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Item No. 17.2
Halifax Regional Council
May 31, 2016

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: 
Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair, Grants Committee

DATE: May 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Regional Special Events Grants Report 2016

ORIGIN

Motion approved at the May 25, 2016 meeting of the Grants Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

From the HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference: "The HRM Grants Committee shall review, evaluate and make recommendations to Regional Council regarding annual cash grants, rent subsidies, property tax exemptions, less than market value property sales and leases to registered non-profit organizations and charities managed by a duly appointed Grants Committee."

RECOMMENDATION

The Grants Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve 67 Event Grants for a total of \$197,100 as identified in Table 1 from the approved 2016/17 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;
2. Approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$200,000 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve Q312 as amended:
 - (a) We Day Atlantic Grant be increased from \$10,000 to a total of \$37,500 as outlined in alternative 2 of the Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.
3. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2017/18 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events;

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4. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$200,000 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve Q312 as amended:
 - (a) We Day Atlantic Grant be increased from \$10,000 to a total of \$37,500 as outlined in alternative 2 of the Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.
5. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 3 from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events; and;
6. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$200,000 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve Q312 as amended:
 - (a) We Day Atlantic Grant be increased from \$10,000 to a total of \$37,500 as outlined in alternative 2 of the Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the May 25, 2016 meeting of the Grants Committee the Committee reviewed a Staff Recommendation Report dated May 18, 2016 outlining the applications both recommended and not recommended for funding through the Regional Special Events Grants Program. The Committee noted that the proposed award to We Day Atlantic had been significantly reduced from previous years. This event has been funded over the past 3 years from various sources, the Marketing Levy Special Event Program, (MLSER) and in 2015 through Operating Surplus, Q328.

With the event meeting criteria specific to the AO on Regional Special Events, the application has been directed to the Cultural Events & Showcases Program. Staff has recommended an event grant of \$10,000 to We Day Atlantic based upon the criteria as outlined in the AO. With requests for more than double the program capacity of \$200,000, provision of funding to We Day Atlantic at the 2015 level would create a significant reduction in funding available to all other events in this category.

The Multicultural Festival submitted an application for funding to the 2015 Regional Events program and staff recommended an award of \$27,500. It is understood that the Festival will not take place in 2016. Therefore, staff recommended that Regional Council could increase the level of funding to We Day Atlantic by using the remaining capacity in the Cultural Events & Showcases Program (\$27,500) funded from the Culture Development Reserve, Q312. Considering the significance of this event, the Committee passed Staff Alternative #2 as an amendment to main motion, increasing the total grant award for We Day Atlantic from the recommended \$10,000 to \$37,500 for a period of three years (as reflected in recommendations two (2), four (4), and six (6) of the Committee Recommendation in which the total for Event Grants is increased from \$172,500 to \$200,000.

This increased recommendation awards the maximum budget for the Cultural Events and Showcases program and therefore no future requests can be considered under this program until 2019/20.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All Community Celebrations, Significant Anniversaries and Established Community Festival recommendations can be accommodated in the approved 2016/17 operating budget for Community/Civic Events, account C760-6933.

All 2017/18 and 2018/19 recommendations are subject to availability of funds and approval of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 budgets.

All Cultural Events & Showcases recommendations are subject to availability of Culture Development Reserve, Q312 funds and approval of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 budgets.

More detailed Financial Implications are outlined in the attached Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Grants Committee meetings are open to public attendance. The Grants Committee is comprised of one elected member from each Community Council, a Chair appointed from the membership of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and six (6) members of the public. The agenda, minutes, and reports for the Grants Committee are posted on the HRM website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Staff Recommendation Report dated May 18, 2016: Regional Special Events Grants Report 2016.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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**Grants Committee
May 25, 2016**

TO: Chair and Members of the Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Brad Anguish, Director, Parks & Recreation

DATE: May 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Regional Special Events Grant Report 2016

ORIGIN

Applications received pursuant to Administrative Order Number 2014-021-GOV - Respecting Regional Special Events Grants

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Section 79 (1) The Council may expend money required by the Municipality... (av) a grant or contribution to

- (i) a society within the meaning of the *Children and Family Services Act*,
- (ii) a mental health clinic in receipt of financial assistance from Her Majesty in right of the Province,
- (iii) an exhibition held by an educational institution in the Municipality,
- (iv) a club, association or exhibition within the meaning of the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*,
- (v) any charitable, nursing, medical, athletic, educational, environmental, cultural, community, fraternal, recreational, religious, sporting or social organization within the Province,
- (vi) a day care licensed under the *Day Care Act*,
- (vii) a registered Canadian charitable organization;

Administrative Order Number 2014-021-GOV:Respecting Regional Special Events Grants

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve 67 Event Grants for a total of \$197,100 as identified in Table1 from the approved 2016/17 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events;
2. Approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$172,500 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve (Q312);

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3. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2017/18 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Event;
4. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$172,500 as identified in Table 2 from the 2017/18 Culture Development Reserve (Q312);
5. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 3 from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events; and;
6. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$172,500 as identified in Table 3 from the 2018/19 Culture Development Reserve (Q312).

BACKGROUND

This report outlines the recommended Regional Special Events grant awards for the 2016/17 funding intake. All Regional Special Events grants recommendations are governed by Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Events Grants. This is the first grant intake under the new Administrative Order (AO) which was approved in May 2015, and the first community event grant report governed by the Grants Committee. The Special Events Advisory Committee (SEAC) governs event grants funded from the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER), Q315. There is 1 intake per year in which staff undertakes the grant application and evaluation process as outlined in the AO.

DISCUSSION

New Regional Events AO

The purpose of the new AO, 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Events Grants is to establish consistent and equitable funding for community and cultural events. Included in the AO are four new funding programs that replace the previous categories:

The new programs are:

- **Community Celebrations** – Provides support for small scale community events that are organized primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of local residents, coincide with a community gathering or civic holiday, and are free to the public to attend.
 - i. Maximum grant award is \$1,000.
- **Established Community Festivals** – Provides support for existing community events that are organized primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of local residents, are accessible to the public with free or low cost activities, have been in existence for a minimum of three consecutive years and have a minimum budget of \$10,000.
 - ii. Maximum grant award in this program is \$25,000.
- **Significant Anniversaries** – Provides support for community events organized around major quarterly anniversaries (25, 50, 75, etc.) that celebrate Halifax's heritage and community and have a minimum budget of \$7,500.
 - iii. Maximum grant award in this program is \$10,000.
- **Cultural Events & Showcases** – Provides support for arts and culture festivals that program strong cultural content, further the disciplines of literary, media, performing and visual arts, are accessible to the public with free or low cost activities, have a minimum budget of \$50,000, and further the principles and objectives of the HRM Cultural Plan.
 - iv. Maximum grant award in this program is \$60,000.

The AO also outlines the option to provide up to three years of sustainable funding to the Established Community Festivals and Cultural Events & Showcases programs.

The Community Celebrations, Established Community Festivals and Significant Anniversaries programs have a total budget of \$215,000 funded from the operating budget C760. This amount includes the increase to the budget of \$100,000 as previously approved by Regional Council. The Cultural Events & Showcases Program has a budget of \$200,000, funded from the Culture Development Reserve – Q312.

Eligibility

There were 87 applications submitted for funding to the 2016/17 grant intake process. Event information on all applications can be found in Attachment 2.

Ineligible

This grant program does not approve funding for events that have already occurred, otherwise known as retroactive funding. For the purposes of the 2016 intake, the event must take place after April 1, 2016 to be considered for funding. Details on these events are outlined in Attachment 3.

Therefore, the application for *Nawruz* was deemed ineligible as the event occurred in March 2016. However, *Nawruz* applied for funding through the Established Community Festivals program which offers multiple year funding. A grant in the amount of \$750 for 2017 and 2018 is recommended, conditional on receiving confirmation the event will occur with no changes to the program delivery.

The *Return Journey of Krios to Nova Scotia* was deemed ineligible as the proposed event is organized as a delegate reception/ conference. These activities do not qualify for event funding under the Regional Special Events or the MLSER programs.

Not recommended for funding

"*SESQUI: A Canada 150 Signature Event*" is a touring, immersive media experience featuring a 360° cinematic, interactive content, live events, online activities and learning programs. SESQUI has been chosen as a Canada 150 Fund Signature Initiative with a federal investment in funding of close to \$9.5 million. As the application infers this event is geared towards a local audience, it therefore can be considered under the Regional Special Events program. However, with significant federal funding confirmed, it is recommended that the event, while culturally significant, does not require supplemental municipal funds to take place.

Lake N Shore Days applied for funding through the Established Community Festivals program. Staff has recently been notified that the event has been cancelled for 2016. However, the community plans for the event to occur in 2017 and beyond as per the application submitted. Therefore, the event is recommended for funding for \$4,750 in 2017 and 2018 conditional on the event taking place at the level of past years.

MultiCultural Festival was not recommended for funding as the organization currently owes outstanding funds to the municipality. Several attempts have been made to contact the group to discuss a repayment plan, but to date this has not been achieved. Further, while HRM has not received official notification that the 2016/17 event has been cancelled at the writing of this report, attempts to confirm the 2016 event have been unsuccessful. The event would be considered in future years should an application be submitted and subject to funding availability.

Implementation of the AO

The primary purpose of AO 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Event Grants, is to enable HRM to provide a consistent approach to the provision of grant funding to those events that have community and cultural outcomes. To further that purpose, the AO outlines a mechanism for an allocation of \$200,000 in funding each fiscal year for the purposes of supporting arts and cultural festivals.

While HRM has been successful in supporting events that deliver benefits to the community on a limited timeline in the past, the provision of grant funding to recurring events in HRM is also an important part of the AO. The changes in the criteria for assessment, as well as the opportunity for three year funding, is intended to ensure a consistent approach to the consideration of the events; ensure that community and arts and cultural impacts are fully considered; and improve the sustainability of the events. Regional Council can adjust those amounts, but should be cognizant of the impact to the overall budget capacity.

Sustainable Funding

As noted, the new AO provides the ability to offer “up to” three years funding support for the Community Established Events and the Cultural Events & Showcases Programs. The additional years of funding would be dependent on the approval of HRM’s annual budget, but would provide organizers with a level of commitment to assist with the sustainability of their events.

It is recommended to award three year funding commitments to all Establish Community Festivals and Cultural Events & Showcases applicants to recognize their importance to the Municipality as well as to provide increased financial stability. Each event is required to submit annual post-event reports for review and any concerns noted will be brought forward to the Grants Committee for discussion. Alternatively, the Grants Committee may request a presentation if the scope of an event is altered.

However, it should be noted that the Cultural Events & Showcases and Established Community Festivals programs are at or near budget capacity and therefore if Regional Council approves the recommended funding allocations, there would be little to no ability to consider additional applications until the 2019/20 fiscal year. As the Community Celebrations program is one year funding only the category will have capacity each year.

However, it should be noted that over recent years Regional Council has approved a significant increase in financial investment to support to arts and culture initiatives. The assignment of \$200,000 to cultural events as well as the funds assigned to the Interim Professional Arts Grant program represents an additional investment of \$560,000 per year not including museum support.

Evaluation

As per the Regional Special Events AO, all applications are evaluated on:

- Community engagement;
- Community cultural development;
- Demonstrated financial need; and
- Demonstrated added value to the community.

Community engagement is evaluated based on volunteer involvement, diversity, accessibility, attendance and programming. Community cultural development is based on the provision of arts and cultural programming and experiences. Demonstrated financial need is evaluated on access to potential sponsorship as well as the ability to self-fund. Demonstrated added value to the community is evaluated on the impact of the experience that would have otherwise not been available to the community in which the event is held.

Previous Event Considerations

The approval and implementation of the new AO outlined some changes in the way some long standing events were assessed and funding. Those changes are outlined below.

Past Levels of Funding

The staff report which outlined the new AO, presented to Regional Council on May 26, 2015, stated “all events which currently received funding through the former Annual Events program are to receive funding no less than their respective 2015/16 grant awards for 2016/17”. Those events are:

- Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Summer Carnival
- Greek Fest
- Fall River Canal Days
- Keloose Days
- Light up Bedford Parade
- Sackville Patriot Days
- Spryfield Santa Parade
- Waverley Gold Rush Days

With the implementation of the Regional Special Event AO, new programs and revised criteria, assessment of the above noted events could have resulted in a reduction in funding levels in 2017 and

2018. However, after evaluation, all former Annual Events grant recipients have been recommended for funding equal to or greater than past awards.

We Day Atlantic

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, We Day Atlantic applied for funding to the MLSER program as a hosting opportunity for the municipality. In 2015, its third year, it was categorized as an annual event and recommended for a grant of \$65,000. However SEAC recommended that an alternate funding source be identified as the information presented did not meet the criteria of MLSER. Subsequently, Regional Council approved funding in the amount of \$65,000 from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328. With the approval of the new AO, Regional Council also allocated the budget that facilitated this grant to the Regional Special Events program on a go forward basis.

With the event meeting criteria specific to the AO on Regional Special Events, the application has been directed to the Cultural Events & Showcases Program. Staff has recommended an event grant of only \$10,000 to We Day Atlantic based upon the criteria as outlined in the AO. With requests for more than double the program capacity of \$200,000, provision of funding to We Day Atlantic at the 2015 level would create a significant reduction in funding available to all other events in this category. The Regional program was not expected to have sufficient funds to meet the past awards to We Day. As stated in the 2015 MLSER report, "based on current and past applications submitted for We Day and the level of funding requested, it is clear that moving forward due to criteria and maximum grant levels the Regional Special Events Grants program will not yield the same level of funding that has been approved under the MLSER".

However, the event carries many benefits celebrating youth and volunteerism and provides a unique opportunity for schools across Atlantic Canada to engage in socially relevant topics, such as global climate change and clean water initiatives as well as anti-cyber bullying, and mental health challenges in teens. Therefore, Regional Council could amend the level of funding to We Day Atlantic using the remaining capacity in the Cultural Events & Showcases Program (\$27,500); however, that would create a precedent for future funding, re-create inconsistencies in the provision of event grants, and reduce funding available for future events.

Recommendation Tiers

Applicants to the Cultural Events & Showcases program budgets range from \$50,000 to \$670,000. In order to review such a gamut in funding requests and assist with recommendations, applicants have been placed into tiers for the purposes of review. Consistent with both the Community Grants programs and the Interim Professional Arts Grants programs, the tiers allow for applicants to be compared with those within the same scope. Tier 1 events are those with budgets greater than \$100,000, and Tier 2 events are those with budgets less than \$100,000.

Summary of Recommended Funding

The proposed Regional Special Events funding amounts for the eligible events are displayed in Table 1 for 2016/17, Table 2 for 2017/18, and Table 3 for 2018/19, with details outlined Attachment 1.

Table 1: 2016/17 Proposed Regional Events Funding			
	# of Events	16/17 Requests	16/17 Proposed
Community Celebrations	29	\$26,500	\$15,350
Established Community Festivals	36	\$405,200	\$173,000
Significant Anniversaries	2	\$11,000	\$8,750
Subtotal	67	\$442,700	\$197,100
Cultural Events & Showcases	13	\$437,739	\$172,500
TOTAL 2016/17 Regional Events	80	\$880,439	\$369,600

Table 2: 2017/18 Proposed Regional Events Funding		
	# of Events	17/18 Proposed
Established Community Festivals	38	\$178,500
Cultural Events & Showcases	13	\$172,500
TOTAL 2017/18 Regional Events	51	\$351,000

Table 3: 2018/19 Proposed Regional Events Funding		
	# of Events	18/19 Proposed
Established Community Festivals	38	\$178,500
Cultural Events & Showcases	13	\$172,500
TOTAL 2018/19 Regional Events	51	\$351,000

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All Community Celebrations, Significant Anniversaries and Established Community Festival recommendations can be accommodated in the approved 2016/17 operating budget for Community/Civic Events, account C760-6933. All 2017/18 and 2018/19 recommendations are subject to availability of funds and approval of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 budgets.

All Cultural Events & Showcases recommendations are subject to availability of Culture Development Reserve, Q312 funds and approval of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 budgets.

There are no outstanding funds owing to the municipality by any of the recommended applicants.

Budget Summary Culture Development Reserve, Q312

Balance in Reserve, March 31, 2016	\$ 910,484
Outstanding commitments at March 31, 2016:	\$(1,185,217)
CD990003 Cultural Inventory \$80,755	
CDG01135 Public Art \$125,000	
Barrington Street Heritage Initiative \$679,731	
Cultural Places Study \$88,969	
C764 Cultural Operating Costs of outstanding grants \$210,762	
Projected net available opening balance April 1, 2016	\$(274,733)
Budgeted 2016/17 contributions + interest	\$ 626,863
Approved 2016/17 withdrawals	<u>\$(575,000)*</u>
Projected balance, March 31, 2017	<u>\$(222,870)</u>

*There is no impact to the reserve this year, as the amounts of \$172,500 for Culture Events & Showcases Program and \$197,100 for Grants are within the total amount approved as a withdrawal for 2016/17.

As no reserve is permitted to be in a negative position, per AO 2014-015 ADM Respecting Reserve Funding Strategies, the commitments outlined above are not all expected to be withdrawn from the reserve during 2016/17, thus providing cash flow of 2016/17 budgeted withdrawals. Through the Reserve Review Project, the negative balance has been noted, and will be corrected through recommendations to Council when the Reserve Review is brought forward at that time.

Q312 – Cultural Development Reserve (Jan 31, 2003)

The current approved Culture Development Reserve Business Case is intended to develop and enhance culture and heritage sites within HRM and support HRM's goals and responsibilities. When Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV, (AO) was approved, the report indicated that the Reserve Business Case would be updated to reflect its new purpose. This was not completed as a review on all HRM Reserves was planned.

The review of all HRM Reserves is ongoing however once the review is completed, all the Reserve Business Cases will be updated. The withdrawals from the Reserve to fund operating and to fund the Cultural Events & Showcases program do not meet the current Reserve Business Case. It meets the AO requirements, and the AO states that this Reserve will fund this program.

For the 2016/17 budget year, fiscal services have contributed to this Reserve so that the proposed withdrawal to fund the Cultural Event & Showcases program could be accessed for the 2016/17 fiscal year.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Grants Committee includes members of the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The Grants Committee may choose to recommend that Regional Council increase or reduce the amount of any event grant.

Alternative 2: Since the recommended grant award for the We Day Atlantic event has been significantly reduced from previous years, the Grants Committee may choose to recommend that Regional Council allocate the remaining funding in the Cultural Events & Showcases Program (\$27,500) to increase the grant award to We Day Atlantic. That would result in a total grant award of \$37,500 to We Day Atlantic for the three year period but would result in the program budget being at full capacity.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Summary of Funding Recommendations for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

Attachment 2: Applications Recommended for Funding by Program

Attachment 3: Applications Not Recommended for Funding by Program

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Attachment 1
Summary of Funding Recommendations for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

Community Celebrations	15/16 Grant	16/17 Request	16/17 Proposed
Boardwalk Artists	N/A	\$1,000	\$250
Celebration of Community & Queens 90 th Birthday Party	N/A	\$1,000	\$250
Commemoration of Great Upheaval	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Community Garden Harvest Festival	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Fairview Summer Fair & Community BBQ	N/A	\$1,000	\$750
Gottingen St - North by Night Market	N/A	\$1,000	\$750
Halloween Haunted House	\$250	\$300	\$250
L'Acadie Cheezetcook Christmas Tree Lighting	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Literacy & Storytelling Festival	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Meagher's Grant Christmas Tree Lighting	N/A	\$200	\$100
Meagher's Grant Day	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Moser River Days	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
MSHS Annual Heritage Tea & Display	N/A	\$650	\$500
North End Holiday Market	N/A	\$1,000	\$750
Nova Scotia ACORN Celebratory Community BBQ	\$250	\$1,000	\$250
Performance & Art Exhibit at ACM Hypertext	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Polish Film Festival	N/A	\$1,000	\$250
Recreation Gathering for Blind & Visually Impaired People	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Saint Vincent Community Fair	N/A	\$750	\$500
Sambro Sou' Wester Days Annual Fireworks Display	\$3,500	\$1,000	\$1,000
School Farm Day & Celebration	\$500	\$600	\$500
Seacoast Trail Arts Exhibition	\$250	\$1,000	\$500
Spring Garden Children's Festival	500	\$1,000	\$750
Spryfield Harvest Festival	N/A	\$1,000	\$750
Summer Carnival for Immigrant Women & Families	N/A	\$1,000	\$500
Trunk 7 Music Festival	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ward 5 Annual Party	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000
Winter Fun Day	\$250	\$1,000	\$500
Zieleno Swiatki	N/A	\$1,000	\$250
TOTAL	\$6,500	\$26,500	\$15,350

Established Community Festivals	2015/16 Grant	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Proposed	2017/18 Proposed	2018/29 Proposed
Acadian Festival	N/A	\$8,800	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Africa Festival of Arts & Culture	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Animation with Love: 6	N/A	\$5,000	\$500	\$500	\$500
Art of Disability Festival	\$500	\$10,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Atlantic Flamenco Festival	N/A	\$8,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bluenose Ghost Festival	N/A	\$20,000	\$500	\$500	\$500
Canada Day in Beaverbank	\$2,775	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Caribbean Diaspora Multicultural Celebration	\$750	\$12,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Celebrate Canada Day with a Taste of East Preston	\$750	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Christkindlmarket Festival	N/A	\$25,000	\$250	\$250	\$250
Cole Harbour Harvest Festival	\$2,775	\$25,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival	\$3,500	\$10,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Emerging Lens Independent Cultural Film Festival	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Festival des Cultures Francophones TD 2016 / FrancoFest	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gottingen Festival	\$500	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Halifax County Exhibition	\$25,000	\$39,400	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Halifax Greek Fest	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Harvest Hootenanny & Pumpkin Smash	\$250	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Holiday Parade of Lights	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
India Fest	N/A	\$12,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Keloose	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Lake N Shore Days	\$2,775	\$5,000	*\$0	\$4,750	\$4,750
Mother Goose Festival	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Nawruz	N/A	\$8,000	**\$0	\$750	\$750
Newcomers Welcome BBQ	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
North Preston Days	\$2,775	\$10,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Northern Lights Lantern Festival	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival	\$2,750	\$10,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts	\$2,775	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
QuinFest	\$1,000	\$5,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Re-Jigged Festival	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Sackville Patriot Days	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Spryfield Santa Clause Parade	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Switch Open Street Sundays	N/A	\$25,000	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250
Tallahassee Days Pirate Festival	\$2,775	\$10,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Waverly Gold Rush Days	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Weir Rockin'	N/A	\$25,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Word on the Street Halifax	\$6,250	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
TOTAL	125,900	\$405,200	\$173,000	\$178,500	\$178,500

Significant Anniversaries	2015/16 Grant	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Proposed
Carroll's Corner Mastadon Days 25th Anniversary	\$500	\$1,000	\$750
Last Steps Memorial Dedication Event	N/A	\$10,000	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$500	\$11,000	\$8,750

Cultural Showcases & Events	2015/16 Grant	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Proposed	2017/18 Proposed	2018/19 Proposed
Atlantic Fringe Festival	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Gridlock Festival	N/A	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Halifax Pride Festival	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
Nocturne: Art at Night	\$43,000	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Prismatic Arts Festival	\$21,500	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Scotia Festival of Music	\$15,000	\$32,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
We Day Atlantic	\$65,000	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Tier 2					
Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival	N/A	\$20,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Mayworks Halifax Festival	\$750	\$19,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
OBEY Convention	N/A	\$11,739	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Out East Film Festival	\$1,000	\$23,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Queer Acts Theatre Festival	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Stages Theatre Festival	N/A	\$12,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$197,750	\$437,739	\$172,500	\$172,500	\$172,500

Attachment 2
Applications Recommended for Funding by Program

In certain instances, applications from organizations in receipt of funding through these or other municipal programs may be considered in the determination of awards (e.g. in evaluating two or more applicants of comparable merit).

Community Celebrations Program

1. Boardwalk Artists

Organization: Alderney Landing Association

Date: July 1, 2016

Location: Dartmouth Waterfront

Program description: The event Celebrates Canada with Boardwalk Art which is a celebration of Canada Day through art making and guided creative expression of Canada's history and culture. The event aims to promote the diversity and high caliber of local art in Canada through interactive demonstrations, workshops, and guided art making free to participants. This event encourages an inclusive, safe, and open environment for families to celebrate Canada Day, Sir Wilfred Laurier, and the Canadian Women's Suffrage Movement.

Attendance: 5,000

Budget: \$10,369

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$250

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a Project Grant for 2016/17 (\$4,972) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and for a Community Arts & Crafts Grant for 2016/17 (\$5,089.13) from the Community Grants Program to build display cases.

2. Celebration of Community & the Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday Party

Organization: City Kidds Escape Society

Date: April 23, 2016

Location: Westwood Park

Program description: The event aims to honour her Majesty's dedication and service to Canada by hosting a community celebration with children's activities and food.

Attendance: 400

Budget: \$5,000

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$250

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

3. Commemoration of Great Upheaval

Organization: L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association

Date: July 28, 2016

Location: St. Anselm Parish Church

Program description: The event commemorates the Great Upheaval in the Acadian community, and will include a special French Mass followed by a moment of silence and singing Ave Marie Stella. Following this ceremony, a celebration including music, dancing, and singing will take place. The event brings together the multigenerational, united community of the larger Grand Desert and West Chezzetcook area.

Attendance: 300

Budget: \$3,180.60

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

4. **Community Garden Harvest Festival**
Organization: L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association
Date: September 22 - 24, 2016
Location: Chezzetocook
Program description: The event involves a workshop session, fruit and vegetable competition, recipe exchange, seed exchange, music, children's activities, and provides resources on making and caring for a garden. The harvest festival brings together the community around this heritage activity.
Attendance: 150
Budget: \$2,388.60
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$500
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

5. **Fairview Summer Fair & Community BBQ**
Organization: Fairview Community Association
Date: August 20, 2016
Location: Titus Smith Memorial Park
Program description: The event partners with Halifax Parks & Recreation and the YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs to provide a welcome to newcomers to the community with free food, children's entertainment, games, and book giveaways.
Attendance: 850
Budget: \$2,910
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$750
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

6. **Gottingen St - North by Night Market**
Organization: North End Business Association
Date: 4 dates throughout June/July/August
Location: Gottingen Street, Halifax
Program description: The event celebrates the North End and Gottingen area community by bringing people together to showcase culture, and support local businesses and local musicians.
Attendance: 3,000
Budget: 3,000
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$750
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

7. **Halloween Haunted House**
Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department
Date: October 29, 2016
Location: Meagher's Grant
Program description: The event is a community held Haunted House to provide a safe place to celebrate Halloween in rural HRM.
Budget: \$300
HRM Request: \$300
Proposed HRM funding: \$250
2015 HRM Funding: \$250
Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a Recreation and Leisure Grant (\$9,000) for 2016/17 from Community Grants for insulating its ceilings.

8. **L'Acadie Cheezetcook Christmas Tree Lighting**
Organization: L'acadie de Chezzetcook Association
Date: November 18 - 20, 2016
Location: West Cheezetcook

Program description: The event brings together an intergenerational community to share a common interest and cultural heritage through the making of traditional ornaments and decoration of an outdoor community Christmas tree. Carols will be sung in both French and English and homemade sweets and refreshments will be served.

Attendance: 200

Budget: \$2,288.60

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

9. Literacy & Storytelling Festival

Organization: L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association

Date: April 16/17, 2016

Location: West Chezzetcook

Program description: The event helps to encourage and cultivate interest in literacy and storytelling in the community. The passing of stories from the elders are of great important to the members of the community, most of whom have ancestors in the founding families of the area.

Attendance: 150

Budget: \$3,388.60

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

10. Meagher's Grant Christmas Tree Lighting

Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department

Date: December 2, 2016

Location: Community Hall, Meagher Grant

Program description: Community gathering around a Christmas tree which will be ceremonially lit in early December with a local choir and community members in attendance. Treats will be served at the event, and the tree will be used throughout December for various Christmas events at the Hall.

Attendance: 100

Budget: \$400

HRM Request: \$200

Proposed HRM funding: \$100

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a Recreation and Leisure Grant (\$9,000) for 2016/17 from Community Grants for insulating its ceilings.

11. Meagher's Grant Day

Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department

Date: June 11, 2016

Location: Meagher's Grant

Program description: The event celebrates the founding of Meagher's Grant by a community-wide celebration including exhibits of agricultural tools, cooking contest, kids' activities, old-fashioned carnival games and food, the dedication of a memorial tree, and local entertainment.

Attendance: 150

Budget: \$1,500

HRM Request: \$1000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

12. Moser River Days

Organization: River Community Centre Association

Date: July 23, 2016

Location: Community Park & Hall

Program description: Community event includes a bingo night, activities and supper.

Attendance: 250
Budget: \$2,100
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$500
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

13. MSHS Annual Heritage Tea & Display

Organization: Mainland South Heritage Society
Date: February 18, 2017
Location: Captain William Spry Community Centre
Program description: The event honours Heritage month, and is set up café-style so people can view the exhibit and enjoy refreshments while socializing. After the event at the community centre, the display is set up in the library and then goes on tour in the local community.
Attendance: 200
Budget: \$650
HRM Request: \$650
Proposed HRM funding: \$500
2015 Funding: N/A

14. North End Holiday Market

Organization: North End Business Association
Date: November 26, 2016
Location: Corner of Charles & Agricola St, Halifax
Program description: The event celebrates the change of season and the upcoming holidays with a German style winter market. The purpose is to attract people to the North End, support and engage local businesses, and provide a community building experience. In the past, businesses have hosted instore specials, hot drinks, organized family activities, and raised funds for local charities.
Attendance: 4,000
Budget: \$8,235
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$750
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

15. Nova Scotia ACORN Celebratory Community BBQ

Organization: ACORN Canada
Date: September 15, 2016
Location: Gottingen Street Public Library
Program description: The event will consist of a community BBQ serving food and refreshments to members of the general public, hosted by Nova Scotia ACORN members from the neighbourhood. There will be games for the children, raffle draws, and speeches by Nova Scotia ACORN leaders on positive changes in the community, and the importance of getting involved.
Attendance: 250
Budget: \$3,620
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$250
2015 HRM Funding: \$250

16. Performance & Art Exhibit at ACM Hypertext

Organization: Association for Computing Machinery
Date: July, 2016
Location: Dalhousie University, Halifax
Program description: The event will display hypermedia art and literature. It showcases a performance by Halifax's 2b Theatre Company as part of the multimedia, immersive, technological play 'Unconscious at the Sistine Chapel', commissioned from Montreal playwright Michael MacKenzie.
Attendance: 250

Budget: \$3,000
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$500
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

17. Polish Film Festival

Organization: Polish Canadian Society of Canada
Date: TBC July 2016
Location: Kings College & Halifax Central Library
Program description: The event builds on the success of 2015 film screening by presenting a mini-festival focusing on animated films. Poland's animated film heritage dates back to before the First World War. Information will be provided on Polish animation, as well as complimentary refreshments and children's crafts.
Attendance: 250
Budget: \$1,300
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$250
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

18. Recreation Gathering for Blind & Visually Impaired People

Organization: Canadian Council of the Blind, Dartmouth Chapter
Date: May 20, 2016
Location: Halifax
Program description: The event promotes the abilities of the more than 110 visually impaired people and their volunteers/guides, and encourages the public to become more familiar with the abilities of visually impaired people. All events are free to the public and include a talent show, cribbage, dance, swimming, darts, table bowling and a banquet.
Attendance: 200
Budget: \$3,900
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$500
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

19. Saint Vincent Community Fair

Organization: Saint Vincent's Nursing Home
Date: June 9, 2016
Location: Saint Vincent's Nursing Home
Program description: As part of their 50th anniversary celebration, Saint Vincent will showcase their facility and connect with the external community. Residents of the facility invite the community to experience crafts with children, live music, plant sales, facility tours, and a free BBQ.
Attendance: 500
Budget: \$1,700
HRM Request: \$750
Proposed HRM funding: \$500
2015 HRM Funding: N/A

20. Sambro Sou' Wester Days Annual Fireworks Display

Organization: Sambro & Area Community Association
Date: August 6, 2016
Location: Sambro
Program description: The Annual Sou' Wester Days attract over 2,000 people to the weekend events, which include a public fireworks display at Crystal Crescent Beach.
Attendance: 2,000
Budget: \$6,500
HRM Request: \$1,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$1,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$3,500

21. School Farm Day & Celebration

Organization: Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

Date: June 9/10, 2016

Location: Urban Farm, Spryfield

Program description: The event celebrates Spryfield's diverse community and brings students from local grade schools, seniors from Melville Lodge, parents and teachers together to interact with the local Councillor and museum members. Activities include a small petting zoo, seed planning, heritage games, and cake cutting. The event encourages cultural exchange and new immigrant families are invited to share a musical talent, game or crop from their home.

Attendance: 150

Budget: \$1,425

HRM Request: \$600

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: \$500

22. Seacoast Trail Arts Exhibition

Organization: Seacoast Trail Arts Association

Date: August 21, 2016

Location: Lions Centre, Eastern Shore

Program description: The annual event showcases local artists. This year is the 10th anniversary which will be celebrated with cake, children's arts and crafts area, and a silent auction benefiting a student bursary.

Attendance: 450

Budget: \$2,575

HRM Request: \$1000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: \$250

23. Spring Garden Children's Festival

Organization: Spring Garden Area Business Association Ltd.

Date: August 6, 2016

Location: Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Program description: The purpose of the Spring Garden Children's Festival is to provide a free, family oriented event in the Halifax area. The event will expand the programming for 2016.

Attendance: 2,500

Budget: \$6,000

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$750

2015 HRM Funding: \$500

24. Spryfield Harvest Festival

Organization: Long Lake Provincial Park Association

Date: September 17, 2016

Location: Spryfield

Program description: A free community festival bringing residents from all areas of Spryfield, Purcells Cove, Ketch Harbour, Sambro, Williamswood and Harrietsfield to enjoy a weekend of fun. The event provides awareness on the heritage of Spryfield and promotes programs that are available to everyone in the community.

Attendance: 4,000

Budget: \$5,000

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$750

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

25. Summer Carnival for Immigrant Women & Families

Organization: Immigrant/Migrant Women's Association of Halifax

Date: August 20, 2016

Location: Community Ovens, Dartmouth Commons

Program description: A community event to join in a creative and fun activity to make pizzas, children's activities, meet new people, and experience henna. It is also an opportunity to enjoy this recreational resource available to the community.

Attendance: 100

Budget: \$1,700

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

26. Trunk 7 Music Festival

Organization: Trunk 7 Music Festival Association

Date: July 23 - 24, 2016

Location: Musquodoboit

Program description: Festival was established to promote musical artists, both young and young at heart, from the Eastern Shore and beyond. This opportunity helps artists to develop their confidence and showcase their talent in a concert-like setting.

Attendance: 1,500

Budget: \$34,180

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$1,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$500

27. Ward 5 Annual Party

Organization: Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre

Date: August 18, 2016

Location: Between Gottingen and Isleville St. on Russel St.

Program description: This is the 35th Annual Ward 5 Block party, a community event celebrating summers end. It is a major community builder, bringing together young and old. Programming includes entertainment, BBQ, drinks and games. The event is attended by Halifax Regional Police and Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency who inform and engage with the community.

Attendance: 500

Budget: \$3,300

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$1,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$500

28. Winter Fun Day

Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department

Date: March 4, 2017

Location: Community Hall

Program description: A community event involving sledding, skating, snow sculptures, outdoor activities, and indoor craft activities for the kids followed by a light meal and refreshments.

Attendance: 150

Budget: \$2,000

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: \$250

29. Zielone Swiatki

Organization: Polish Canadian Society of Nova Scotia

Date: May 15, 2016

Location: Halifax

Program description: The event aims to acquaint the broader community with the Polish folk customs and traditions that have their source in the celebrations of nature and the expectation of the coming years. There will be traditional Polish food as well as children activities.

Attendance: 150

Budget: \$1,200

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$250

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Established Community Festivals

1. **Acadian Festival**

Organization: L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association

Date: August 14 - 20, 2016

Location: West Chezzetcook

Program Description: This 7 day festival is held to celebrate the greater region of West Chezzetcook's Acadian culture and heritage. The event offers traditional meals, demonstrations, ancestral activities, games, presentations, children's area and various local bands.

Attendance: 1,000

Budget: \$17,500

HRM Request: \$8,800

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

2. **Africa Festival of Arts & Culture**

Organization: Africa Festival of Arts and Culture Society

Date: July 29 - 31, 2016

Location: Sackville Landing, Lower Water Street

Program description: AfricFest showcases visual and performing arts to educate people of all ages about the culture and artistic works of the community, and provides exposure for young, emerging artists as well as the culture of people of African descent. The festival is an enabling environment for African Canadian artists, allowing them to come together to perform, share, and showcase their talents.

Attendance: 4,000

Budget: \$97,920

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$2,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,000

3. **Animation with Love: 6**

Organization: Carbon Arc Cinema Co-operative

Date: November 25-27, 2016

Location: Carbon Arc Cinema, Museum of Natural History

Program Description: The event showcases films that celebrate the filmmaker's dedication to their craft, reflects creative potential of the animation genre and bridges an emotional connection with the audience. The festival consists of two short programs, two feature lengths, and panel discussions.

Attendance: 400

Budget: \$20,000

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has received an Operating Grant (\$3,000) in 2015/16 and has applied for a 2016/17 (\$8,000) Operating Grant from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program.

4. Art of Disability Festival

Organization: Independent Living Nova Scotia

Date: July 28, 2016

Location: Alderney Landing

Program Description: The festival provides an opportunity for artists with disabilities to highlight their talents. It also raises awareness of the diversity of talents, offers a venue for socialization, and raises awareness on accessibility and barriers for individuals with disabilities.

Attendance: 350

Budget: \$33,405

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$500

5. Atlantic Flamenco Festival

Organization: Atlantic Flamenco Productions

Date: November 6 - 19, 2016

Location: Alderney Landing, Dartmouth

Program Description: The Atlantic Flamenco Festival celebrates flamenco dance and music, featuring local and guest artists. This festival is unique in that it features world-renown guest artists.

Attendance: 1,000

Budget: \$52,000

HRM Request: \$8,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a 2016/17 Operating Grant (\$10,000) and a 2016/17 Project Grant (\$8,900) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program.

6. Bluenose Ghost Festival

Organization: Alderney Landing Association

Date: October 20 - 31, 2016

Location: Alderney Landing, Dartmouth Waterfront

Program Description: The Bluenose Ghosts is an 11 day festival that was created to share the municipality's local history through the works of Dr. Helen Creighton (one of Canada's most notable historians) by creating new works with professional artists. This is done by engaging youth and residents of all ages in creating professional installations and community art projects (including film, theatre, visual arts, new media, literacy, and animation), to attract residents and visitors to participate.

Attendance: 25,000

Budget: \$302,070

HRM Request: \$20,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a Project Grant for 2016/17 (\$4,972) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and for a Community Arts & Crafts Grant for 2016/17 (\$5,089.13) from the Community Grants Program to build display cases.

7. Canada Day in Beaverbank

Organization: Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

Date: July 1, 2016

Location: Beaver Bank Road

Program Description: Canada Day in Beaver Bank provides an opportunity to build community and create a sense of pride in a rural area. All activities are free and community members are encouraged to participate as well as volunteer.

Attendance: 2,500

Budget: \$35,955.00

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$4,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

8. Caribbean Diaspora Multicultural Celebration

Organization: Jamaican Cultural Association of Nova Scotia

Date: August 1, 2016

Location: Halifax South Commons

Program Description: This event celebrates the diversity, culture, and contributions of people of Caribbean descent to the greater Halifax region. It is an educational, fun-filled day that provides a venue for music participation, games, friendly competition, ethnic foods, poetry and dance. The event actively pays tribute to Canadian First Nations peoples and the Arawak Indians of the Caribbean.

Attendance: 600

Budget: \$12,000

HRM Request: \$12,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$750

9. Celebrate Canada Day with a Taste of East Preston

Organization: East Preston United Baptist Church

Date: July 1, 2016

Location: East Preston Recreation Centre

Program Description: The event starts with a parade featuring local politicians, community and church leaders, elders, youth, and adults who are active members of the community. This event brings all members of the community together, and reaches out to the surrounding communities to celebrate Canada Day in a fun, culturally engaging manner. Activities include games, culturally specific food, and entertainment.

Attendance: 350

Budget: \$13,100

HRM Request: \$2,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$750

10. Christkindlmarket Festival

Organization: Alderney Landing Association

Date: December 1 - 12, 2016

Location: Alderney Landing, Dartmouth Waterfront

Program Description: This event allows all residents and visitors to celebrate in the activities, attractions, and entertainment of the traditional German market. The free event focuses on the traditions of the German market, including free outdoor and indoor entertainment, artisanal market, and horse wagon rides.

Attendance: 10,000

Budget: \$202,900

HRM Request: \$25,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$250

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a Project Grant for 2016/17 (\$4,972) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and for a Community Arts & Crafts Grant for 2016/17 (\$5,089.13) from the Community Grants Program to build display cases.

11. Cole Harbour Harvest Festival

Organization: Cole Harbour Harvest Festival Society

Date: September 9 -10, 2016

Location: Cole Harbour Place, Cole Harbour

Program Description: The festival is a one-day, free event for the residents of Cole Harbour and surrounding areas that showcases the diversity, creativity, and talent of the community. It highlights community involvement through volunteerism, networking, and participation. Events include a

farmer's market, a health fair to raise awareness of the health resources in the community, cultural and music acts, a parade and fireworks display.

Attendance: 5,000

Budget: \$31,250

HRM Request: \$25,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$6,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

12. Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival

Organization: Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival Association

Date: August 1 - 7, 2016

Location: Eastern Passage Sports Field, Ocean View School Road, Tallahassee Community School, and MacCormack's Beach Provincial Park

Program Description: Going into its 41st year, the event is organized to bring together all the members of the community to enjoy the summer and the talents in the community. All events are free and there are demonstrations, live local music, children's entertainment and crafts, street parades, fireworks, and a sand sculpture contest.

Attendance: 15,000

Budget: \$21,000

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$6,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$3,500

13. Emerging Lens Independent Cultural Film Festival

Organization: Charles Taylor Theatre & Media Arts Association

Date: April 20 - 23, 2016

Location: Various locations: Pier 21, Halifax Central Library, Halifax North Branch Library, and the Black Cultural Centre

Program Description: Event recognizes the talents of local filmmakers to celebrate the stories from African Canadian and multicultural communities. Each night begins with a cultural performance, followed by a screening of films and animations and talks by Canadian filmmakers.

Attendance: 750

Budget: \$15,200

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$2,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,000

14. Festival des Cultures Francophones TD 2016 / FrancoFest

Organization: Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH)

Date: October 17 - 30, 2016

Location: Various locations throughout HRM

Program Description: The "Festival des cultures francophones (FCF) – Francofest" is a multidisciplinary arts festival for Halifax area residents with an emphasis on the Francophone and Acadian community members. The FCF 2016 showcases the diversity and complexities of Halifax's vibrant community through French artistic presentations, a book fair, youth activities and a francophone multicultural event.

Attendance: 7,500

Budget: \$92,000

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$3,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,000

15. Gottingen Festival

Organization: North End Business Association

Date: September 10, 2016

Location: Gottingen Street, Halifax

Program Description: A free, one day festival with live music, a beer tent, street vendors selling crafts and food and children's activities. Local artists are encouraged to participate through street art and activating the festival grounds.

Attendance: 5,000

Budget: \$80,000

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$2,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$500

16. Halifax County Exhibition

Organization: Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society

Date: August 17 - 19, 2016

Location: 190 Exhibition Grounds Road

Program Description: The event promotes excellence in livestock, foliage, horticulture, crop, and our rural heritage to the public in HRM and surrounding areas. More than 10,000 visitors are attracted annually to observe and experience rural life through exhibitors, competition, handcrafts, flowers and crops, photography, woodworking, and more.

Attendance: 11,000

Budget: \$116,900

HRM Request: \$39,400

Proposed HRM Funding: \$25,000 – (maximum grant allowance)

2015 HRM Funding: \$25,000

17. Halifax Greek Fest

Organization: St. George's Greek Orthodox Community

Date: June 9 -12, 2016

Location: St. George's Greek Orthodox Community, Purcell Cove Road, Halifax

Program Description: The Halifax Greek Festival is one of the largest and longest running cultural festivals in Nova Scotia. The purpose of the four-day event is to exhibit and share the Greek culture, art, and the heritage of the local Greek community in Halifax. The event is attended by the general public and includes live music, dance performances, food, tours of St. Georges Greek Orthodox Church, and its cultural exhibit room.

Attendance: 15,000

Budget: \$187,000

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$5,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$3,500

18. Harvest Hootenanny & Pumpkin Smash

Organization: Partners for Care (QEII Health Science Centre Auxiliary)

Date: November 5, 2016

Location: Common Roots Urban Farm, 1926 Robie Street, Halifax

Program Description: This free event sees the Common Roots farm transformed into a village with a stage for musicians, an open space for dancing, a yurt to accommodate story collecting activities, and a children's activity space. In addition, there are outdoor areas for apple cider pressing, and pumpkin carving. There is a set program of activities and performances, followed by a communal meal and dessert potluck.

Attendance: 400

Budget: \$10,000

HRM Request: \$2,500

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$250

19. Holiday Parade of Lights

Organization: Holiday Parade of Lights Society

Date: November 19, 2016

Location: Downtown Halifax

Program Description: The largest Holiday event in Halifax over the past 20 years. The parade has over 100 entries and now includes the "Red Nose Fun Run" prior to the start of the parade.

Attendance: 100,000

Budget: \$223,000

HRM Request: \$25,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$25,000 (maximum grant allowance)

2015 Funding: \$25,000

20. India Fest

Organization: Indo Canadian Community Centre Society

Date: August 5 - 7, 2016

Location: 2901 Windsor Street, Halifax

Program Description: The event promotes Indian culture and awareness as part of creating an inclusive society. Main activities include cultural dances, vocal and instrumental music, authentic food, clothing demonstrations, henna, and face painting.

Attendance: 9,500

Budget: \$24,000

HRM Request: \$12,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$2,500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

21. Keloose

Organization: Windsor Junction Community Centre

Date: August 12 - 14, 2016

Location: Windsor Junction Community Centre

Program Description: The event includes activities such as baseball tournaments, a parade, live music and children's activities. The festival ends with fireworks.

Attendance: 3,000

Budget: \$19,000

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$4,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$3,500

22. Lake N Shore Days

The 2016 event has been cancelled. Should the event take place in 2017 & 2018, funding is recommended at \$4,750. If the event does not occur in 2017 or 2018, no grant award will be released.

Organization: Porters Lake Community Services Association

Location: Porters Lake Community Center

Attendance: 3,000

Budget: \$28,650.00

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed 2016/17 HRM Funding: \$0*

Proposed 2017/18 HRM Funding: \$4,750

Proposed 2018/19 HRM Funding: \$4,750

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

23. Mother Goose Festival

Organization: Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth

Date: July 30, 2016

Location: Ferry Terminal Park, Dartmouth

Program Description: A free, children's festival geared towards families with 2 - 7 year olds with a Nursery Rhyme theme. Activities and events include inflatable bouncers, a petting zoo, art activities and original plays by local theatre companies. The event takes place on a ferry route and bus routes making it accessible to a large portion of the community.

Attendance: 5,000

Budget: \$12,000

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$2,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,500

24. Newcomers Welcome BBQ

Organization: The Welcome BBQ Association

Date: July 16, 2016

Location: South Commons, Halifax

Program Description: This event serves to provide information to the multicultural community and is an opportunity for newcomers to meet current residents as part of the integration process. The annual event includes food, games, and the sights and sounds of cultural music/dancing.

Attendance: 1,500

Budget: \$9,400

HRM Request: \$2,500

Proposed HRM Funding: \$2,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,250

25. North Preston Days

Organization: Women with a Vision

Date: July 9, 2016

Location: North Preston

Program Description: North Preston Days celebrates the rich history of the largest black community in Canada through activities for children/youth, family-friendly entertainment, and support for local businesses.

Attendance: 2,000

Budget: \$24,156

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$5,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

26. Northern Lights Lantern Festival

Organization: Northern Lights Lantern Festival Society

Date: August 6, 2016

Location: Merv Sullivan Park, Halifax

Program Description: The festival is a celebration of the vibrancy and diversity of Halifax's North End.

Attendance: 2,000

Budget: \$23,470

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$3,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,500

27. Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival

Organization: Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival Association

Date: April 2016

Location: Various locations: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, NSCC Performance Theatre, Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, The Music Room, and the First Baptist Church

Program Description: The festival encourages and supports music performances and education in all disciplines for students of all ages and levels of ability. Through a combination of stage and

adjudication opportunities, the festival gives participants opportunities for performing, learning, and sharing a musical experience with national musicians and educators. Senior competitive students performing at the event go on to represent Halifax at the Provincial music festival.

Attendance: 10,000

Budget: \$109,500

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$3,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,750

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a 2016/17 Project Grant (\$10,000) from Interim Professional Arts Grant Program.

28. Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts

Organization: Peggy's Cove Area Festival of Arts Society

Date: July 7-17, 2016

Location: Various locations in the Peggy's Cove Area

Program Description: The event brings together local artists, artisans, performers, community members, and visitors in a celebration of creativity and culture. The festival begins with live musical performances, a 'Community Canvas' and sea-glass collage artwork (created by attendees). It also includes an air painting event where artists interact with tourists and locals as they paint and then display their work.

Attendance: 5,000

Budget: \$50,500

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$3,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

29. QuinFest

Organization: Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association

Date: September 19, 2016

Location: Quinpool Road, Halifax

Program Description: Quinfest is an event that is designed for local businesses on Quinpool Road to give back to their community by providing activities which develop a sense of community. The association and its members provide free live music, face painting, sidewalk sales and food sampling.

Attendance: 4,000

Budget: \$10,255

HRM Request: \$5,500

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,000

30. Re-Jigged Festival: A Celebration of New Celtic Music & Dance

Organization: New Trad Society

Date: October 21 - 23, 2016

Location: Christ Church & First Baptist Church, Dartmouth

Program Description: A festival of Irish and Scottish culture that aims to celebrate, showcase and nurture new traditions in Celtic music and dance and a number of other art forms.

Attendance: 1,000

Budget: \$22,500

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$1,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$750

31. Sackville Patriot Days

Organization: Sackville Community Development Association

Date: June 25 - July 3, 2016

Location: Lower and Middle Sackville

Program Description: The festival is a week-long Canada Day celebration including recreational and sporting events, a free movie, live music, a teddy bear's picnic, fireworks, and a parade.

Attendance: 12,000

Budget: \$35,773

HRM Request: \$20,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$20,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$20,000

32. Spryfield Santa Clause Parade

Organization: Spryfield District Business Commission

Date: November 27, 2016

Location: Spryfield

Program Description: The Parade has run for 43 consecutive years and claims to be the longest running Santa Claus Parade in Canada. The event is held to entertain children and families and to build community spirit.

Attendance: 8,000

Budget: \$7,500

HRM Request: \$3,500

Proposed HRM Funding: \$3,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$3,500

33. Switch Open Street Sundays

Organization: Halifax Community Planning and Design Association

Date: June 12, 2016 (Dartmouth) & September 18, 2016 (Halifax)

Location: Halifax (Agricola – Spring Garden – Barrington) / Dartmouth (Portland St – Prince Albert Rd –Lake Banook)

Program Description: Switch Open Street Sundays encourages people to enjoy the metro municipality by walking, biking, and moving around safely on a minimum 2 kilometer route. Switch Open Street Sundays encourages participation from members of the community and neighborhood to foster civic pride and aims to introduce neighborhoods to tourists as well.

Attendance: 6,000

Budget: \$36,225

HRM Request: \$25,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$7,250

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM funding: In the past a \$5,000 grant from the HRM Bike Week program; 2016 yet to be confirmed.

34. Tallahassee Days Pirate Festival

Organization: Fisherman's Cove Development Association

Date: August 18 - 21, 2016

Location: Fisherman's Cove, Eastern Passage

Program Description: The event aims to entertain and educate attendees about Eastern Passage's rich connection to naval/nautical activities, both presently and in the past. The history surrounding the escape of the war ship Tallahassee allows the community to welcome visitors and residents to embark on a journey back in time. Activities include live music, treasure hunts, live mermaids, marine ecology education, and the Annual Sea of Lights.

Attendance: 7,000

Budget: \$15,300

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$6,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

35. Waverley Gold Rush Days

Organization: Waverly Community Association

Date: September 5 -11, 2016

Location: Waverley Village Green, plus various locations; The Legion, Waverley Museum, Fire Hall
Program Description: The event brings together the community in a fun, safe manner, and promotes community athletic and arts programs. There are various activities throughout the week, including the Family Day on the Green, a community concert, and fireworks.

Attendance: 7,000

Budget: \$17,000

HRM Request: \$7,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$4,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$3,500

36. Weir Rockin'

Organization: Springfield Lake Recreation Centre

Date: August 16, 2016

Location: Weir Baseball Field, Upper Sackville

Program Description: A large community outdoor concert featuring various live bands.

Attendance: 4,000

Budget: \$250,000

HRM Request: \$25,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$4,500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

37. Word on the Street Halifax

Organization: Word on the Street- Halifax Society

Date: September 17, 2016

Location: Halifax Central Library

Program description: Word on the Street began as an event devoted to promoting literacy and the love of literature. The festival programming includes panel discussions, author readings, writer support initiatives like 'Pitch-the-Publisher' and 'You've Written a Book... Now What', mentoring and editing services, as well as workshops. In 2015, WOTS added a stage dedicated to First Nations people and plans to expand on this initiative by adding a francophone stage.

Attendance: 6,000

Budget: \$65,670

HRM Request: \$8,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$6,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$6,250

Significant Anniversaries

1. Carroll's Corner Mastodon Days 25th Anniversary

Organization: Carroll's Corner Community Center

Date: June 25, 2016

Location: Carroll's Corner

Program description: Carroll's Corner is home to Stanley, the fossilised mastodon uncovered by Stanley McMullen in the National Gypsum mine in 1991 and unearthed in a dig led by Bob Grantham. This event has been commemorated annually in mid-July since then. Activities include a community parade, ball tournaments, soccer tournaments, washer- toss tournaments, presentations from the Natural History Museum, a BBQ, and local entertainment.

Budget: \$1,000

HRM Request: \$1,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$750

2015 HRM Funding: \$250

2. Last Steps Memorial Dedication Event

Organization: The Army Museum Halifax Citadel

Date: August 20, 2016

Location: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Pier

Program description: The Last Steps Memorial event will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Nova Scotia's entry into the First World War at the place of the departure of the 25th Battalion, the NS Rifles, and the 22nd Battalion out of Quebec. The memorial is intended to mark sacred ground, along the Halifax Waterfront, where citizens can reflect on the serviced and sacrifice of our forefathers. The dedication event will include military pageantry, speakers and refreshments for the public.

Budget: \$10,000

HRM Request: \$10,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$8,000

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Cultural Events & Showcases

TIER 1

1. Atlantic Fringe Festival

Organization: Atlantic Fringe Festival Society

Date: September 1 - 11, 2016

Location: Bus Stop Theatre, The Living Room, The Waiting Room, Museum of Natural History, local churches downtown, North End businesses, and various popup theatre locations

Cultural Sector: *The Arts, Theatre and performing arts; focus on experimental live theatre*

Program description: The festival presents up to 50 unique shows which run up to 300 performances over a ten day period. The festival shows range from a few minutes to two hours in length and includes solo performances and large ensemble casts. The program includes drama, comedy, dance, music, and poetry. The festival also hosts an awards program, workshops, and co-presents productions year round.

Budget: \$213,000

HRM Request: \$50,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$17,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$20,000 (increase for the 25th anniversary)

2. Gridlock Festival

Organization: Gridlock Music Festival

Date: July 8 - 10, 2016

Location: Outside Parking Lot of Spatz Theatre/Citadel High School, Halifax

Cultural Sector: *The Arts and Economic Development; focus on musical performances*

Program description: This festival aims to re-establish a touring route for international touring bands to visit Halifax and the East Coast more frequently. The target is artists who have never played in Halifax in an effort to put Halifax back on the indie music and comedy touring map.

Budget: \$229,700

HRM Request: \$30,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$5,000

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

3. Halifax Pride Festival

Organization: The Halifax Pride Society

Date: July 14 - 24, 2016

Location: Various locations, HRM

Cultural Sector: *Diversity and Inclusion (cultural); Heritage; Leisure and celebration*

Program description: The event aims to empower the LGBTQ+ community; to celebrate the progress this community has made toward equal human rights; to honor those who fought against homophobic and transphobic violence; to educate the greater community about the diversity and vibrancy of the LGBTQ+ community; and to cultivate a creative economy for the LGBTQ+ community in Nova Scotia. The event spans eleven days with diverse programming created by volunteer community organizations. Events include lectures, panel discussions on the LGBTQ+ community, cultural displays/performances featuring local and international LGBTQ+ artists, and social gatherings, spiritual gatherings and celebrations.

Budget: \$425,000
HRM Request: \$45,000
Proposed HRM funding: \$34,000
2015 HRM Funding: \$30,000

4. **Nocturne: Art at Night**

Organization: Nocturne: Art at Night Society

Date: October 13 - 16, 2016

Location: Multiple locations in Halifax (Waterfront, downtown, Spring Garden Road, Universities, and North End) and downtown Dartmouth

Cultural Sector: *The Arts; focus on experimental temporary installations*

Program description: The event showcases and celebrates the arts scene in Halifax. Local artists and performers are provided with time and space to showcase their talents through a range of programming opportunities.

Budget: \$165,000

HRM Request: \$60,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$45,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$43,000

Other HRM funding: \$40,000 allocation from public art operating program to deliver 4 Anchor Installations that enhance Nocturne programming.

5. **Prismatic Arts Festival**

Organization: Prismatic Arts Society

Date: September 21 - 25, 2016

Location: Various locations. Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21; The Dunn Theatre; Bus Stop Theatre; Company House; Halifax Central Library; 1313 Hollis Street

Cultural Sector: *The Arts; Diversity; focus on live theatre and performing arts*

Program description: The event is a national, multi-arts festival that showcases and celebrates the work of Canada's leading Aboriginal and culturally diverse artists. The festival offers high-quality, diverse arts experiences with accessible, engaging events and performances.

Budget: \$264,000

HRM Request: \$30,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$25,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$21,500

6. **Scotia Festival of Music**

Organization: Scotia Chamber Players

Date: May 22 - June 5 2016

Location: Dalhousie Arts Centre, the Music Room, and All Saints Cathedral

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Leisure and celebration*

Program description: The event is a two-week chamber music festival which celebrates the art of music making, and is equally dedicated to performance and education. The event brings internationally and nationally known classical artists to Halifax and offers local musicians workshops and classes.

Budget: \$667,450

HRM Request: \$32,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$20,000

2015 Funding: \$15,000

Other HRM Funding: In 2015/16 the organization received an Operating Grant (\$10,000) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and has also applied for funding (\$20,000) under the same program for 2016/17.

7. **We Day Atlantic**

Organization: Free the Children

Date: TBC - November, 2016

Location: Scotiabank Centre, Halifax

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Leisure and celebration*

Program Description: We Day Atlantic is a stadium-sized youth engagement event that enables young people to find their passion and celebrate their ability to create change in the world. Youth are brought together with activists, local heroes from Atlantic Canada, celebrities and musicians. Teachers and students earn tickets through service when youth commit to one local and one global action. It is a full-day event that is inclusive of many causes in our local, national and global communities. During the event, issues will be highlighted that are most relevant to the Atlantic Canada community.

Budget: \$515,000

HRM Request: \$100,000

Proposed HRM Funding: \$10,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$65,000

TIER 2

8. Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival

Organization: Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative

Date: June 8 - 11, 2016

Location: North Street Church (5657 North Street) and AFSCOOP classroom space (5663 Cornwallis Street)

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Lifelong learning; focus on movie screenings*

Program description: The event provides a unique venue for filmmakers and media artists to share their work in a forum dedicated to the celebration of independent cinema. Since its inception, the event has showcased the Atlantic region's most innovative works alongside the films of acclaimed visiting artists. This event is unique in that it brings filmmakers to the festival to present their work. Halifax-based filmmakers have an opportunity to take part in masterclasses with visiting filmmakers, increasing creative exchange and collaborating between our local talent and guest filmmakers.

Budget: \$77,400

HRM Request: \$20,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$2,500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: In 2015/16, the organization received an Operating Grant (\$16,000) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and has also applied for funding (\$20,000) under the same program for 2016/17. As well, the organization has applied for a 2016/17 Project Grant (\$8,300) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and a 2016/17 Community Arts and Crafts Grant (\$5,000) from the Community Grants Program for the purchase of digital video equipment.

9. Mayworks Halifax Festival

Organization: Mayworks Halifax Festival Society

Date: April 27 - May 13, 2016

Location: Halifax Central Library, Bus Stop Theatre, Company House, NSCAD, Art Zone Gallery, and Neptune Theatre

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Diversity; focus on live theatre and performing arts*

Program description: The event will include works of theatre, music, spoken word, cinema, photography, sculptural installation, and multi-media art showcasing Nova Scotia as a home for both aspiring and established talents. Mayworks Halifax maintains partnerships with several community organizations. The Festival will feature artists from the Mi'kmaq, African Nova Scotian, and LGBTQ+ communities.

Budget: \$56,256

HRM Request: \$19,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$2,500

2015 HRM Funding: \$750

10. OBEY Convention

Organization: OBEY Convention Music & Arts Society

Date: May 26 - 29, 2016

Location: Fort Massey United Church, Halifax Central Library, Memorial North Library, Khyber Centre for the Arts, Deep Water Church, Marquee Ballroom, Menz Bar, Maritime Conservatory, and more.

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Diversity; focus on experiment music*

Program description: The event claims to be Atlantic Canada's leading festival of new music and art, and offers Halifax as the stage for contemporary musical and artistic expressions of all kinds. The open concept and focus on cultural community building provides an opportunity for artists and audiences to make lasting and fruitful relationships, enjoy mind-expanding performances and art, and generate new ideas.

Budget: \$97,920

HRM Request: \$11,739

Proposed HRM funding: \$5,000

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a 2016/17 Project Grant (\$10,000) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant program.

11. Out East Film Festival

Organization: Out East Film Festival Association

Date: June 16 - 19, 2016

Location: Various locations, including: Museum of Natural History, the Spatz Theatre, Neptune Theatre, and the Dart Gallery.

Cultural Sector: *The Arts; Diversity; focus on LGBTQ+ movie screenings*

Program description: The festival returns to celebrate their 5th anniversary and bring another world-class program of LGBTQ+ film and events to the community. To mark the anniversary, special programming will be delivered in addition to the cornerstone film screenings, mixed media installations, artist talks, professional development sessions, and receptions.

Budget: \$76,500

HRM Request: \$23,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$2,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,000

12. Queer Acts Theatre Festival

Organization: Queer Acts Theatre Festival Society

Date: July 13 - 17, 2016

Location: Bus Stop Theatre and the Company House, Downtown Halifax

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Diversity; focus on live theatre and performing arts*

Program description: The festival is a multi-day LGBTQ+ theatre event held each summer during the first days of the Halifax Pride Festival. This is the only LGBTQ+ theatre festival in the Atlantic Provinces. The lobby of the Bus Stop Theatre is transformed with a variety of art, installations, absurdities, and images which acts a celebration of queer art, culture, and individuals.

Budget: \$50,800

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$2,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$1,500

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a 2016/17 Project Grant (\$4,500) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant program.

13. Stages Theatre Festival

Organization: Eastern Front Theatre Society

Date: June 15 - 26, 2016

Location: Dunn Theatre and Paul O' Regan Hall, Halifax

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; focus on live theatre and performing arts*

Program description: The festival brings together the performing arts community over a two week period focusing on Atlantic Canadian artists and their stories. Over the two weeks, 20 full-scale performances are mounted in addition to workshops, panels, one-off comedy events, and 'pitch'

events for new and emerging writers to have their work considered by presenters. The Ten-Minute Play contest engages students from across Nova Scotia.

Budget: \$92,750

HRM Request: \$12,000

Proposed HRM funding: \$2,500

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: In 2015/16 the organization received an Operating Grant (\$17,500) from the Interim Professional Arts Grant Program and has also applied for funding (\$17,500) under the same program for 2016/17.

Attachment 3
Applications Not Recommended for Funding by Program

Established Community Festivals

1. Nawruz Celebration

****The 2016 event is ineligible for 2016 as it has already occurred. The event is recommended for funding in 2017 and 2018.***

Organization: Afghan Society of Halifax

When: March 20, 2016

Where: Bedford

Program Description: Nawruz is the Afghan New Year Celebration signifying the rebirth of nature. Some activities include exchanging of presents, visiting neighbors and the community, and celebrating with a picnic during the holidays of spring.

Attendance: 300

Budget: \$21,400

HRM Request: \$8,000

Proposed 2016/17 HRM Funding: \$0*

Proposed 2017/18 HRM Funding: \$750

Proposed 2018/19 HRM Funding: \$750

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

Other HRM Funding: The organization has applied for a 2016/17 Community Diversity Grant (\$5,000) from the Community Arts Program for website development.

2. Lake N Shore Days

The 2016 event has been cancelled. Should the event take place in 2017 & 2018, funding is recommended at \$4,750. If the event does not occur in 2017 or 2018 no grant award will be released.

Organization: Porters Lake Community Services Association

Location: Porters Lake Community Center

Attendance: 3,000

Budget: \$28,650.00

HRM Request: \$5,000

Proposed 2016/17 HRM Funding: \$0*

Proposed 2017/18 HRM Funding: \$4,750

Proposed 2018/19 HRM Funding: \$4,750

2015 HRM Funding: \$2,775

Cultural Events & Showcases

1. SESQUI A Canada 150 Signature Event

Organization: SESQUI Inc.

Date: TBD July- August 2017

Cultural Sector: *the Arts; Leisure and celebration*

Location: TBD

Program description: SESQUI is a touring, immersive media experience featuring a 360°cinematic experience with interactive content, live events, online activities, and learning programs. SESQUI showcases the best in Canadian arts and innovation. With significant federal funding confirmed (\$9 million+) while culturally significant, it does not require supplemental municipal funds to take place.

Budget: \$25,050,000

HRM Request: \$60,000

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

2. Return Journey of Krios to Nova Scotia

Organization: Krios Descendants Union Canada (KDU)

Date: August 29 - September 5, 2016

Location: Halifax

Cultural Sector: *Diversity; Heritage*

Program description: The event will focus on the similarities between Freetown, Sierra Leone and Halifax. This event is organised as a delegate reception/ conference. These activities do not qualify for event funding under the Regional Special Events Grant or the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Grant (MLSER) programs.

Budget: \$93,800

HRM Request: \$60,000

2015 HRM Funding: N/A

3. Multicultural Festival

Organization: Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia

Date: June 11 - 19, 2016

Location: Various locations including Seaport Market, City Hall, Regional Libraries (Halifax Central) and Portland Street, Dartmouth

Cultural Sector: *Diversity (cultural); Heritage; Leisure and celebration*

Program description: The festival celebrates the rich, diverse culture and heritage of Halifax. The family-oriented festival includes food, performances, exhibits, artisan markets, resources, and youth events. The festival provides the opportunity to enjoy an entertaining and informative cultural festival and is a powerful tool for building community capacity, pride and sense of place in addition to cultivating new relationships and delivering economic benefits.

Budget: \$318,065

HRM Request: \$55,000

2015 HRM Funding: \$25,000