

The Community Grants Program is a centralized program that provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Municipality. There are two types of grant (a) a project grant of up to \$5,000 and (b) a capital grant of up to \$25,000. Presently, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories: Environment, Recreation & Leisure, Affordable & Supportive Housing, Emergency Assistance, Neighborhood Safety, Community History, Community Diversity, and Community Arts & Crafts. There is an annual call January 2nd with a March 31st deadline. A detailed program guidebook is available for potential applicants. www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/CommunityGrantsProgram.php

Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations: Halifax Regional Municipality can help some non-profit organizations reduce their level of property tax through the *Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations Program*. This program is available only to actively registered non-profit and charitable organizations located within the boundary of Halifax Regional Municipality. Annual call for new applications and those currently in receipt of tax relief must renew annually. Relief levels vary. Newsletter available to the public which provides detailed information about the Program.

www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/TaxExemptionsforNon-ProfitOrganziations.php

Surplus Property Disposal - Community Interest: Properties no longer required for use by the Halifax Regional Municipality may be declared surplus by Regional Council and disposed of in accordance with *Administrative Order 50, the Disposal of Surplus Real Property Administrative Order*. All those allocated to the Community Interest Category within AO 509 are offered through an open call for submissions to eligible non-profits and charitable organizations; exclusive opportunities for non-profits and charities. A detailed process has been developed. All program materials, policy, and list of any properties currently available through this process are posted on line.

www.halifax.ca/surplusproperties/communityinterest/index.php.

Business Improvement District Contributions Fund: Designated discretionary contributions distributed to eligible BIDs in proportion to their area rate revenue. The Fund is a recurring annual program, subject to approval of HRM's annual operating budget, and requires matching (non-municipal) funds from the recipient BID. There are currently eight BID's eligible for funding. Policy available to view on line:

<http://halifax.ca/policies/documents/BusinessImprovementDistrictContributionFundPolicy.pdf>

Other Grants Available (other BU's) - at least the ones I am aware of...

Event Grants: <http://halifax.ca/events/grants/>

Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program (project and operating):

www.halifax.ca/culture/Opportunities/index.php#ArtsGrantProgram

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