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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: April 20, 2018

SUBJECT: **Community Grants Program 2018: Recommended Awards**

ORIGIN

March 31, 2018 – Application deadline for submissions to the *Community Grants Program*.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter, S.N.S 2008, c.39

Section 79(1) The Council may expend money required by the Municipality for

... (av) a grant or contribution to

...

(v) any charitable, nursing, medical, athletic, educational, environmental, cultural, community, fraternal, recreational, religious, sporting or social organization within the Province,

...

(vii) a registered Canadian charitable organization;

Section 79(2) a grant issued pursuant to s.71(1) shall be publicized in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region.

HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference

The duties of the HRM Grants Committee are to:

4.1 Advise Regional Council on all matters related to the allocation of grants, as defined by Regional Council.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve fifty-four (54) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report for a combined total of \$442,565 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

BACKGROUND

The HRM *Community Grants Program* provides access to project-specific cash grants to eligible registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the geographic boundary of the Halifax Regional Municipality. In accordance with legislation, awards must be publicized through an advertisement placed in a newspaper circulating throughout the region. All reports and minutes are available to the public through the HRM web site and notices placed in the Municipal Notices section of the Chronicle-Herald newspaper.

DISCUSSION

The 2018 *Community Grants Program* received a total of 103 applications by the March 31, 2018, deadline for a combined total of \$979,575.39 in funding requests. The distribution of applications and proposed awards is summarized below in Table 1.

Funding Sector	Applications	Value of Requests by Category	Awards Proposed	Value of Awards Proposed
Arts & Crafts	22	\$113,077.62	18	\$89,900
Diversity	14	\$140,968.58	7	\$58,370
Emergency Assistance	11	\$104,906.20	6	\$87,375
Environment	9	\$66,668.50	0	\$0
History	14	\$110,241.46	10	\$44,250
Housing	11	\$151,179.45	4	\$49,000
Neighbourhood Safety	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
Recreation & Leisure	22	\$292,533.58	9	\$113,670
TOTAL	103	\$979,575.39	54	\$442,565

The number of applications received for the 2018 program is lower than 2017 (130) which may be attributed to the conclusion of the *Canada 150* program and a decrease in the number of ineligible applicants (17 in 2018 as compared to 32 last year). Also, by including the application form within the program Guidebook applicants are encouraged to read the eligibility criteria prior to submission.

The grants program does not fund religious or political doctrine but the eligibility of religious organizations to otherwise apply may require further clarification. A memorandum to Regional Council dated July 27, 2017 is included as Attachment 5 of this report. The Guidebook for 2019 will be revised to provide more detail for both religious organizations and branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, and in relation to property ownership and capital grants.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program 2018 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (54)	<u>(\$442,565)</u>
Balance	\$ 57,435

RISK CONSIDERATION

November 4, 2013 – Grants Committee approval of staff recommendations regarding default prevention and management practice for cash grants, tax relief, community property sales and leasing approved by the Audit & Finance Standing Committee at their meeting of November 20, 2013. An annual status report is tabled with the HRM Grants Committee to monitor default.

The primary risks associated with cash grants are representational (accuracy of information), financial misappropriation or loss, and reputational risk to the Municipality.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Information regarding program eligibility, application timelines, applicant scoring, and previous awards are posted on the municipality's web site. Printed materials are also available from all Customer Contact Centres and the Corporate Call Centre. Public participation on the Grants Committee is convened through the office of the Municipal Clerk. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any grant or contribution through a notice in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region. The Community Grants Program criteria are published annually in a guidebook. Formal reports are posted to the municipality's web site and a notice publicizing awards is placed in the Municipal Notices section of the Chronicle-Herald newspaper.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Grants Committee could make a different recommendation to Regional Council with respect to a particular grant application, or amend the recommended value of an award, or the proposed terms and conditions recommended for the funding. If the Grants Committee amends staff's recommendation, the Committee's rationale is provided in the Committee's report attached to this staff report and forwarded to Regional Council for a decision.
2. The Grants Committee could refer an application to staff for further review. A referral allows for reconsideration in relation to any balance remaining in the 2018 program budget and other applicants as applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Overview of Review Methodology
2. Recommended Awards for Fiscal Year 2018
 - (i) Award Recommendations
 - (ii) Table 2. Award Recommendations in Relation to Prior Year Awards (2013-2016)
3. Not Recommended for Funding in Fiscal Year 2018.
4. Ineligible Applications

5. Memorandum to Regional Council – Grants to Religious Organizations (July 27, 2017)

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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Overview of Methodology

Presently, the *Community Grants Program* comprises eight (8) funding categories each with its own funding priorities. Submissions are evaluated within each category using standardized weighting of scores as included in the program Guidebook (p.6 and p.8). The proposed awards are then moderated in relation to applicants within the same funding category and for consistency across the program. Awards may be moderated based on the program's budget, prior grants to the same organization or project, and/or federal, provincial or municipal government funding. In the event a reviewer declares a conflict of interest the file is reviewed by a colleague.

In general, a score of 50 points is considered the minimum funding threshold. Applications are scored individually in relation to the funding criteria and the category's funding priorities, then in relation to other applications within the same category, and finally if budget permits in relation to other applicants (ie. a category's 'base' budget allocation is re-assigned based on uptake and merit). Reviewers are expected to verify the information provided in the submission.

The evaluation score does not correspond to the value of any award recommended. Other factors taken into consideration include prior grants to the organization, legal liability, code or by-law compliance, legislated regulations, safety etc.

Smaller organizations may not have the cash-flow or access to market financing to commence a project prior to the receipt of a grant, therefore few grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis.

To reduce the risk of default the following:

all applicants are screened for debt to the Municipality;

if an applicant has not submitted a final report by March 31 or reporting is incomplete for a prior grant eligibility is suspended;

funds may be held-back pending confirmation of the balance of funding and an assurance that the project can proceed in a timely manner;

Risk may be indicated by the descriptor "developmental grant" in cases where the applicant organization has no demonstrated record of program or service delivery or financial resources are modest;

any carry forward of a grant to the following fiscal year to complete a project is limited to one (1) year and the organization's eligibility for further funding is suspended;

an organization is eligible for only one (1) grant in any fiscal year; and

if the value of grant relies upon unconfirmed funding the value of award may be stated as a percentage of actual expenditures and/or up to a maximum amount. This approach is intended to prevent over-stated 'costs' or a subsequent modification to the project whereby HRM's grant is used fully and the applicant's stated cost-share is withdrawn or nominal.

2018 Community Grants Program - Recommended Awards

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts & Crafts category focuses on projects undertaken by non-professional or pre-professional arts organizations that advance arts-based community engagement, the preservation or presentation of local art or artisan traditions, or an issue-based participatory art-making process¹. Art projects undertaken by organizations whose mandate is not arts are also eligible to apply for consideration. Priority outcomes include self-representation, cultural identity, and community-based arts amenities.

Tier 1

1.Acadia Recreation Club – Lower Sackville-Capital Grant/Community Bandstand

The Club is a registered Canadian charity status whose volunteers own and operate a community hall and 5-acre park that contains walking trails, community gardens, play structures, a community gazebo, and a seasonal outdoor rink. Revenues are derived primarily from hall rentals, financial and in-kind donations, fundraising, and project-specific grants. The property has not been assessed as taxable. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards construction of a community bandstand to be used for outdoor performances and community events. The total cost is estimated to be \$184,116. Quotes provided. The Club has applied to the provincial *Recreational Facility Development Grant Program* and have committed \$91,744 to the project. Funding is recommended based on the applicant's confirmed cost-share and the expansion of outdoor performance venues in the Sackville area. ***A grant of \$25,000 recommended towards construction of a community bandstand for outdoor performances and events.***

2.Coastal Voices Men's Choir – Eastern Shore-Project Grant/Equipment

Founded in 2011, Coastal Voices is a non-auditioned choir of approximately 17 members that perform a repertoire reflective of coastal cultural traditions (shanties, folk songs, original commissions) in local venues such as community halls and churches. Operations are entirely volunteer and self-funded through membership dues and ticket sales. A grant of \$928.92 is requested to fully fund the purchase of keyboard pedals and an amplifier to expand the capacity of a portable keyboard purchased by the society. ***A grant of \$900 is recommended for the purchase of music equipment.***

3.Halifax Makerspace Society – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

Founded in 2013, the Society provides specialized equipment (eg. laser cutter, 3D printer, carpentry machinery) typically beyond the means of individuals and space appropriate to their use. The Society is entirely volunteer and sustains its operations through monthly membership dues, donations, and modest project-specific grants. In 2017, the Society secured a lease for warehouse space in Bedford and is actively recruiting members to maximize the use of the facility. A grant of \$3,632.67 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a 3D printer and peripherals to replace a smaller printer on loan. The new printer is larger and expands the complexity of objects that can be created by members or workshop participants. ***A grant of \$3,500 is recommended towards equipment purchases for niche "maker" programs.***

4.Latspanica Cultural Association – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2012, the society promotes Latin American culture. This volunteer organization raises funds through an annual *Latspanica Gala* and performs at various multi-cultural events throughout the year. A grant of \$3,000 requested to fully fund the purchase dance costumes that are loaned to performers. ***A grant of \$2,000 is recommended towards the purchase of dance costumes.***

¹ On an interim basis, professional arts organizations may apply for funding under the *Community Grants Program* for a capital grant (including an equipment item costing over \$5,000) or small equipment if the item is not integral to the presentation method or a particular production.

5.Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild – Lawrencetown – Project Grant/Equipment

Founded in 2004, the quilting Guild's approximately 20 members meet monthly to fabricate individual or group works, including "Cuddles & Comfort" quilts donated to hospitals, non-profit organizations and individuals at no cost. The club is entirely volunteer and self-funded through membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$800 is requested to fund (i) the purchase of an adjustable, mobile cutting table for sewing and (ii) a dolly for moving folding tables (total \$1,035). The evaluation of this application determined that the table dolly is not specific to the Guild's programming and that use is likely to be primarily in relation to Lawrencetown Community Centre rentals for events, meetings, and social functions. Full funding recommended to purchase a specialized sewing table. ***A grant of \$800 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of sewing equipment.***

6.New Players Choral Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2011, the choir comprises approximately 40 members aged 60 and over. Volunteer operations are self-funded from membership dues, fundraising, CD sales, and modest admission charges. The choir performs primarily in seniors' facilities, churches, and small community halls. A grant of \$4,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of portable video recording equipment and CD/DVD supplies. ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of portable video recording equipment.***

7.Old School Gathering Place Co-Operative Limited – Musquodoboit Harbour – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

Incorporated in 2011, the cooperative converted a former school into a community centre that offers hourly rentals for social and community events, meetings, and instructional classes. To date, government grants have largely targeted building renovations and/or seasonal employment. Operations are sustained by a grant from the United Way and partial municipal tax relief². A grant of \$1,813 is requested to fully fund electrical upgrades to enable concurrent use of the facility and equipment. The staff review notes that the cooperative's earned revenues (indicative of future sustainability) are primarily from art gallery sales and instructional classes (fibre arts, painting, ceramics, crafts) and that overloading the electrical system poses potential risk. The upgrade also supports the provision of community-based arts production and presentation in a rural community. ***A grant of \$1,800 is recommended to fully fund electrical upgrades.***

8.Seaforth Community Society – Seaforth – Project Grant/Building Upgrade

The Society own and operate a community hall that offers hourly rentals for social and community events, meetings and instructional classes (yoga, dance, martial arts). The volunteer-run society supports operations through rental fees, fundraising, non-recurring project grants. The centre receives full municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of window sunscreen roller shades and ceiling acoustic panels (total \$7,974.05) to address sound quality (reverberation) and encourage use of the venue for live music performances by local musicians. The Society has made application to the provincial *Community Facilities Improvement Program* and have committed \$474.05. The project could be phased as funds permit. To align the grant with enabling use of the facility for musical performances it is recommended that HRM's grant be directed to acoustic ceiling panels only. ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of acoustic ceiling panels for Seaforth community hall.***

9.Unicorn Theatre Society – Head of St. Margaret's Bay – Project Grant/Equipment

Unicorn Theatre is a volunteer-run non-professional theatre that stages youth-based productions, workshops and a summer theatre camp. Operations are sustained by occupancy in an HRM-owned/community-managed facility, non-recurring grants, ticket sales/fees and fundraising. Productions are largely self-funded through a fee charged to participants and the assistance of parents and guardians in hosting logistics. A grant of \$4,000 is requested towards fabrication of a theatre curtain to enlarge the performance area and expand the scale of productions that can be staged (total \$4,560.14). ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards the fabrication and installation of a custom theatre curtain.***

² Tax relief excludes the art gallery considered a commercial retail operation through the sale of individual works.

Tier 2

10.Dartmouth & District Pipe Band – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Band is a registered Canadian charity that provides instruction for youth and adults in bagpipes and drums with an opportunity to participate in parades, events and band competitions. The society is largely self-sustaining through membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for towards the purchase of additional drums and assorted accessories (total \$11,313.70). The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for the purchase of drums for community band.***

11.Fisherman's Cove Development Association – Eastern Passage-Project Grant/Facility Development

The Association's mandate is to foster economic development in Eastern Passage, notably the location known as Fisherman's Cove. The land is leased from the Province of Nova Scotia and houses small seasonal retail outlets, a restaurant, boardwalk, and a small interpretation centre with public washrooms and a meeting room. Operations are primarily self-funded through rental income from commercial operators supplemented by events hosting and project-specific grants. The interpretation centre receives partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees for an architectural design plan and costs (total \$10,000) for a proposed expansion of the interpretation centre to house an art collection bequeathed to the Association by Clyde Henneburry, a fisherman and local self-taught folk artist. The collection of original works and prints features topics of local or historical interest in Eastern Passage. A grant of \$5,000 from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is unconfirmed. ***A matching grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards architectural plan for the design and construction of a designated art gallery at Fisherman's Cove. Funds will be held pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.***

12.Hammonds Plains Community Centre – Hammonds Plains – Project Grant/Artwork Commission

The society own and operate a community hall sustained by rentals, donations, and bar sales. HRM provides partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$3,000 is requested for professional artist fees for the creation of an original painting by local Metis artist Jacquie Potvin-Boucher to be displayed in the Hammonds Plains Community Centre (total \$3,400). The project engages local youth in creating a drawing of their home to be integrated into the final work. The artist statement describes the work as: "Painting in folk art realism style to include details of Hammonds Plains Road with significant historical content including buildings from the past that are no longer standing alongside people from the past and activities. The historical pieces will be combined with today's buildings/cars/activities to illustrate events and day-to-day life along Hammonds Plains Road". The community centre's cost-share for the youth engagement session is confirmed. ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended for a community art/history commission.***

13.Lake Charlotte & Area Heritage Society – Lake Charlotte – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

The society own and operate a living history museum depicting coastal rural life in the 1940's. The site includes a collection of heritage and replica buildings, livestock, and archives. Operations are sustained by a provincial *Community Museums Program* grant, project-specific grants, and strong earned revenues from rentals, retail sales, and admissions. The Society receives full municipal tax exemption. A grant of \$8,000 is requested towards upgrades to the Clam Factory building. Constructed in 2005, the Clam Factory is a replica of a typical 1940's commercial seafood processing building that is used for rentals (rug-hooking, scrapbooking), wedding receptions, exhibit and events hosting, workshops, and the Society's *Heritage Variety Show*. Due to poor heating and ventilation the building can only be used for 3 to 4 months. To expand seasonal use of the building, the Society propose installation of custom screen doors for summer ventilation, plexiglass window covers, and ceiling insulation/electrical upgrades at a combined total cost of \$18,600. Funding of \$9,300 from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is unconfirmed. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Funding recommended for electrical work and screen doors. ***A capital grant of \$8,000 is recommended to fully fund electrical upgrades (\$3,232) and partial funding towards screen doors***

(\$4,768) for the Clam Factory building. Funds will be held pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.

14. MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Centre is a registered Canadian charity that leases property in downtown Dartmouth to deliver programs for disengaged youth ages 12 to 19 aimed at enhancing educational attainment and employment. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating grant and partial municipal tax relief supplemented by corporate donations, government grants and in-kind donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of equipment to support computer-assisted arts-based learning programs (total \$4,656.13 plus HST). As a registered charity the Centre may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of computer equipment and software for youth applied arts program.***

15. Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra – Provincial – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 1977, the NSYO is a registered Canadian charity that provides pre-professional instruction and performance opportunities in classical music. Participants aged 12 to 26 must pass an audition. Fees are \$550/year but a limited number of bursaries are available. Revenues are primarily donations supplemented by a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage, ticket sales, student fees and fundraising. A grant of \$4,000 is requested towards a web-site re-design and upgrade (total \$5,750). Enhancements are aimed at automating select administrative transactions (ticket sales, forms, payment options) and the addition of audio-visual content featuring concert and guest artist performances. Partial cost-shared funding is recommended. As registered charity the Orchestra may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended towards web-site audio-visual content to encourage public interaction with the orchestra's programming.***

16. Youth Art Connection – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

"YAC" is a registered Canadian charity that delivers innovative projects to assist youth pursuing careers in the arts (branded "Artpreneurs"). Programming has relied on project-specific government grants, charitable foundations, institutional and corporate donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of portable video, lighting and sound equipment. The applicant's contribution is confirmed for the purchase of musical instruments. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for the purchase of portable equipment for a pre-professional youth arts program.***

Tier 3

17. Atlantic Filmmakers' Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

AFCOOP is a professional arts organization and a registered Canadian charity. This member-run centre supports the production and presentation of independent film and media arts through the provision of equipment, facilities, and educational workshops. The centre's operations are sustained by government grants, notably the Canada Council for the Arts, provincial and municipal operating grants, membership fees, workshops and course fees, equipment rentals, sponsorship and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of 360VR (virtual reality) video camera and specialized software (total \$6,328). "For digital media artists, filmmakers and animators, 360 Video and Virtual Reality present uncharted ground for experimentation, expression, and viewer experience." The applicant's contribution of \$1,328 is confirmed. As a registered charity AFCOOP may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a specialized VR (virtual reality) video camera.***

18.Society for Art Presentation (Centre for Art Tapes) – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Society for Art Presentation operates under the name Centre for Art Tapes and is a registered Canadian charity serving professional media arts organizations and individuals. Among its services the Centre makes production equipment available to non-profit organizations at subsidized rates. Operations are largely sustained by Canada Council for the Arts funding, provincial and municipal operating grants, project-specific grants, and fundraising. A grant of \$4,903.30 requested to fully fund the purchase of two (2) portable professional “fill” lights that would enhance service to photographers and animators. As a registered charity the Centre may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$4,900 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of portable lighting for equipment.***

DIVERSITY

The Diversity category encompasses organizations and projects serving individuals who face physical, financial, linguistic or attitudinal barriers to full participation in community activities including but not limited to race, ethnicity, physical disability, poverty, age, or sexual orientation. The program does not fund scholastic or vocational training (for example, educational upgrading, literacy, vocational skills).

Tier 1

19.Bangladesh Community Association of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2017, this newly formed society promotes Bangladeshi culture, multiculturalism, and peer support for students, visitors and immigrants from Bangladesh. To date, revenues have been raised through membership fees and a diversity literacy project funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage. The cultural literacy movement has its origins in the shooting deaths of four students in Pakistan, February 21, 1952, who were campaigning for the right to use their mother language, Bengali. Following the Liberation War of 1971, Bangladesh became an independent country and Bengali was recognized as the official language. In 1999, UNESCO proclaimed February 21 to be international *Mother Language Day*, an annual celebration of cultural literacy and diversity. A grant of \$4,000 is requested towards web site upgrades and “printed materials” (total \$4,940). The applicant’s contribution of \$940 is confirmed. The website hosting fee is a recurring operating expense and ineligible. ***A developmental grant of \$4,000 is recommended to fully fund website development (\$3,450) and partial funding towards printing of start-up self-promotional materials (\$550).***

Tier 2

20.Halifax Refugee Clinic Association – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that provides free legal representation to persons seeking refugee status before the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada and related settlement services. The Association relies on volunteers from the legal profession to represent claimants and supports its operations through donations (notably the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia), fundraising and project-specific grants. A grant of \$4,056.33 is requested to fully fund the purchase of computer equipment to initiate a *Community Connections Program*. As a charity the Association is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards the purchase of equipment to support the launch of a Community Connections refugee support program.***

21.Ketch Harbour Area Residents Association – Ketch Harbour – Project Grant/Building Upgrade: Accessibility

The Association provides assorted recreational amenities and programs in the Ketch Harbour community sustained by an area rate and partial municipal tax relief. In 2015, the society acquired a former fire station and converted the premises to a community hall. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the installation of an accessibility ramp so that seniors programming can commence. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fully fund the construction of a community hall wheelchair accessibility ramp.***

22. MusGo Rider Cooperative Limited – Musquodoboit Harbour/Eastern Shore – Capital Grant/Vehicle Purchase

Incorporated in 2012, MusGo Rider provides local transportation and charter services for villages located on the Eastern Shore (East Preston/Lawrencetown to Ship Harbour). Operating costs are subsidized by the provincial and municipal government based on ridership and routes. A grant of \$18,000 is requested towards the purchase of a replacement van adapted with accessibility aids and custom logos (\$70,236.50). Quotes provided. The cooperative's contribution of \$8,320.01 represents approximately 12% of costs and the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Provincial *Accessible Transportation Assistance Program* funding is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$18,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a replacement transit passenger van.***

23. MusGo Rider Valley-Sheet Harbour Cooperative Limited – Eastern Shore – Capital Grant/Vehicle Purchase

Incorporated as a non-profit cooperative in 2016, MusGo Rider has created a new entity to expand service from the Musquodoboit Valley to Sheet Harbour. Operations are sustained by provincial and municipal operating grants, contracts and charter rentals, and ridership fares. A capital grant of \$18,000 is requested towards the purchase of an additional passenger van at a total cost of \$66,907.55 to expand service. The cooperative's contribution of \$7,286.55 represents approximately 11% of total costs and the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Provincial *Accessible Transportation Assistance Program* funding is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$18,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a new passenger van.***

Note: Halifax Transit has confirmed support for the purchases in relation to HRM's annual operating subsidy to both MusGo Rider and MusGo Rider Valley-Sheet Harbour.

Tier 3

24. Cole Harbour Soccer Club – Cole Harbour/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club is a membership-based sports club that provides recreational and competitive soccer for children, youth and adults. Registration fees vary by age and recreational/representative level. Operations are sustained through registration fees. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of adaptive equipment to start a *Powerchair Soccer* program (total \$14,666.40). Funding has been secured from Soccer Nova Scotia, Easter Seals Nova Scotia has donated power wheelchairs, and application has been made to other sport funding sources. If successful the program will be the first of its kind in Nova Scotia and the aim is to expand into other modified soccer programs such as goal ball, bell soccer, or programs for the deaf or amputees. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of adaptive aids for launch of a Powerchair Soccer program for children and adults.***

25. Easter Seals Nova Scotia – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing

Easter Seals is a registered Canadian charity serving persons with a disability. Programming includes referrals, assistive devices, training and employment opportunities, and recreational activities (notably sledge hockey). In 2018, the Society will be opening a newly renovated office/social enterprise work space to meet service demand. The relocation is an opportunity to re-brand the organization and expand online program registration. A grant of \$4,370 is requested to fully fund website design services. ***A grant of \$4,370 is recommended to fully fund website upgrades.***

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Grants awarded under the Emergency Assistance category support non-profit organizations in the provision of immediate aid to individuals and families in overcoming a critical event such as a man-made or natural disaster and the provision of subsistence aid (food bank, an overnight shelter for the homeless, or short-stay accommodation for persons displaced by domestic abuse). Community comfort centres formally registered with HRM Fire & Emergency Services may also apply for incremental costs associated with operational capacity in the event of an extended power outage or emergency evacuation.

Tier 1

26. Halifax Amateur Radio Club – Halifax-Project Grant/Equipment

The membership-based amateur radio club is sustained by membership fees, fundraising and project-specific grants. The Club has also received operating assistance through a less than market value lease within an HRM-owned property. In addition to a leisure activity for its members, the Club's volunteers provide communications in the event of a disaster and assist with community events. The group has a Memorandum of Understanding with HRM Fire & Emergency Services and similar agreements with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Halifax Ground Search and Rescue Team, and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. A grant of \$2,875 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a *Yeasu FTdx3000* radio transceiver to enhance transmission range capabilities. ***A grant of \$2,875 is recommended for the purchase of radio transmission equipment.***

Tier 2

27. Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Equipment: EMO Comfort Centre

The Lions Club provides financial and other assistance to individuals and organizations within the immediate community and contributes to national and international initiatives as funds permit. The Club has approximately 42 members and is sustained by fundraising, donations, and full municipal tax relief based on hosting the Eastern Shore Community Food Bank at no cost. A grant of \$14,420.71 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a propane generator; the Club's cash contribution of \$1,000 will cover the cost of installing an outdoor base and protective barriers. The applicant provided proof of HRM Fire/EMO registration as a recognized comfort centre and rating of A-2 (Guidebook p.15). ***A grant of \$14,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator for the Musquodoboit Harbour EMO Community Comfort Centre.***

28. North Ship Harbour Community Hall Auxiliary – Ship Harbour – Capital Grant/Equipment: EMO Comfort Centre

The Auxiliary volunteers own and operate a community hall funded by assorted social activities and non-recurring project grants and full municipal tax relief. HRM Parks & Recreation also rent the facility for weekly exercise classes Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's (Spring and Summer). Over the past few years the society has completed extensive renovations costing \$175,000. In 2018, the Auxiliary signed a Memorandum of Understanding with HRM Fire/EMO as a comfort centre with a rating of A-2 (Guidebook, p.15). The facility will serve small surrounding villages including DeBais Cove, Clam Bay, Owls Head, and Beach Hill. A grant of \$10,500 is requested to fund the purchase of a propane generator, propane tank and installation expenses. The applicant's cost-share of \$4,353.80 is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$10,500 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator for the North Ship Harbour EMO Comfort Centre.***

Tier 3

29. Royal Canadian Legion (Eastern Marine Branch #161)/Nova Scotia and Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – Gaetz Brook – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade: EMO Comfort Centre

The Royal Canadian Legion is incorporated under an Act of Parliament to primarily serve retired and active members of the Canadian military and their dependents, auxiliary services and those who support the objects of the Legion. Branch #161 does not have its own non-profit or charitable registration number and has been accepted under the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command which is registered as a not-for-profit corporation under Industry Canada. The operations of the Legion hall are sustained by bar sales, gaming and rentals. The Royal Canadian Legion is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards re-modelling both men's and women's washrooms to make them barrier-free (total \$42,000). The facility has been evaluated by HRM Fire/EMO (rated A-2) and there are no comparable amenities in the immediate area (Guidebook, p.15). The applicant's cost-share of \$17,000 is confirmed. Due to prior funding for the same facility the Legion is ineligible to apply to the provincial *Access-Ability Grants Program*. A matching grant of \$17,000 is recommended: the project could be phased as funds permit or application made to the provincial *Legion Capital Assistance Program*. ***A***

capital grant of \$17,000 is recommended towards washroom upgrades for the Gaetz Brook EMO Comfort Centre.

30. Halifax Transition House Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Development

The Association is a registered Canadian charity serving women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. The organization is sustained by an operating grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and partial municipal tax relief. The Association's emergency shelter, *Bryony House*, was constructed c.1882 and recurring structural issues have resulted in temporary closures. In 2015, the Association embarked on a capital project to design and construct a new facility at an estimated cost of \$3,600,000 to \$3,800,00 to stabilize and expand operations. The proposed site was re-zoned in 2018 and the purchase is expected to proceed with construction due to start in the Fall of 2018. Funding of \$3,000,000 has been confirmed through a federal/provincial partnership and will be formalized in an agreement with Housing Nova Scotia. The Association has started fundraising and anticipates the sale of their current premises will raise significant capital. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards site preparation. The project furthers the Emergency Assistance category priorities in expanding emergency shelter capacity in the region and the link to HRM Police and RCMP services. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the construction of a new emergency shelter for women and children.***

31. Souls Harbour Rescue Mission – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Renovations

The Mission is a registered Canadian charity that assists homeless and lower income individuals, primarily through a feeding program, clothing and household items, and communal holiday meals. Operations are sustained by donations supplemented by project-specific grants. The property has been assessed exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$18,000 is requested towards a major building renovation that will convert one floor of the premises into a transitional shelter for men who are post-incarceration. The total renovation project is expected to cost \$225,000 and funds have been received from the *Aviva Community Fund*, *100 Men Who Give a Damn*, and fundraising events. The applicant's cost-share (\$71,200) is confirmed. The shower and washroom amenities will also be available to non-residents. The project furthers the Emergency Assistance category priorities in expanding accommodations for persons at risk of homelessness; the staff review also considers community showers a niche service. As a registered charity the Mission may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$18,000 is recommended towards community shower and washroom upgrades for a transitional shelter.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from Diversity based on expanding short-stay shelter accommodations for an identified population at risk of homelessness.

HISTORY

The History category encompasses community-based historical research, collections, and public presentation aimed at enhancing awareness of the region's physical and social development and distinct cultural identity. Awards towards the conservation of a registered heritage building or site are conditional upon the approval of HRM Planning & Development (Heritage). The acquisition, presentation or restoration of an historically significant artefact is eligible for funding subject to independent authentication and valuation. Priority outcomes include opportunities for self-representation, geographic and demographic inclusivity, authenticity, innovative presentation and interpretation.

Tier 1

32. Friends of St. James United Church Heritage Society – Spry Bay – Capital Grant/Building Repairs: Registered Heritage Property

The Friends of St. James United Church Society is a registered charity whose mandate is the restoration and preservation of the St. James United Church (c. 1872); a registered heritage

property that no longer serves as a place of worship. The Society is administered entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and fundraising to operate the de-commissioned St. James United Church. A grant of \$10,000 is requested towards repairs to a portion of the church roof and vestibule totalling \$13,985. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. **A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards roof repairs to the St. James United Church (Spry Bay), a registered heritage property.**

33.Old Bury Ground Foundation – Halifax – Project Grant/Gravestone Restoration: Registered Heritage Site

The Foundation's volunteers act in a stewardship and fundraising role to protect, preserve and promote the national, provincial and municipally registered heritage property owned by St. Paul's Anglican Church (Halifax). The cemetery is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards gravestone restoration. **A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards restoration of National Historic Site artefacts.**

Note: staff recommend a meeting with the Foundation to determine the scope and duration of this project based on recurring grant requests.

34.S.S Atlantic Heritage Park Society – Terence Bay – Project Grant/Marketing

The Society is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers preserve the history of the sinking of the *S.S Atlantic* in 1873 and stewardship of a small burial site for victims of the tragedy under a lease agreement with St. Paul's Anglican Church (Terence Bay). This volunteer society is funded through a seasonal interpretation/craft shop, donations, and small project-specific grants. HRM provides full tax relief. A grant of \$3,550 is requested to fully fund (i) the purchase of two mobile display units and (ii) two custom-made donations boxes decorated with original folk art. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. **A grant of \$800 recommended to fully fund the purchase of mobile self-promotional display banners.**

35.St. Paul's Anglican Church – French Village – Project Grant/Building Repairs: Registered Heritage Property

The St. Paul's Anglican Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The original church was built in 1824 and replaced at the same location in 1863. In 2007, the property was registered as a municipal heritage property based on its historical significance in the settlement of this coastal community and its architectural features. A capital grant of \$5,000 is requested towards minor roof repairs. The total cost is \$10,925 with a confirmed cost-share from the applicant. Quotes provided. The applicant is eligible to apply for a provincial sales tax rebate and to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST refund. The work is not considered a substantial alteration and has been approved by an HRM Heritage Planner. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards roof repairs to the St. Paul's Anglican Church (French Village), a registered heritage property.**

36.Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield – Spryfield – Project Grant/Facility Development

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that promotes the preservation of Spryfield's agricultural history and local food consumption with a community garden and a market garden. Operations are sustained primarily through summer employment grants, donations, product sales (books, market garden produce), and partial municipal tax relief³. A grant of \$3,772.50 is requested towards professional fees to (i) complete a title search and plan of survey with respect to the potential acquisition of a private property (residence and 3.5 acres) and (ii) a plan of survey for 2.2 acres of land acquired by donation in 2017. The total cost is \$4,772.50⁴. Quotes provided. This work forms part of a larger plan to convert the c.1822 farm house into a community museum, including a collection of photographs owned by the Mainland South Heritage Society. Although the feasibility of a museum facility has not been established, the Society demonstrates due diligence in confirming the legal and technical specifications of the property and has

³ Partial tax relief has been awarded to the vacant land holding pending confirmation of future use.

⁴ The grant request is considered separate from a \$4,600 interim community museum grant issued in 2017 – the grant is not directly related to current museum operations.

also designated funds towards the cost of acquiring the former farmhouse. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$3,500 is recommended towards professional fees for property surveys and title search.***

Tier 2

37.Fort Sackville Foundation – Bedford – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 1988, the Foundation leases two properties from HRM; the *Scott Manor House* (c.1769-1772) a registered heritage property and an abutting parcel of land both of which are used for a community museum. Operations are sustained by HRM, including full tax relief, supplemented by government summer employment grants, tea room sales and fundraising. A contingency reserve is held to cover summer student wages in the event government funding is not received and for unforeseen expenditures. A grant of \$3,730 is requested towards website re-design and professional fees for a photographer costing \$4,480. The aim of the project is to improve the site's overall appearance, navigation and functionality. Funding directed to the design is recommended; the Foundation could explore the use of graduate students, photography clubs, or phase the visual content as funds permit – including unrestricted funds received from HRM in March of 2018. As a registered charity the Foundation may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant in the amount of \$3,000 recommended towards web site design and upgrades.***

38.St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church – Middle Sackville – Project Grant/Restoration: Registered Heritage Property

St. John the Evangelist is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings and donations. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The church is the oldest known building in Sackville; the original church is believed to have been built in the early 1800's and was destroyed by fire. The stone foundation was incorporated into the replacement Georgian-style church constructed in c.1829. A grant of \$3,263.70 is requested towards restoration of two large stained-glass windows (total \$4,945). The applicant's cost-share and Heritage Planner approval are confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$3,200 is recommended towards the restoration of two stained glass windows in St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, a registered heritage building.***

Tier 3

39.Banook Canoe Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Repairs: Registered Heritage Property

The Club operates a membership-based sports facility for recreational and elite canoeing on Lake Banook. Operations are primarily funded by membership and instructional fees, day camps, facility rentals, bar sales, and full exemption from municipal taxes. The Club's original clubhouse was constructed c.1906 to store paddling equipment and is a municipally registered heritage building noted for its association with local sports history. A capital grant of \$12,531.75 is requested towards minor repairs to shingles, roof fascia and soffit, and replacement guttering (\$17,531.75). Heritage Planner approval is confirmed. Partial funding recommended: the work could be phased as funds permit. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards minor exterior building repairs to a registered heritage building.***

40.Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Renovation: Registered Heritage Property

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a registered Canadian charity serving children and youth through the provision of individual mentoring by volunteers supported by professional staff. The society receives core provincial funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and municipal tax relief supplemented by fundraising and donations. A majority of earned revenues are through a bulk purchase and sale agreement with a large retailer of used clothing. A capital grant of \$8,000 is requested towards (i) assorted minor interior repairs to ceilings, flooring, interior drywall and painting and (ii) the replacement of two exterior wooden windows at a combined cost of \$10,000. The building is a municipally registered heritage property known as the *George Shiels House* constructed in c.1863. Heritage Planner approval

and the applicant's contribution of \$2,000 are confirmed. Partial funding recommended for window replacement: the interior deferred maintenance items are lower funding priority. The applicant could also pursue provincial heritage funding and federal and provincial government tax rebates. ***A grant of \$3,750 is recommended for window replacement to the George Shiels House, a registered heritage property.***

41. Woodlawn United Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Roof Repairs

Woodlawn United Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, donations, and investment earnings. The Church owns two properties: the original Woodlawn Methodist Church building (c.1884) that is a registered heritage property and the larger, replacement church built in 1959. The heritage building, also known locally as the "White Church" or "Heritage Centre" is used by a variety of community groups including the East Dartmouth Food Bank. The property is exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$5,899.70 is requested to fully fund re-shingling a portion of the roof and replacement rain gutters. Heritage Planner approval confirmed. Partial funding recommended to complete the roof repairs. As a registered charity the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to complete minor roof repairs to the Woodlawn Methodist Church building, a registered heritage property.***

Note: The grant towards minor roof repairs is intended as a final payment for the project based on prior grant requests/awards towards this same work.

HOUSING

Funding priorities include housing for persons unable to secure appropriate accommodations in the open market and may require on-site or individual support services, and affordable rental options for lower income tenants. Priority may be given to projects that expand capacity through the creation of additional residential units or beds (new construction, conversion, expansion of an existing property). Housing grants exclude private property ownership. Overnight short-stay shelters are included in the Emergency Assistance category.

Tier 3

42. Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Renovation

The Foundation is a registered Canadian charity and a society that operates a transition house for adult males in recovery from addictions. Operations are sustained by provincial funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Health, a United Way grant, fundraising, and project-specific grants. In 2017, the Foundation purchased and renovated a second residential property to provide accommodation for 3 residents while they transition to independent living. A grant of \$4,241.25 is requested for basement renovations to increase functionality and address indoor air quality and dampness by replacing a dirt floor with concrete, and plumbing for laundry appliances (total \$4,507.50). Quotes provided. The expansion of transition housing capacity meets the priority outcomes of the Housing category. ***A capital grant of \$4,000 recommended for transition housing facility basement remediation and fit-up.***

43. Longhouse Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Incorporated in 1987, the cooperative own and operate a portfolio of 11 buildings with a total of 20 units of affordable housing serving mid and lower income tenants. Operations are sustained by rental income supplemented by provincial rent subsidies for approximately half the units and the cooperative receives partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested towards foundation repairs to 6 buildings including the installation of sump pumps to address chronic drainage problems, air quality and mold (total \$23,000). Quotes provided. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 is recommended towards structural repairs to affordable housing units.***

44.Lamplight Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Renovation

Established in 1980, the cooperative own and operate a portfolio of 7 buildings for a total of 24 units of affordable housing. Tenants represent a diverse cross-section of the community by age, ethnicity, and household income. Operations are sustained by rental revenues and the cooperative receives partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement of the porch verandah of a property located on Inglis Street, Halifax (total \$37,921.25). This pre-WWI building is not a registered heritage property but the architectural style is consistent with heritage properties in the immediate vicinity. The verandah is structurally compromised, does not meet building code standards and may pose a safety hazard. The applicant wishes to maintain the architectural character of the premises albeit at higher cost and has confirmed their cost-share. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the cost of replacement verandah to maintain architectural and streetscape character.***

45.Metro Non-Profit Housing Association – Halifax – Project Grant/Safety Equipment

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a portfolio of properties providing accommodation for homeless and at-risk individuals who may require coordinated support services. Rental income and an operating subsidy from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services sustain operations with partial municipal tax relief for 4 properties. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase and installation of a security camera system for two apartment buildings (total \$5,750). Quotes provided. The system allows for remote accessibility for on-call support staff. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST refund. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of security camera system in two supportive housing apartment buildings.***

RECREATION & LEISURE

Grants to support an expansion of community-based opportunities for the public to engage in physical activity with a focus on entry level (non-elite) development programs and leisure activities for persons who face barriers to participation. Priority outcomes include the provision of amenities in under-served communities, adaptive programs and amenities for persons with special needs, and programs for children and youth.

Tier 1

46.Harbour Lites Seniors' Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Project Grant/Equipment

The Harbour Lites clubhouse is a venue for social gatherings and leisure activities for senior citizens. The Club is entirely volunteer and raises operating funds through monthly dinners and modest fundraising activities. HRM provides full tax relief. A grant of \$3,048.50 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted items (folding lawn chairs, television, a microwave, bar cart, and a gas-powered snow blower). Full funding for the purchase of a microwave and wheeled kitchen cart is recommended in recognizing the Club's reliance on revenue generated by community meals and a snow-blower is considered safety-related given the rural location and an predominantly senior membership/facility use. As a registered charity the Club is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$1,400 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a snow-blower, microwave oven, and wheeled kitchen cart for senior citizens centre.***

47.Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House – Wellington – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

The former Wellington Fletcher's Lake Fire Department incorporated as a non-profit society in 1984. The society owned and operated a volunteer fire station serving the community of Wellington and surrounding area. In 2010, the society changed its name to the Wellington/Fletcher's Lake Station House to reflect that their operations now encompass only the community hall⁵. As an operational fire station, the property is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. Operations are sustained by bar sales and facility rentals. The hall hosts private and community social functions, darts and card games, and local youth groups. A grant of \$10,000 is requested towards completion of a roof upgrade to replace shingles with corrugated metal

⁵ HRM Fire/EMO manages the fire station.

panels (\$11,296.45). Quotes provided. The financial information provided suggests an ability to cost-share: partial funding recommended. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards completion of community hall roof replacement.**

Tier 2

48. Halifax Nordic Ski Club – Spryfield – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Club evolved through the merger of the Halifax and Martock Cross-Country Ski Clubs but due to the growth in participation the club changed its name in 2017 and its' primary focus is in promoting access to groomed skate and classic cross-country ski trails and teaching Nordic skiing to people of all ages and abilities. The Club is sustained by membership dues, registration fees, donations and project-specific grants. Currently, the Club grooms ski trails in HRM at the following locations: McDonald Sport Park (Waverley), Brunello Golf Club (Timberlea), Dollar Lake Provincial Park (Wellington) and the HRM-owned Graves-Oakley Park (Spryfield). A grant of \$13,000 is requested towards the purchase of a snowmobile for track grooming (total \$16,000). The Club's cost-share is confirmed. Graves-Oakley is an ideal location for beginners because the trail is flat and wide and may be lit for night skiing. The new equipment will be designated for Graves-Oakley to reduce transportation costs. This application meets the funding priorities of the Recreation & Leisure category in terms of physical activity, inclusivity and affordability. **A capital grant of \$13,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a snowmobile for cross-country skiing in Spryfield.**

49. LWF Hardball Association/Nova Scotia and Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion (Dieppe Branch #90) – Waverley – Capital Grant/Facility Development

The Association organizes team and league play for male and female players aged 4 to 19. Registration is approximately 650 with a waiting list. Fees range from \$125 to \$250 for the season. The Association is volunteer-led and self-funded through registration fees, canteen sales and fundraising. A grant of \$11,270 is requested to fully fund the construction of a large enclosed batting/pitching cage for instruction and practice. The Association's contribution (\$5,450) is confirmed and will pay for the purchase of a pitching machine and assorted small equipment. The proposed location of the batting cage is on land owned by the Royal Canadian Legion Dieppe Branch #90 that includes a baseball field. The Royal Canadian Legion is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. This application meets the funding priorities of the Recreation & Leisure category in providing physical activity for children and youth that is inclusive of a range of abilities (i.e. non-elite). **A capital grant of \$11,270 is recommended to fully fund the construction of a batting/pitching cage.**

Note: The batting/pitching cage is not a fixed asset (movable) and the non-profit property owner has agreed to the installation.

50. St. George's Tennis Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Sport Court Replacement

Established in 1885, the Club is a membership-based sports facility for recreational and competitive tennis for junior, intermediate and senior players. Operations are primarily funded through membership dues, summer camps and fundraising. The Club receives partial exemption from municipal taxes⁶. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards facility upgrades and enhancements including replacement of the subsurface irrigation system and resurfacing of 5 *Hydro Har-Tru* tennis courts, a construction of a new mini court for juniors, replacement entry gate, replacement court lighting, clubhouse upgrades (stairs, flooring, and plumbing). The total cost is estimated to be \$130,000. Quotes provided. The Club has committed \$58,000, applied for provincial funding (\$24,070) under the provincial *Recreational Facility Development Grant*, and has a fundraising goal of \$22,930 to be sought from the national sport governing body, corporate donations of labour and materials, private donations, and events. Staff recommend funding towards the court re-surfacing to address poor drainage by excavating and replacing the irrigation system damaged by erosion and 'freeze-thaw' weather conditions. This work should also reduce water consumption that has increased by approximately 50% over the past 2 years. At a cost of \$64,000, the court irrigation and re-surfacing is the most expensive element of the project but has the greatest impact

⁶ In 2017, the Club paid \$18,481 in municipal taxes (received a tax grant of \$xxx).

on operations. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards tennis court replacement irrigation and re-surfacing.***

51. Scout Canada: Nova Scotia Provincial Council/Camp Harris Committee – Mineville – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades

Camp Harris was established in 1959 primarily to serve Scout troops located in the Dartmouth area. The camp is managed by a committee of volunteers. The site is also rented by Girl Guides, schools, community groups, and for special events. The property is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. Joint application has been made with the Scout Canada: Nova Scotia Provincial Council in their capacity as property owner. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards (i) repairs to the flooring of the main hall and (ii) construction of two activity shelters at a total combined cost of \$54,700. Quotes and architectural drawings included. The two new structures are for outdoor cooking, including a fireplace, and are not enclosed. The review recommends funding for the shelter construction because it expands programming opportunities whereas a floor repair would be of lower funding priority. The Provincial Council's contribution (\$5,000) and Camp Harris Committee's contribution (\$24,700) are confirmed and application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage *Community Recreation Capital Grant Program* (pending). As a registered charity, the Nova Scotia Provincial Council may apply for a partial HST rebate. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards expansion of the Camp Harris campground with construction of two outdoor cooking/activity shelters.***

Tier 3

52. Akoma Holdings Incorporated – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Development

In 2013, Akoma Holdings Inc ("Akoma Holdings") incorporated as a non-profit society and the following year as a registered Canadian charity. This entity was established to coordinate the programs and services of the Akoma Family Centre Incorporated in providing and maintaining facilities for this purpose. In 2015, acquired certain assets and operations from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, including real property and equipment⁷. Operations are sustained by rental income, a Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation subsidy supplemented by garden plot rentals and non-recurring project-specific grants. In 2017, Akoma Holdings initiated *The Old Home Restoration Project*, a large-scale initiative to re-capitalize and upgrade the original orphanage building for use as a seniors' complex with amenities for leisure and social programs, meeting rooms, and offices. To date, project funding has been received under the federal government's *Canada 150 Program* and provincial accessibility funding. Given the scale of the proposed renovations, the project is expected to be phased over several years and will require a designated capital campaign. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards water and sewer upgrades (\$180,177.50) and a parking lot (\$104,029.50). Municipal funding is recommended to encourage and support the utilization of a building that has been vacant for an extended period and to enhance leisure programming for senior citizens. It is recommended that HRM's grant be directed to water/sewer infrastructure only and exclude parking amenities. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards water and sewer infrastructure for the Old Home Restoration Project.***

53. Cheema Aquatic Club – Waverley – Project Grant/Storage Shelter

The Cheema Aquatic Club is a membership-based sports club located on land leased from the provincial government on Lake Thomas. The Club provides recreational and competitive paddling for youth and adults. Revenues are primarily from membership and canteen sales, fundraising, and grants. The Club receives full municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the replacement of a "lean to" shelter. From the financial information provided there appears to be an ability to cost-share. ***A grant of \$3,000 recommended towards construction of a replacement storage/activity shelter.***

54. Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The MMAAC is incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature (1923) and is a membership-based sports club located on Lake Banook. Revenues are primarily from paddling and rowing memberships and instructional programs, bar and catering sales, facility rentals, events and fundraising.

⁷ Certain assets, including property, equipment and investments were also conveyed to the Akoma Family Centre Incorporated, a related entity.

The Club receives full municipal tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 requested to assist with the cost of washroom upgrades (\$35,000) to an area known as the *Aquatic Room* used extensively for events hosting and room rentals. Application has also been made to the provincial *Access-Ability Program* for \$10,000. The project budget suggests the Club is seeking full government funding and their contribution would be a \$5,000 contingency. From the information provided there appears to be an ability to self-fund or cost-share. **A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards clubhouse washroom upgrades, subject to confirmation of an ability to proceed.**

Table 2. Prior Funding for the 4-Year Period 2014 to 2017

Name	2014	2015	2016	2017	Other
Acadia Recreation Club	\$17,000				Not assessed
Akoma Holdings Incorporated	\$25,000				Tax Relief
Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,000		Interim Professional Arts Operating Grant
Banook Canoe Club		\$15,000			Tax Relief
Cheema Aquatic Club	\$4,074		\$5,000		Tax Relief
Dartmouth and District Pipe Band		\$5,000			
Freedom Foundation of NS	\$9,420				Tax Relief
Friends of St. James UC Heritage Society	\$4,000				Exempt by Legislation
Halifax Amateur Radio Club			\$1,800		Less than market value rent/ not assessed
Halifax Makerspace Society	\$5,000				
Halifax Nordic Ski Club	\$15,233				
Hammonds Plains Community Centre	\$3,975	\$5,000	\$20,000		Tax Relief
Harbour Lites New Horizon		\$3,000		\$3,500	Tax Relief
Ketch Harbour Area Resident Association				\$10,000	Tax Relief
Lake Charlotte & Area Heritage Society	\$19,000	\$5,000	\$10,000		Tax Relief
Latispanica Cultural Association		\$2,951			
MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning			\$5,000		Tax Relief
Metro Non-Profit Housing Association		\$14,200	\$5,000	\$3,000	Tax Relief
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club		\$20,000		\$15,000	Tax Relief
MusGo Rider Cooperative Limited (Musquodoboit Valley).				\$12,000	Operating Subsidy
North Ship Harbour Community Hall Auxiliary	\$15,000				Tax Relief
Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra		\$5,000	\$5,000		
Old Bury Ground Foundation					Exempt by Legislation
Old School Community Gathering Place	\$3,000	\$10,000		\$5,000	Tax Relief
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Gaetz Brook		\$5,000		\$10,000	Exempt by Legislation
Scouts Canada Nova Scotia			\$3,000		Exempt by Legislation
Seaforth Community Society				\$10,500	Tax Relief
Society for Art Presentation Centre for Art Tapes	\$6,000				Professional Arts Operating Grant
S. S. Atlantic Heritage Park Society			\$2,000		Tax Relief
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church			\$9,000		Exempt by Legislation

Unicorn Theatre Society		\$944	\$3,000	\$1,000	Less than market value rent/not assessed
Woodlawn United Church		\$10,000	\$2,000		Exempt by Legislation

If approved, the following fourteen (14) organizations listed in alphabetical order have not received funding under the Community Grants Program and are considered 'new' to the program:

Coastal Voices Men's Choir
Cole Harbour Soccer
Easter Seals Nova Scotia
Fisherman`s Cove Development Association
Halifax Transition House Society
Lamplight Housing Co-Operative Limited
Longhouse Housing Co-Operative Limited
L.W.F Hardball Association
MusGo Rider Valley-Sheet Harbour Cooperative Limited
New Players Choral Society
Souls Harbour Rescue Mission
St. Georges Tennis Club
Wellington Fletchers Lake Station House Community Hall
Youth Art Connection

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ARTS & CRAFTS

Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the cost of fabrication and installation of a large-scale "neon" mural. The location and property ownership unconfirmed. This type of project is eligible for consideration under Section 20.2 Enhanced Maintenance and Beautification of the *BID Contributions Fund*.

DIVERSITY

Club Inclusion

A grant of \$4,122 is requested to fully fund the purchase of an adult change table. The purchase of specialized personal care equipment (not adaptive recreational equipment) is not a program funding priority. This type of request might be better aligned with a health grant, service club, or charitable foundation's funding focus.

Cornwallis Street Baptist Church

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards major renovations to the Church holdings including the sanctuary, church hall, and administrative offices projected to cost \$1,500,000. The architectural design has been completed and an ongoing capital campaign launched with a goal of raising \$330,000. A meeting with the applicant is recommended to identify which element(s) might align with the *Community Grants Program* for consideration under the 2019 program. See: Attachment 5.

North End Community Health Association

A grant of \$3,027.50 is requested to fully fund a web site upgrade. The financial information provided in the application indicates an ability to self-fund.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Calvin United Church

A grant of \$1,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a commercial-grade kitchen sink and taps (\$1,500). The incremental impact appears to be primarily in relation to church hall operations.

Chezzetcook & District Lions Club

A capital grant of \$24,501.90 to fully fund the purchase and installation of two (2) heat pumps in clubhouse facility. Application form is incomplete. "Applicants must provide proof of registration as a recognized municipal comfort centre and facility rating from HRM Fire/EMO at the time of application" (Guidebook, p.15). Refer to Grants staff for assistance with future applications.

ENVIRONMENT

Back to the Sea Society

A grant of \$9,950 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a second-hand truck in support of a seasonal *Touch Tank* (May to September) and unspecified events. Given limited programming throughout the year the purchase of a vehicle may be premature - application would be strengthened by a reasonable cost-share and a schedule of events.

Bedford Legion/Nova Scotia and Nunavet Command of the Royal Canadian Legion

A grant of \$8,222.50 is requested towards the purchase and installation of air conditioning (two heat pumps) and a refrigeration system for the bar cooler (total \$16,445). Financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund if the work is phased. Refer to the provincial *Legion Capital Assistance Fund*. The *Community Grants Program* accepts only one application per year from an organization

(Guidebook, p.2). In the absence of independent registration, the applicant has used the federal Industry Canada registration number.

Deanery Co-Operative Limited

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a tractor and attachments. Refer to Grants staff for feedback. A reasonable cost-share for the purchase might strengthen the application with documentation to substantiate the frequency of use.

East Coast Environmental Law Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund web site upgrades. Although members of the public serve on the Association's Board of Directors, the focus of programming appears to be primarily⁸ in providing professional development and research opportunities in collaboration with Dalhousie University's Marine and Environmental Law Institute (MELI). Both the ECELA and the MELI operate out of and in conjunction with the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.

Gerald Hardy Memorial Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the construction and installation of raised beds. Most of the project costs are ineligible for consideration and the land is privately owned (Guidebook, p. 13).

HISTORY

Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society

A capital grant of \$12,000 is requested towards assorted minor repairs (windows, doors, portions of the roof, vents) to the *Settle Barn* a registered heritage building. Heritage Planner approval not included: "Applicants requesting a grant towards restoration of a registered heritage property must include approval from a municipal heritage planner at the time of application. Failure to provide this documentation with the application may result in ineligibility" (Guidebook, p.16).

Fultz Corner Restoration Society

A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested towards the purchase of a utility tractor with a front-end loader and mower attachments (total cost \$23,340.93). Refer to Grants staff for feedback. A reasonable cost-share for the purchase might strengthen the application and documentation to substantiate the frequency of use.

HOUSING

Cherry Brook United Baptist Church

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund minor repairs and refurbishment of "the Parsonage", a residential property owned by the church. Many of the items included in the quotes provided would not be priority funding items (for example, interior decorating, storm door, tree removal/clothes line, small fixtures). In the absence of documentation describing the tenant selection process and a copy of the lease agreement, the review was unable to demonstrate the incremental impact of funding. Refer applicant to Grants staff for assistance with any future funding application.

Halifax Peninsula Housing Co-Operative Limited

A capital grant of \$12,000 is requested to remodel and upgrade the kitchen in one apartment (\$15,128.25). Most of the expenses are low priority or ineligible for consideration (e.g. cleaning) for funding under the *Community Grants Program* (Guidebook p.13). The cooperative received a capital grant of \$12,000 in 2017. Incremental impact low as compared to other applications in this funding category.

Kabuki Housing Co-Operative Limited

⁸ The Association also provides advise and support to community and environmental groups but the extent and subject matter is not stated.

A capital grant of \$22,000 is requested for siding replacement on two apartment buildings (total \$27,000). The applicant received a capital grant of \$10,000 in 2017 towards stair and deck replacement. Lower priority as compared to other applicants to this funding category.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

City Centre Ministry

A grant of \$2,500 is requested to fully fund an upgrade to the society's web site. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund the promotion of a religious practice or faith. See: Attachment 5.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Atlantic Division Association Canoe Kayak Canada

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement docks. The application lacks a detailed budget breakdown, including confirmed/unconfirmed revenue sources, off-season storage etc. From the financial information provided there appears to be an ability to self-fund or cost-share. Refer to Grants staff for assistance with future applications.

Azusa Apostolic Church

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two laptop computers for homework group and assorted camping equipment. Insufficient financial information provided to determine the sustainability of the organization or scope of programming.

Bedford Lawn Bowls Club

A grant of \$1,900 is requested towards the fabrication and installation of two signs (\$2,200). Funding not recommended based on the extent of municipal funding (HRM-owned property with operational subsidy of both the facility and playing surface), with no lease agreement in effect the Club's occupancy has not been assessed for property tax. "Preference may be given to applicants not in receipt of federal, provincial or municipal government funding" (Guidebook, Recreation and Leisure, p.17). From the financial information provided there appears to be an ability to self-fund. Signage would be a lower priority outcome as compared to other applications.

Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club

Established in 2016, the Club has requested a grant of \$25,000 to fully fund the purchase of 118 vinyl mats for speed skating safety in enclosed arenas. The cost per mat ranges from \$166 to \$497. The applicant states "While the quote is for a number of individual pads, the cost is not simply a function of the quantity of items purchased. The pads work together as a crash protection system." The total cost of this equipment is \$38,246 and the applicant's share (\$13,246) is unconfirmed. The storage location and related insurance is unconfirmed. The program guidelines state that a capital grant may be awarded for large or specialized equipment item costing over \$5,000 per unit (Guidebook p.7). The incremental impact of a project grant suggests the application would be strengthened by a higher cost-share or funding from non-municipal sources.

Dartmouth Dragon Boat Association

A grant of \$5,00 is requested towards the purchase of a specialized *CO-1 Ehukai* 1-person canoe with outrigger for a new program to assist athletes preparing for national team trials/events. The *Community Grants Program* funding priority is on active non-elite recreational programming.

Harbour Lodge #53 Buffalo Club

A grant of \$20,585 is requested to install three (3) heat pumps. Recreational programming not evident: the leisure component appears to be primarily a bar, gaming, and passive games (darts, cards etc).

Lakeview Windsor Junction Fall River Firemen's Association

A grant of \$4,025 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a heat pump. The financial information provided with the application suggests an ability to self-fund.

Lawrencetown Community Centre

A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards (i) washroom renovations and (ii) entry ramps to building. The applicant's ability to complete the project is unconfirmed (provincial funds and cost-share). Project could be phased as funds permit. Refer to Grants staff for assistance with future applications.

Playing and Learning Together: Structured Recreation, Leisure, Social Club and Learning Opportunities for Individuals with Autism/AD

A mis-directed funding request made to the *District Capital Fund* was referred to the *Community Grants Program* for consideration. The registration number provided on the application is that of a registered business, incorporated in July of 2016, as a sole proprietorship. The nature of the business is described as "collaborative, family and individual support centred support services for individuals with autism/ASD, including system navigation, training coaching, programming and liaison with school staff". Upon further investigation, staff have confirmed that there is also a registered non-profit society with similar or identical goals incorporated in December of 2016. Funding in the amount of \$32,088 was requested under the *Capital District Fund* for rent at the Sackville Sports Stadium (lease pending), assorted office equipment, consumables, and wages. The only items eligible for consideration under either the *District Activity Fund* or the *Community Grants Program* would be office equipment but an office location is unconfirmed. Written feedback will be provided to the applicant.

Royal Canadian Legion (Four Harbours Branch #120)/ Nova Scotia and Nunavet Command of the Royal Canadian Legion

A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards roof replacement. Refer to the provincial *Legion Capital Assistance Fund*. The application is incomplete (no registration number provided). The *Community Grants Program* accepts only one application per year from an organization (Guidebook, p.2).

Water Ski and Wakeboard Nova Scotia

A grant of \$4,900 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a shipping container and boat winch. The storage container is to be located on property owned by the Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour-Westphal abutting Morris Lake. As of the date of application the society has not secured a second boat or basic equipment for this proposed program expansion and the ability to raise these monies is unconfirmed. Refer to future *Community Grants Program* once the viability of the operation has been established and the land owner's written consent is included in the application: the shipping container may be assessed as taxable (an out-building).

Waverley Amateur Athletic Association

A grant of \$16,577 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a pre-fabricated garage to replace a shipping container for on-site storage. The garage is to be constructed in McDonald Sport Park, a provincially owned 40-acre property. The Association provides stewardship under a lease agreement assigned by the former Village of Waverley to the WAAA in 1990. The land lease expired January 29, 2013, and is under a holdover provision. Given that the asset is fixed (concrete slab on grade) the status and duration of lease needs to be confirmed. Further, the existing lease agreement was not assessed as taxable and the issuance of a building permit could trigger re-assessment by Property Valuation Services Corporation. The Association could re-apply to the 2019 program once the tax implications and duration of lease agreement are confirmed.

Waverley Community Association

A grant of \$25,000 is requested to purchase playground equipment to be installed in an HRM-owned park. In 2017, a capital grant application for playground equipment at this location was declined. Refer applicant to HRM Parks & Recreation and/or *District Capital Fund*.

2018 Community Grants Program – Ineligible Applications

Alliance Francaise Halifax-Dartmouth

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards *Make Music Halifax Day*. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund events. Refer to *Community Festivals & Events Grants Program*.

BLT Community Garden Association

A grant of \$2,500 is requested for repairs to garden beds, watering tanks, and tools. The application is incomplete: no financial statement.

Cecilia Concerts

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase billboard and transit advertising. Refer to *HRM Interim Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program*.

Dalhousie Women's Centre Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards workshop on prevention of sexualized violence and harassment in the creative sector (collaborative project with the Khyber Arts Society). Application is incomplete: no financial statement. Instructional or professional development workshops are not funded under the *Community Grants Program* (Guidebook, p.13). Declined in 2017.

Family Services Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the costs associated with remediation of personal hoarding case(s). The project and related expenses are ineligible (Guidebook, p.13). This same project was deemed ineligible in 2017.

Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers

A grant of \$2,747.81 is requested to fully fund the fabrication of an indoor interpretive panel and the purchase of photograph frames. The application is incomplete: no financial information provided. Refer to Grants staff for assistance.

Last House on the Block Society

A grant of \$3,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase assorted items (eg. socks, toiletries, candy) that are donated to community organizations at Christmas. The program does not fund consumables (Guidebook, p.13). Expenditures are an annually recurring.

Lemon Hill Sports Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards purchase and installation of a heat pump (\$5,347.50). The society's registration is in default (Guidebook, p.3).

March of Dimes Canada

A grant of \$4,364.50 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of an automated door. The premises are leased: leasehold improvements are not an eligible expense (Guidebook, p.13).

Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society

A capital grant of \$14,748 is requested to power wash, scrape, and paint the exterior of a registered heritage building. The applicant is in default of reporting for a \$12,000 capital grant issued in 2017. Last year's grant was "to repair and paint the exterior front wall of the building and replace wooden windows at a total cost of \$12,672" (Report to Grants Committee, May 15, 2017, p.18).

Nova Scotia Salmon Federation

A grant of \$4,999 is requested to purchase "fish tanks and chillers" to be placed in local schools. The application was incomplete; did not contain financial statements. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund school-based programs (Guidebook p. 13).

Out of the Cold Shelter Society/St. Mathews United Church

A grant of \$2,610.49 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a commercial grade dishwasher for St. Mathews Church hall, the location of a seasonal harm reduction shelter. The Society's registration is in default. Request follow-up meeting with the Society and the property owner for assistance with future applications.

Pleasant-Woodside Neighbourhood Association

A grant of \$1,000 is requested for "planters or hanging baskets" on Pleasant Street. The applicant is ineligible for consideration: does not meet registration eligibility criteria of 12 months, late application, financial statement not included, no confirmation of permission to conduct project in public right-of-way or using utility poles/sidewalk locations.

Rocky Road Housing Co-Operative Limited

A capital grant of \$12,937.50 is requested to fully fund an engineering survey to assess the integrity of a retaining wall located on the East side of Imo Lane, Halifax, that forms part of the boundary to the rear of residential properties fronting Barrington Street. The file has been referred to HRM Transportation & Public Works. The wall may be located within a right-of-way and water/waste-water infrastructure.

Salvation Army

A grant of \$5,000 is requested for landscaping three townhouse units made available for an after-school program at no charge by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. The applicant is not the property owner (Guidebook, p. 13) and the application is incomplete: no financial information provided.

St. Gabriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Halifax

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards an educational program: most of the expenses are recurring operating costs (Guidebook, p.13) and the application was incomplete: no financial information provided.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church

A grant of \$21,028.25 is requested to fully fund washroom upgrades to the Church and church hall. The applicant is not the property owner (Guidebook, p.13). Except for registered heritage properties or specific church-based programs (eg. hosting a permanent food bank, community garden, public playground), the *Community Grants Program* does not fund religious or congregational programs and services. See: Attachment 5.



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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Peter Greechan – Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset Management
DATE: Jul 27, 2017
SUBJECT: **Capital Grants to Religious Organizations**

Origin

Information to Council on the process for issuing capital grants to religious groups; Regional Council session July 18, 2017.

Background

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants:

- project grant of up to \$5,000
- capital grant of up to \$25,000

At present, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- environment
- recreation and leisure
- affordable and supportive housing
- emergency assistance
- neighborhood safety
- community history
- community diversity
- community arts and crafts

The Program launch is advertised in the Chronicle Herald, and its affiliated community news papers as well as on-line through the Halifax.ca website. Some Councillor's also place notices in their community newsletters. A detailed Community Grants Program Guidebook is also published annually and circulated

through the municipality via HRM's Customer Service Centres and upon request. The guidebook contains detailed eligibility criteria for the program and for each of the funding sectors.

Although the program does not fund religious or political doctrine, religious organizations (provided they are registered charities) are eligible to apply to the Community Grants Program. However, project eligibility is limited. The following are some examples that may be eligible for consideration:

- Registered heritage buildings and sites (facilities/church, burial grounds) – **community history**.
- A church hall if recognized as an emergency centre but only for incremental features specific to the facility's use as a comfort/emergency centre (e.g. convert electric to gas, accessibility, washroom/shower upgrades,) – **emergency assistance**.
- Foodbanks that are an outreach/mission for the church but serve broader neighbourhoods – **emergency assistance**
- Campgrounds; church-based camps but must be non-denominational in terms of access to non-members and broader community – **recreation and leisure**
- Church hall used by the broader community for a variety of recreational and leisure purposes, particularly in rural areas where municipally owned facilities may not be situated – **recreation and leisure**.

In addition to the Community Grants Program guidebook, staff are also available to provide information on project eligibility for religious organizations.