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Grants Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of Grants Committee

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 31, 2018

SUBJECT: **2018 Regional Special Events Grant Report**

ORIGIN

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

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the 24 Event Grants for a total of \$24,000, as identified in Attachment 1, from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Culture/Events.

BACKGROUND

This report outlines the recommended Regional Special Events grant awards for the 2018/19 funding intake. All Regional Special Events grant recommendations are governed by Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Events Grants. This is the third grant intake under the Administrative Order (AO), which was approved in May 2015. There is one intake per year in which staff undertakes the grant application and evaluation process as outlined in the AO. This community event grant report is reviewed by the Grants Committee, whereas the Special Events Advisory Committee (SEAC) reviews large scale annual, emerging and one-time tourism event grants which are administered through Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants and funded from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621.

DISCUSSION

Regional Events AO

The AO on Regional Event Grants establishes consistent and equitable funding for community and cultural events and includes four funding programs:

- Community Celebrations – Provides support for small scale community events that are organized primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of residents, coincide with a community gathering or civic holiday, and are free to the public to attend.
 - i. Maximum grant award in this program is \$1,000.
- Established Community Festivals – Provides support for existing community events that are organized primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of 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.
 - iii. Option to provide up to three years of sustainable funding.
- Significant Anniversaries – Provides support for community events organized around major quarterly anniversaries (25, 50, 75, etc.) that celebrate HRM's heritage and community and have a minimum budget of \$7,500.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. Maximum grant award in this program is \$60,000.
 - vi. Option to provide up to three years of sustainable funding.

Three-year sustainable funding

The AO for Regional Special Event Grants provides the ability to award multiple three-year funding to organizations under the Established Community Festivals and Cultural Events & Showcases programs. In 2016, Regional Council approved funding for these two programs awarding the total budget for the 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 fiscal years. As noted in the May 10, 2016 staff report, should Council award the total budget allocation, this prevents any public calls for applications until the 2019/20 fiscal year. Therefore, only two programs are open to application for the 2018/19 fiscal year: Community Celebrations and those events celebrating quarterly significant anniversaries.

Events that received multiple year funding are dependent on the approval of HRM's annual Reserve and Operating budget and are required to submit annual post-event reports for review. Any concerns are noted and will be brought forward to the Grants Committee for discussion. All reports have been submitted and there are no concerns with any of the organizations. Information on events receiving multiple year funding can be found in Attachment 2.

It should be noted that two program streams, the Established Community Festivals and Cultural Events & Showcases, are scheduled to re-open this coming fall. All events that currently receive funding in these programs will be required to re-apply for consideration for the upcoming three fiscals: 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. It is expected that all events will reapply for funding support, as well as additional applicants who have been unable to be considered due to the allocated financial capacity and the cyclical intake schedule.

Eligibility

There were 27 applications submitted for funding to the 2018/19 Regional Events grant intake. Twenty-four applications were deemed eligible and recommended for funding, and 3 applications were deemed ineligible. All event information on the 27 applications can be found in Attachment 3.

Ineligible

As per the AO sections noted below, the 3 events that are ineligible for funding are the Nova Scotia Forest Festival, the Metro Regatta and Trunk 7 Music Festival.

Section 10 states: "To be eligible for funding, an applicant shall be a registered charity or a not-for-profit society in good standing with the Provincial Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and: (a) does not receive operating assistance, excepting tax relief, *or any other funding from any other department of the Municipality.*"

Section 4 (a) states: "Community Celebrations: provides a maximum annual grant of \$1,000.00 to support organizations that deliver events that (iv) *are free to the public to attend*".

Section 13 states: "The following events are not eligible funding: (a) *sporting tournaments*".

1. The Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society (Nova Scotia Forest Festival application) is currently being recommended for a capital grant through the Community Grants Program. In the event that the Society is awarded that grant, it would be ineligible for a grant under this program (in accordance with section 10(a)), It should also be noted that the Society will be able to apply for Community Museum funding that is proposed to start this fiscal;
2. The Metro Regatta is deemed ineligible for funding as the event is a sporting competition. Currently sporting events are not eligible for funding under the Regional Special Events AO; and;
3. The Trunk 7 Music Festival is deemed ineligible as it is a gated event and not free to the public. The Festival may consider applying to the Established Community Festival program which reopens for the 2019/20 fiscal.

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.

Summary of Recommended Funding

The proposed Regional Special Events funding amounts for 2018/19 are summarized in Table 1, with details outlined in Attachment 1.

Table 1: 2018/19 Proposed Regional Events Funding			
	# of Events	18/19 Requests	18/19 Proposed
Community Celebrations	23	\$20,165	\$14,000
Significant Anniversaries	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL 2018/19 Regional Events	24	\$30,165	\$24,000

The previously approved Regional Council funding for the 2018/19 Community Established Festivals and Cultural Events & Showcases are summarized in Table 2 below for reference, with details outlined in Attachment 2.

Table 2: 2018/19 Previously Approved Regional Events Funding		
	# of Events	18/19 Proposed
Established Community Festivals	39	\$183,000
Cultural Events & Showcases	13	\$227,500
TOTAL 2018/19 Approved Regional Events	52	\$410,500

Funding

The Community Celebrations, Established Community Festivals, and Significant Anniversaries programs have a total budget of \$215,000 funded from the operating budget C760. As noted, Regional Council has fully allocated funding of \$183,000 in the Established Community Festivals program. With the addition of the recommended event grant awards outlined in this report, the total amount for 2018/19 in proposed funding from operating budget C760 would be \$207,000. Similarly, the Cultural Events & Showcase Program is also fully allocated in 2018/19 for the last year of the three-year commitment. It has a budget of \$200,000 funded from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621. However, an additional \$27,500 has also be included from the General Contingency Reserve for the WE Day annual event, bringing the total funding allocation to \$227,500 for that program. As a result, the total amount for the 2018/19 proposed and approved Regional Events Grants is \$ 434,500, as noted in Table 1 and Table 2.

As HRM becomes increasingly diverse in population and cultural celebrations, so too does the opportunity to share and celebrate these cultures through events held within the community at large. To adequately support these cultural festivals and elevate several of the community celebrations to the Established Community Festivals program, Regional Council may need to consider an increase to the funding capacities of both programs during the 2019/20 budget cycle.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All Community Celebrations, Significant Anniversaries and Established Community Festival recommendations contained within this report can be accommodated in the approved 2018/19 operating budget for Culture/Events, account C760-6933.

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

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low. To reach this conclusion, consideration was given to financial and reputational risks.

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 decrease the amount of any event grant in accordance with AO 2014-021-GOV.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Summary of Funding Recommendations for 2018/19
Attachment 2: Multiple Year Funded Events
Attachment 3: Applications Received for Funding

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 2018/19

Community Celebrations	17/18 Grant	18/19 Request	18/19 Proposed
Agricola Street Holiday Market	-	\$1,000	\$750
Black Street Neighbourhood Party	-	\$500	\$250
BLT Canada Day Celebrations	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
Canada Day in Prospect Village	-	\$540	\$250
Creole Heritage Cultural Event 2018	-	\$1,000	\$500
Doors Open	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Eastern Shore Fam Fest 2018	-	\$1,000	\$750
Fire & Water Festival	-	\$1,000	\$500
Great East BBQ	\$750	\$1,000	\$750
Halloween Haunted House	\$250	\$300	\$250
Hydrostone Christmas Tree Lighting	-	\$1,000	\$500
Lake Echo Community Boil & Blast	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Make Music Day	-	\$1,000	\$500
Meagher's Grant Day	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
North by Night Markets - Gottingen St.	\$750	\$1,000	\$750
North End Annual Summer BBQ	-	\$1,000	\$750
Peace Talk Peace Gathering	-	\$1,000	\$500
Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Sackville Snow Days	\$750	\$1,000	\$750
School Farm Day	\$525	\$525	\$500
She Speaks Music: Girls in the Band	-	\$1,000	\$500
Ward 5 Block Party	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Winter Fun Day	-	\$300	\$250
TOTAL	\$8,025	\$20,165	\$14,000

Significant Anniversaries	2018/19 Request	2018/19 Proposed
Shearwater 100 th Anniversary	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

Attachment 2

Multiple Year Previously Funded Events

Below are the Regional Events Grant Programs previously approved funding for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 fiscals:

	Completed	Completed	Current
Established Community Festivals	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Acadian Festival	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Africa Festival of Arts & Culture	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Animation with Love: 6	\$500	\$500	\$500
Art of Disability Festival	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Atlantic Flamenco Festival	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bluenose Ghost Festival	\$500	\$500	\$500
Canada Day in Beaverbank	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Caribbean Diaspora Multicultural Celebration	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Celebrate Canada Day with a Taste of East Preston	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Christkindlmarket Festival	\$250	\$250	\$250
Cole Harbour Harvest Festival	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Emerging Lens Independent Cultural Film Festival	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Festival des Cultures Francophones TD 2016 / FrancoFest	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gottingen Festival	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Halifax County Exhibition	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Halifax Greek Fest	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Harvest Hootenanny & Pumpkin Smash	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Holiday Parade of Lights	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
India Fest	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Keloose	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Lake N Shore Days	\$0	\$4,750	\$4,750
Light Up Bedford Parade	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Mother Goose Festival	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Nawruz	\$0	\$750	\$750
Newcomers Welcome BBQ	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
North Preston Days	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Northern Lights Lantern Festival	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
QuinFest	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Re-Jigged Festival	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Sackville Patriot Days	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Spryfield Santa Clause Parade	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Switch Open Street Sundays	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250
Tallahassee Days Pirate Festival	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Waverely Gold Rush Days	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Weir Rockin'	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Word on the Street Halifax	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
TOTAL	\$176,500	\$183,000	\$183,000

	Completed	Completed	Current
Cultural Showcases & Events	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Tier 1			
Atlantic Fringe Festival	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Gridlock Festival	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Halifax Pride Festival	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
Nocturne: Art at Night	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Prismatic Arts Festival	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Scotia Festival of Music	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
WE Day Atlantic	\$65,000*	\$65,000*	\$65,000*
Tier 2			
Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Mayworks Halifax Festival	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
OBEY Convention	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Out East Film Festival	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Queer Acts Theatre Festival	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Stages Theatre Festival	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$227,500	\$227,500	\$227,500

***WE Day: \$37,500 in funding is awarded from Cultural Events & Showcases program with remaining \$27,500 awarded from the General Contingency Reserve, Q421, for each fiscal.**

Attachment 3

2018 Applications Received for Funding

The following are details on the applications submitted for funding by event name sorted by alphabetical order:

1. Agricola Street Holiday Market

Organization: North End Business Association

Date: November 17, 2018

Location: 2553 Agricola Street

Program description: The event celebrates the change of season and the upcoming holidays in a German style winter market. The purpose is to attract people to the North End, support & engage local businesses and provide a community building experience. This event provides local food makers, artisans & crafts people with a holiday street-market venue to sell their goods, and showcases and supports local musicians and artists.

Attendance: 4,000

Budget: \$8,250

Amount Requested: \$1,000

2. Black Street Neighbourhood Party

Organization: Dramatic Changes Artist Society

Date: September 16, 2018

Location: corner of Black Street and Northwood Terrace, Halifax

Program description: This event is held to bring together neighbours and locals for a fall celebration, with food and music. This is a chance to repaint the intersection artwork, and to have intergenerational activities. Residents from Northwood and families that live in the Black Street neighbourhood attend, as well as other North End citizens.

Attendance: 1,000

Budget: \$2,100

Amount Requested: \$500

3. Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea (BLT) Canada Day Celebrations

Organization: BLT Today Association

Date: July 1, 2018

Location: St. Margaret's Bay Road Market Area

Program description: 2018 marks the 4th year of this event that offers free hotdogs and hamburgers, live band, bouncy castles, laser tag, free cake, cotton candy, ice cream, and evening fireworks. The event partners with community and business leaders to provide all the activities, including the local Lions Club which cooks and serves all the food.

Attendance: 2,000

Budget: \$23,600

Amount Requested: \$1,000

4. Canada Day in Prospect Village

Organization: Prospect Peninsula Residents Association

Date: July 1, 2018

Location: HRM Park at corner of Prospect Bay Road and Cove Road in Prospect Village

Program description: To provide residents of Prospect Bay Road a free, family - friendly event that offers kids games, face painting, a bike parade and free BBQ.

Attendance: 100

Budget: \$740

Amount Requested: \$540

5. Creole Heritage Cultural Event 2018

Organization: Krio Descendants Union Canada – Nova Scotia Chapter Association

Date: July 1, 2018

Location: 1655 Lower Water Street

Program description: A unique event that celebrates the rich culture of creoles with authentic food, good music, and good times. There will be a “kid zone” with local artists leading interactive and creative workshops for young people.

Attendance: 1,500

Budget: \$19,125

Amount Requested: \$1,000

6. Doors Open Halifax

Organization: Doors Open Halifax Heritage Society

Date: June 2 & 3, 2018

Location: 30 various buildings in HRM, with the majority in the downtown core.

Program description: The mandate of Doors Open Halifax is to provide the public with free access to buildings of historical, contemporary or architectural significance and generate interest in our built environment. 2018 marks the 6th anniversary of Doors Open Halifax and the 2018 event will present 30 venues representing a cross-section of heritage, and the arts community of Halifax.

Attendance: 35,000

Budget: \$29,050

Amount Requested: \$1,000

7. Eastern Shore Fam Fest 2018

Organization: Eastern Shore Recreation Commission

Date: August 18, 2018

Location: Eastern Shore Community Center & Peace Park, Musquodoboit Harbour

Program description: This one-day event celebrates “The Family” on the Eastern Shore by bringing cultures together to form a stronger community, as well as welcome newcomers to the area. Eastern Shore Fam Fest 2018 offers various free, fun activities that all family members can participate in, including an outdoor movie night, games, races, bounce castles, music by local groups, BBQ, as well as fireworks.

Attendance: 350

Budget: \$3,025

Amount Requested: \$1,000

8. Fire & Water Festival

Organization: Alderney Landing Association

Date: September 21 – 24, 2018

Location: Alderney Landing

Program description: The Fire & Water Festival is held to celebrate the diversity of Nova Scotians. It pays tribute to the indigenous land of the Mi'kmaq people, and celebrates our roots in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, Australia, and North America by creating large 15 – 20 ft sculptures which sit on barges in the harbour next to the boardwalk. Each sculpture represents a different continent through culturally significant symbols of birds, animals, and landscape. Thirteen sculptures representing the thirteen Mi'kmaq tribes will also be created to sit atop the cement pillars in the events plaza. Traditional and current ethnic music, story telling, art, dance and craft is performed throughout the festival teaching the public the traditions of each of the diverse cultures represented.

Attendance: 30,000

Budget: \$137,220

Amount Requested: \$1,000

9. Great East BBQ

Organization: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax

Date: August 11, 2018

Location: East Dartmouth Community Centre

Program description: The Great East BBQ is a one-day event that provides various activities for the community including a free BBQ, bouncy castles, face painting, family games and activities for all ages.

Attendance: 300

Budget: \$2,300

Amount Requested: \$1,000

10. Halloween Haunted House

Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department

Date: October 27, 2018

Location: Meagher's Grant Community Hall, Meagher's Grant

Program description: The purpose of the event is to provide the community with a safe place to celebrate Halloween in a rural environment. The event includes a haunted house, games and music.

Attendance: 60

Budget: \$600

Amount Requested: \$300

11. Hydrostone Christmas Tree Lighting

Organization: Veith House

Date: November 30, 2018

Location: Hydrostone Park, Kaye and Young Streets, Halifax

Program description: Community Christmas Tree Lighting event involves stage entertainment by local North End musicians, free hot chocolate and cider, the arrival of Santa Claus, as well as the official Hydrostone Tree lighting.

Attendance: 700

Budget: \$5,500

Amount Requested: \$1,000

12. Lake Echo Community Boil & Blast

Organization: Lake Echo Lions Club

Date: September 29, 2018

Location: Lake Echo Community Centre, Lake Echo

Program description: The event includes a BBQ, mussels and corn boil, indoor/ outdoor children's games with prizes, and low-level fireworks.

Attendance: 800

Budget: \$3,500

Amount Requested: \$1,000

13. Make Music Day

Organization: The Friends of the Public Gardens (TFPG)

Date: June 21, 2018

Location: Halifax Public Gardens

Program description: Make Music Day is a free celebration of music around the world held on June 21. Launched in 1982 in France as the *Fête de la Musique*, it is now held on the same day in more than 750 cities in 120 countries. Completely different from a typical music event, Make Music Day is open to anyone who wants to take part.

Attendance: 1,000

Budget: \$1,000

Amount Requested: \$1,000

14. Meagher's Grant Day

Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department

Date: June 9, 2018

Location: Meagher's Grant Community Hall & Grounds, Meagher's Grant

Program description: This event celebrates the rich farming and logging history of Meagher's Grant by hosting a community-wide celebration which includes exhibits of agricultural equipment, historical pictures, a cooking contest, kid's activities, old fashioned carnival games, food, and local musical performances.

Attendance: 200

Budget: \$3,000

Amount Requested: \$1,000

15. Metro Regatta (ineligible)

Organization: Sail Nova Scotia

Date: August 4-5, 2018

Location: Sailing races off the Halifax waterfront with shore based activities in and near the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Program description: The event brings together between 25-30 sailboats for a weekend of racing (Natal Day Weekend) in Halifax Harbour. There will be shore based activities hosted by the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Attendance: 250

Budget: \$6,850

Amount Requested: \$1,000

16. North by Night Markets

Organization: North End Business Association

Date: June 8, July 13, August 10 & September 8, 2018

Location: Squiggle Park, Gottingen Street, Halifax

Program description: This event aims to celebrate the diverse and eclectic culture of the North End and Gottingen Street area. The event attracts people to the area to support local businesses and vendors, and provides a platform for local musicians and artists.

Attendance: 3,500

Budget: \$4,700

Amount Requested: \$1,000

17. North End Annual Summer BBQ

Organization: Veith House

Date: June 18, 2018

Location: Isleville Park

Program description: An annual BBQ to bring over 300 families from across the North End to kick off the summer as a community. The event will offer a mobile skate park, bubbles, face painting, henna tattoos, as well as water park activities.

Attendance: 300

Budget: \$2,000

Amount Requested: \$1,000

18. Nova Scotia Forest Festival (ineligible)

Organization: Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society

Date: October 13, 2018

Location: Memory Lane Heritage Village

Program description: An event that celebrates “all our forests provide” by showcasing how we connect with our Provincial forests for our livelihood, housing, recreation, food, heritage and spirituality. The Nova Scotia Forest Festival partners with ISANS to bring new Canadians to the event, and in many cases for the first time visiting rural HRM. The Festival will provide music and story telling around the “campfire”, guided nature walks, ATV rides, boatbuilding, outdoor woodstove cooking, and a horse logging challenge.

Attendance: 500

Budget: \$12,962

Amount Requested: \$1,000

19. Peace Talk Peace Gathering

Organization: NPF Community Organization Society

Date: August 13 & 14, 2018

Location: North Preston Recreation and Dalhousie/ Kings University

Program description: This event is being held to provide diverse urban youth throughout HRM who are not always the focus of events a chance to gather. The event includes hosting high school youth ages 14-18 in intimate sized groups to encourage safe discussion spaces, as well as a larger general public discussion. The Gathering will have a meet and greet with food and games as well as up to 5 guest motivational speakers and a large public Peace Talk.

Attendance: 800

Budget: \$33,600

Amount Requested: \$1,000

20. Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting

Organization: Sackville Business Organization

Date: November 30, 2018

Location: Acadia Park, 650 Sackville Drive, Sackville

Program description: The event provides local residents with a holiday celebration which includes free music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, a visit from Santa Claus and the lighting of the tree.

Attendance: 4,500

Budget: \$8,900

Amount Requested: \$1,000

21. Sackville Snow Days

Organization: Sackville Business Association

Date: February 15-18, 2019

Location: Various locations throughout Lower Sackville

Program description: The festival hosts numerous small free events organized separately by community groups and organizations, including Winter Play Day and features skates, swims, sledding, breakfasts, movies and a costume party. The festival includes the Snow Days Parade and Run.

Attendance: 7,000

Budget: \$6,150

Amount Requested: \$1,000

22. School Farm Day

Organization: Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

Date: June 7, 2018

Location: Urban Farm, 62 Rockingstone Road, Spryfield

Program description: This event gathers students from local schools, teachers, parents and seniors to celebrate the birthday of the Urban Farm Museum. The event includes seed planting, old fashion games like tug-of-war and sack races, a petting farm and birthday cake. Students who participate in the event are encouraged to take part in the 'Come Grow with Us' program and to start a small garden at home.

Attendance: 100

Budget: \$1,475

Amount Requested: \$525

23. Shearwater 100th Anniversary

Organization: Shearwater 100th Anniversary Association

Date: August 1 – 6, 2018

Location: Shearwater, Dartmouth

Program description: The event plans to acknowledge the devotion to Canada and its allies through the sacrifices and dedication of Royal Air Forces personnel over the past century. The events will draw participation from Canadian Forces personnel, veterans and the public from across Canada. The events included in the anniversary include receptions, commemorative parade, BBQs, family activities, tours, and a free Symphony Nova Scotia concert. The event will be organized by a group of dedicated volunteers and estimates that over 10,000 people will take part throughout all the events.

Attendance: 10,000

Budget: \$182,300

Amount Request: \$10,000

24. She Speaks Music: Girls in the Band

Organization: Music Liberatory

Date: May 24, 2018

Location: The North Branch Memorial Public Library & the Bus Stop Theatre.

Program description: The Music Liberatory will present a free film screening of Girls in the Band followed by a musical performance and discussion with guest artists: guitarist Lily Maase and drummer Sarah Thawer. The event demonstrates an appreciation of women's relevance in jazz history, while simultaneously celebrating the current contributions of two female professional freelance instrumentalists.

Attendance: 60

Budget: \$3,275

Amount Requested: \$1,000

25. Trunk 7 Music Festival (ineligible)

Organization: Trunk 7 Music Festival Association

Date: July 20 – 21, 2018

Location: Musquodoboit Harbour

Program description: The Trunk 7 Music Festival features many genres of music and artistic talent from the Eastern Shore Community. These genres include Gaelic, hip-hop, folk, metal, bluegrass and blues. The event will be held during the same time the former Eastern Shore Summer Fair has been scheduled in previous years which is mid to late July.

Attendance: 850

Budget: \$33,400

Amount Requested: \$1,000

26. Ward 5 Block Party

Organization: Ward 5 Neighborhood Centre

Date: August 23, 2018

Location: Russell Street (between Gottingen and Isleville Streets)

Program description: Ward 5 Block Party is an annual end of summer "Community Builder" event, and generally brings together the young through to the elderly. The Block Party includes local food, music, BBQ, prizes and games.

Attendance: 500

Budget: \$3,500

Amount Requested: \$1,000

27. Winter Fun Day

Organization: Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department

Date: February 12, 2019

Location: Meagher's Grant Community Hall

Program description: Winter Fun Day takes place at both the municipal ball field and at the Meagher's Grant Community Hall. Activities planned for the event include sledding, snow sculpture making, hot beverages and food at the hall.

Attendance: 30

Budget: \$500

Amount Requested: \$300