a tour of schools in HRM to coincide with Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Black History Month, and International Day for the Elimination of Racism. One-time grant towards equipment purchase.
Zuppa Circus Theatre Group - Halifax	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$1,500		A grant request for the "Third Annual Street Theatre Extravaganza" located on the Halifax Waterfront. One-time grant towards marketing.
Music						
Dartmouth Pipe and Drum Band Association	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$2,000		A request for the purchase of uniforms and drums. The size of the band has grown over the last 5 years and the cost to outfit one member is about \$1,000. Members are primarily youth from throughout the region. One-time grant for purchase of drums.
Jazz East - Halifax	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		A one-time grant contribution towards the "Creative Music Workshop" to be run in conjunction with the annual Atlantic Jazz Festival, Halifax, July, 2002. This annual festival is part of a series across Canada and attracts visitors to the City in addition to serving the developmental needs of local musicians.
St. Cecilia Concert Series - Halifax	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		A one-time grant towards the "Family Concert series" held at the Maritime Conservatory of Music, Halifax. The series has grown to 5 concerts a year and the Society is asking HRM to subsidize the addition of 2 more concerts and audience development. Admission is \$5 for students.
Symphony NS - Halifax	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Year 2 of 4 year grant	Year 2 of a 4-year arts stabilization grant in support of the varied programs offered through Symphony Nova Scotia, in particular the Christmas production for young children and families, the "Come As You Are Series" aimed at young adults, and the combination of classical and contemporary styles in association with diverse performers in jazz, celtic, operatic and blues.
Dance						
Live Art Productions - Halifax	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$2,500		The Halifax-Based Live Arts Company specializes in the promotion of contemporary dance and presenter of the annual "Atlantic New Dance Festival" in February. The schedule of events includes workshops, touring dance companies and individual artists, and the annual festival. One-time grant towards marketing.
Category Subtotal		\$154,252	\$108,450	\$117,950		
C. Literary Arts						
Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award and Society - Dartmouth		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		The goal of this annual awards program is to promote children's literature in Atlantic Canada, promote Canadian authors, encourage children to read and critique materials, and to recognize excellence. Schools, libraries and community groups vote for the award nominees. This year's event, Alderney Landing, Dartmouth, in May 2002, also features readings by children's authors. One-time grant towards marketing.
North Preston Cultural Association		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		A one-time grant for the production of an inaugural Literary Anthology of creative writings on the Preston area. The publication will include poetry, short story, artwork and photographs. The launch is due at the Preston Cultural Festival, November, 2002.
Word on the Street - Halifax	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		A one-time grant for the annual "Halifax Word on the Street Festival", September 29, 2002. The event is part of an across-Canada series (Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal). The event features reading, poetry, literacy awareness, the promotion of publishers, and awareness of the literary arts. Admission is free. This event is part of a national series across Canada.
Category Subtotal		\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000		
Total Grants Awarded		\$183,252	\$131,450	\$140,950		

Cultural Diversity and Cultural Heritage

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Cultural Diversity						
African Development Resource Association of Nova Scotia		\$25,000	\$500	\$500		Grant request towards hosting the "Chicken & Goat Festival", Gottingen Street, Halifax. The aim is to attract visitors to the Gottingen Street area and celebrate African-Canadian heritage through food, music, and entertainment. One-time developmental grant towards promotion. Refer to Grants Program staff for assistance.
Asian Heritage Month Committee	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		Year 2 of a 3-year developmental grant to establish an interagency annual celebration of Asian culture in HRM. The annual event features music, dance, martial arts, literature, food, and exhibits.
Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association	\$1,500	\$4,800	\$3,000	\$3,000		Project to assist newcomers deliver presentations on immigration to groups and organizations in HRM. Grant requested towards transportation, child care, and 'volunteer compensation'. One time grant towards transportation and child care assistance (no honoraria).
Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Funding towards the annual Multicultural Festival, Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.
Multicultural Association of NS	\$5,000	\$2,081	\$2,081	\$2,081		A grant towards the Multicultural Arts Resource Centre series of "roundtable discussions" focused on professional development in the arts for ethno-cultural arts community. Refer to TC&H staff for inclusion in development of HRM Cultural Policy public sessions.
Nations In A Circle Society	\$0	\$3,720	\$3,720	\$3,720	TC&H grant in 2000-01 of \$250	Annual "Nations In A Circle" event, Halifax, July 25-28, 2002 is a showcase of Aboriginal art, culture and history. Includes art exhibit and sale, music, and lectures. Local focus on Mi'kmaq participation in visual arts. One-time developmental grant, excludes exhibit. Due to sales component - support towards lecture series facility rental and promotion only.
Nova Scotia Mass Choir	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		The Nova Scotia Mass Choir is a community gospel choir whose membership is racially diverse. The choir delivers an anti-racism message through the medium of music and performance. In 2002 the Choir will stage an event to celebrate its 10-year anniversary. Includes a concert, visual display, and volunteer recognition. One-time grant towards display and printing certificates.
Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians	\$0	\$4,350	\$2,850	\$2,850		A grant towards hosting a week of activities highlighting the culture of the deaf community. Includes performing arts in sign language, information sessions, displays, and workshops. Features a display on the history of the Halifax School for the Deaf 1859-1961. One-time grant towards exhibition.
Category Subtotal	\$14,500	\$49,951	\$23,151	\$23,151		
B. Cultural Heritage						
Black History Month Association		\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500		The Association stages the annual "Black History Month" series of events which includes workshops, arts and cultural events, history, public awareness, and advocacy. A one-time grant towards printing the events calendar.
Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre - Halifax		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		Request for assistance in hosting the 3rd Annual Elders & Youth Conference, "Coming Together: A Gathering of Elders & Youth" in Dartmouth, June 7 - 10th, 2002. One-time grant towards two workshops: Native Spirituality and Treaties & Rights for transportation of elders, facility rental, and promotional brochures. Refer to HRM Grants Program staff for assistance.
Musique Royal - Halifax		\$2,250	\$1,400	\$1,400		Series of 3 performances of baroque music featuring traditional Scottish, Irish and French influenced scores and instruments. Performances take place in historical settings. One-time grant towards facility rental and promotion.
Category Subtotal	\$0	\$10,750	\$7,900	\$7,900		
Total Grants Awarded	\$14,500	\$60,701	\$31,051	\$31,051		

Community Heritage

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
A. Heritage Conservation						
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dartmouth		\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	Tax exempt 100%	A one-time grant to demolish existing porch on registered heritage building (c 1863) and install access ramp. Conditional upon approval by Registered Heritage Property Program.
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	Tax exempt 100%	Year 2 of a 3-year grant towards agricultural museum site which attracts about 20,000 visitors a year. Registered heritage site. Funds towards restoration and repair of buildings. Conditional upon approval under Registered Heritage Property Program.
Fort Massey United Church - Halifax		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	Tax exempt church	Fort Massey Church (c 1872), Halifax, is a municipal and provincially registered heritage property. In addition to service to its congregation the church also hosts community groups and social activities. The south wall brick work is in need of repairs. A one-time contribution towards restoration.
Lake Charlotte Heritage Society	\$9,500	\$0	\$9,500	\$9,500	Tax exempt 100%, year two of three year commitment	Year 2 of a 3-year grant towards the development of the Memory Lane interpretation site which preserves rural community life in the 1950's.
North Star Rowing Club -Dartmouth		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	Tax exempt 100%	One-time grant for reproduction of garden in Victorian style to complement a registered heritage building (c. 1880's) Oakwood House, Dartmouth. Conditional upon approval by Heritage Property Program.
Sacred Heart School of Halifax	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	Tax exempt school	Sacred Heart School is a private school in Halifax and a registered heritage building. One-time grant request towards the conservation of copper roofing on the tower section of the school (c. 1849). Professional quotes included for total project costs of \$25,000.
Saint Martins Church - Sheet Harbour		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt church	Saint Martin's Church, Sheet Harbour, was established in 1885 as a mission church of the St. Martin's Church in Tangiers. The building is a registered heritage property. One-time grant for exterior painting.
St. Paul's Church Archives - Halifax		\$6,880	\$5,000	\$6,000	Tax exempt church	A one-time conservation grant request for a very rare collection of 8 'hatchments' painted by local artisans between 1760-1800. The heraldic panels are memorial/grave markers of prominent civic and military leaders in the City of Halifax's early settlement. Professional conservation skills are required to restore the collection for public display in Halifax's oldest building, St. Paul's Church (1749) located in Grand Parade. One-time contribution for conservation only.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - French Village		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt church	One-time grant request for exterior painting. The church is a municipally registered heritage site. Conditional upon approval under Registered Heritage Property Program.
Category Subtotal		\$42,180	\$43,800	\$46,300		
B. Heritage Public Education						
Fort Sackville Foundation - Bedford		\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	HRM-Owned Tax exempt 100%. Capital contribution and operating subsidy TC&H.	Scott Manor House, Bedford, is provincial and municipal heritage registered property (1770). One-time grant request for oral history project to create audiovisual display and exhibit.
Halifax Coin Club		\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		The Club is a non-profit club established in 1958. One-time grant request for contribution towards cost of striking a medal for the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association Annual Collectors Show to be hosted in Dartmouth, May 25, 2002. The medal is a promotional piece and future collectors item. A one-time contribution towards cost of die for medal.
Moose River Gold Mines Museum	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$800	Tax exempt 100%	Moose River Gold Mines Museum is a small rural site which preserves the local history of gold mining. One-time grant towards window replacement and repairs. Anniversary celebration in 2002-03.
Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$800	\$800	Tax exempt 100%	Request to purchase a digital camera for marketing on web site. Focus on history of the area and appeal to tourists and visitors. One-time grant towards cemetery inventory and genealogical research using church records.
Pier 21 Society - Halifax	Capital Pledge	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax exempt 100%	One-time grant towards pilot junior high school 'Family History' project. Program includes teachers guide for grades 7-9; focus on genealogical research and promotion of cultural history and cultural diversity. Admission subsidy provided by Pier 21 and publishing grant from Historical Foundation.

Community Heritage

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation - Eastern Passage	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	Tax exempt 100%	Contribution to expand Youth Outreach program in aviation history, and link to the school curriculum. Funds requested for student intern, mileage, and materials. A one-time grant towards travel expenses and materials only.
St. Margaret's Bay Regional Tourism Development Association		\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		Phase I of the "Museum Without Walls" concept was funded in 2000-01. Renamed the "Coastal Heritage Trail: A Museum Without Walls", Phase II focuses on identification of sites linked and research into local history. Aimed at marketing to tourists. Grant towards interpretation panels only.
Terence Bay and Area CAP Site	\$0	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		A one-time grant request towards development of a heritage web site highlighting the traditions of the area. One-time grant to preserve oral history of community using modern technology. Project demonstrates extensive youth participation, elders "storytelling", fisheries heritage, and cooperation among local community groups.
Urban Farm Museum Society - Spryfield	\$2,315	\$2,530	\$1,250	\$1,250	Tax status pending	Located on the Kidston Farm site, Spryfield, the Society has requested a one-time grant towards the "Grow the Farm" Project which incorporates several aspects of oral history. The links between agricultural history and gardening, tools, an animal enclosure, slide library, and promotion of school visits. One-time grant for workshop and educational materials.
Category Subtotal		\$36,630	\$21,350	\$21,350		
Total Grants Awarded		\$78,810	\$65,150	\$67,650		

Volunteer Development and Organizational Capacity Building

Name	2001 Award	2002 Request	Staff Recommend	Grant Committee	Other HRM Support	Discussion
B. Organizational Capacity Building						
African Society of Nova Scotia		\$4,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	Rent Subsidy	The Society focuses on African immigrants and requests funds towards web site development, software, operating costs, and materials. One-time developmental grant towards web site.
Hospice Society of Greater Halifax		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		Start up development of a palliative care support organization. One-time grant to volunteer recruitment, web site development, and self-promotional materials.
Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre	\$4,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000		Year 2 of 3-year developmental grant for non-profit group whose aim is to preserve and promote the unique historical role of Canada's oldest fire department. Multi-year grant reduced by 50% each year and transition to self-reliance.
Category Subtotal		\$9,500	\$6,500	\$6,500		
Total Grants Awarded		\$9,500	\$6,500	\$6,500		

Attachment 2.
HRM Community Grants Program 2002-2003
Distribution of Applications, Budget Allocation, and Year-to-Year Comparison

1. Community-Based Social Supports				
Sub-Category	Applications	Requests	Awards 2002-03	Sector as Percentage of Funds Awarded
Inclusion Programs	8	\$40,215	\$23,500	
Shelters & Social Housing	5	\$41,563	\$15,000	
Emergency Assistance	4	\$39,000	\$29,500	
Community-Based Family Support	8	\$52,086	\$30,500	
Community-Based Recreation	15	\$101,896	\$57,746	
Sector Sub-Total	40	\$258,813	\$155,246	
2. Property Development & Community Facilities				
Sub-Category	Applications	Requests	Awards 2002-03	Sector as Percentage of Funds Awarded
Community-Owned Sites & Buildings	23	\$351,339	\$88,715	
Regional Trails System	12	\$32,000	\$22,000	
Environment	3	\$20,010	\$10,000	
Sector Sub-Total	38	\$403,349	\$120,715	23%
3. Cultural Diversity & Cultural Heritage				
Sub-Category	Applications	Requests	Awards 2002-03	Sector as Percentage of Funds Awarded
Cultural Diversity	11	\$60,451	\$23,151	
Cultural Heritage	1	\$3,500	\$7,900	
Sector Sub-Total	12	\$63,951	\$31,051	6%
4. Community Heritage				
Sub-Category	Applications	Requests	Awards 2002-03	Sector as Percentage of Funds Awarded
Conservation	11	\$52,180	\$46,300	

Public Education	12	\$51,630	\$21,350	
Sector Sub-Total	23	\$103,810	\$67,650	13%
4. Community-Based Arts				
Sub-Category	Applications	Requests	Awards 2002-03	Sector as Percentage of Funds Awarded
Visual Arts	4	\$14,349	\$11,000	
Performing Arts	18	\$166,502	\$122,950	
Literary Arts	3	\$12,000	\$12,000	
Sector Sub-Total	25	\$192,851	\$145,950	28%
5. Volunteer Development & Organizational Capacity Building				
Sub-Category	Applications	Requests	Awards 2002-03	Sector as Percentage of Funds Awarded
Volunteers	2	\$10,000	\$0	
Organizational	8	\$61,100	\$6,500	
Sector Sub-Total	10	\$71,100	\$6,500	1%
Grand Total	148	\$1,093,874	\$527,112	100%

Ranking as % of Funds

1. Community-Based Social Supports
2. Community-Based Arts
3. Property Development & Community Facilities
4. Community Heritage
5. Cultural Diversity & Cultural Heritage
6. Volunteer Development

**Attachment 3.
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