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Item No. 15.4.10
Halifax Regional Council
November 26, 2019

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, Grants Committee

DATE: November 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Community Grants Program 2019: Referrals

ORIGIN

November 18, 2019 meeting of the Grants Committee, Item No. 9.1.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council approve:

1. A capital grant in the amount of \$4,760 to the MusGo Riders Cooperative Limited towards upgrades to the cooperative's new premises in Porter's Lake;
2. A capital grant in the amount of \$12,500 to the Banook Canoe Club to fully fund electrical upgrades to the clubhouse facility; and
3. A capital grant in the amount \$16,000 to Akoma Holding Incorporated towards the installation of an elevator in the former Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children at a combined total cost of \$33,260 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

BACKGROUND

A supplementary staff report dated July 23, 2019 pertaining to referrals on the Community Grants Program of 2019 was before the Grants Committee for consideration at its meeting held on November 18, 2019.

For further information, please refer to the attached supplementary staff report dated July 23, 2019, together with the staff report dated April 30, 2019 and an extract of the Regional Council Minutes of June 18, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The Grants Committee reviewed the June 23, 2019 supplementary staff report, together with the staff report dated April 30, 2019 and an extract of the Regional Council Minutes of June 18, 2019, at its meeting held on November 18, 2019 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the attached supplementary staff report dated July 23, 2019.

RISK CONSIDERATION

As outlined in the attached supplementary staff report dated July 23, 2019.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee did not discuss alternative recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Supplementary staff report dated July 23, 2019.
2. Staff report dated April 30, 2019.
3. Extract of Regional Council Minutes of June 18, 2019

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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Item No. 9.1.1 (i)
Grants Committee
November 18, 2019

TO: Chair and Members of the Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Jane Fraser, CFO/Director of Finance, Asset Management & ICT
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Jerry Blackwood, A/Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Community Grants Program 2019: Referrals

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ORIGIN

June 18, 2019 – Regional Council approved the Grants Committee recommendation to refer the applications from Akoma Holding Incorporated and MusGo Rider Cooperative Limited not recommended for funding to staff for further consideration pending receipt of the required financial and work progress reporting from the applicants; and

Approved a motion to amend the motion with the addition to refer the Banook Canoe Club's application back to staff for further consideration.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

Section 79A

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the Municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if
 - (a) the expenditure is included in the Municipality's operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the Municipality; ...

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.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve:

1. A capital grant in the amount of \$4,760 to the MusGo Riders Cooperative Limited towards upgrades to the cooperative's new premises in Porter's Lake;
2. A capital grant in the amount of \$12,500 to the Banook Canoe Club to fully fund electrical upgrades to the clubhouse facility; and
3. A capital grant in the amount of \$16,000 to Akoma Holdings Incorporated towards the installation of an elevator in the former Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children

at a combined total cost of \$33,260 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

BACKGROUND

On June 10, 2019, the Grants Committee recommended Regional Council approve fifty-six (56) grants under the annual Community Grants program at a combined total cost of \$470,250 and refer Akoma Holdings Incorporated and MusGo Riders Cooperative Limited for further review. Typically, such requests are based on information unavailable during the standard review process. The rationale for referral is provided along with any additional documentation to guide a second review. Due to the withdrawal of one (1) applicant the number of awards was subsequently reduced to fifty-five (55). On June 18, 2019, Regional Council approved the committee's recommendation with one amendment, the referral of the Banook Canoe Club.

Following Council's decision, staff issued written notification to Akoma Holdings Incorporated, MusGo Riders Cooperative Limited, and the Banook Canoe Club of the referral and requested that additional documentation in support of the supplementary evaluation be submitted by Friday, July 11, 2019.

DISCUSSION

All recommendations were made within the context of program uptake and budget, including applicants in receipt of federal, provincial or municipal government funding. The value of recommended awards is a function of the balance remaining in Operating Account M311-8004.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Tier 3

1. MusGo Rider Cooperative Limited – Musquodoboit Harbour – Project Grant/Facility Upgrades

In 2018, the cooperative purchased a former residence in Porter's Lake for use as an office with a meeting room. The property was acquired with a down-payment of \$80,000 from the cooperative and a 20-year loan from the Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC Bluewater)¹. The application to the 2019 Community Grants Program for a capital grant in the amount of \$14,250.27 was to fully fund two (2) elements: (i) upgrades to washrooms and the front entrance to enhance accessibility (\$13,127) and (ii) the purchase and installation of emergency lighting and exit signage including a minor electrical upgrade (\$1,123.02).

¹ The cooperative will pay pro-rated municipal taxes as of the date of ownership and it is anticipated they will make application to the 2020 municipal tax relief program.

The application stated that to be used for a non-residential purpose and secure an occupancy permit the facility has to be barrier-free and that the facility was "listed as a Comfort Centre with the Eastern Shore Joint Emergency Measures organization (ES-JEM)". The recommendation to decline funding was based on:

- an incomplete submission – a financial statement was not included;
- the application did not include written confirmation from HRM Fire & Emergency Services as a recognized municipal comfort centre and the facility rating (Guidebook, p.19); and
- consideration was also given to prior and current municipal funding including \$45,000 from the Community Grants Program (2016-2018), \$15,500 from the District Activity/Capital Fund (2016-2018), and operating assistance under the Rural Transit Grants Program.

On June 7, 2019, the applicant provided a copy of their 2018 financial statement and notification that they had applied to the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs: Community Access-Ability Program for a grant representing 66.6% of total project costs (\$7,602.39+HST). This funding was secured and the value of any HRM grant reduced to \$4,759.59 to complete the project. Although the applicant has requested full funding from government sources, the staff review has taken the recent property acquisition into account and the payment of full property tax in this fiscal year.

A grant in the amount of \$4,760 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of emergency exit lighting/signage costing \$1,123.02 and a contribution of \$3,636.98 towards accessibility upgrades to enable issuance of a municipal occupancy permit.

RECREATION

Tier 2

2. Banook Canoe Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

The Club applied for a capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 towards the purchase and installation of three (3) heat pumps and electrical upgrades costing \$38,237.50 (HST included) for the society's clubhouse. The Club's contribution of \$13,237.50 was confirmed. The recommendation to decline funding was based on:

- the financial statement submitted indicated sufficient retained earnings to self-fund, possibly in combination with any energy efficiency rebate;
- the applicant did not demonstrate any non-municipal funding towards costs, an element that would have increased the merit of their application; and
- consideration was also given to prior and current municipal funding including \$8,500 from the Community Grants Program (2018), \$60,000 from the District Activity/Capital Fund (2016-2018), and full municipal tax relief (\$15,980 in 2019).

On July 19 the Club submitted an explanation as to why amortization was included as an expense², the Club is ineligible for an energy efficiency rebate because the project does not replace the facility's heating system with an electrical system³, and they have applied to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage: Community Recreation Capital Grant Program for the replacement of the facility's front doors. Subsequent requests to the Halifax Foundation and masonic lodges have not realized any additional funding.

² The financial reporting is on an accrual basis not cash but did not include a statement of changes in financial position. The balance sheet indicates actual cash assets increased slightly over the prior year (2017) but are modest relative to a debt repayment obligation. The debt was acquired in 2011 for renovations to a structural beam, gymnasium flooring and basketball nets, new washrooms, siding, and canteen upgrades. The loan matures in 2021 but can be renegotiated for a further 5 year to 2026.

The following additional information was also provided:

- July 17, 2019 – electrical inspection report by Doucett Electrical Services indicated fire safety issues in relation to the current wiring and system overload. Replacement of the existing two-feed system with a single dedicated service, upgraded wiring, and outlet loading adjustments to meet building code standards are required.
- July 18, 2019 - correspondence from the heating system service technician retained by the Club, Ultramar Limited, confirms that one boiler is not functional and the other is nearing the end of its functionality (~40+ years old).

Overall, the financial information provided suggests that although earned revenues are robust, membership, program registration and fees essentially cover paid staff (wages and benefits) and bar/food sales, facility rentals, and fundraising cover core recurring operating costs. The absence of a capital reserve, or a robust capital fundraising campaign, represents risk in terms of an ability to adequately address preventive maintenance and facility repairs, both anticipated and unanticipated, and the risk of an over-reliance on government grant programs.

A grant towards electrical upgrades costing \$12,500 plus HST is recommended in accordance with the program's evaluation criteria which includes public safety (Guidebook, p. 8). Specifically, fire safety in relation to an overloaded and improperly designed electrical system.

A grant in the amount of \$12,500 is recommended towards electrical system upgrades to meet building code and address a documented fire safety hazard.

Grants and Contributions will invite representatives of the Banook Canoe Club to meet with respect to anticipated facility capital repairs and upgrades estimated to cost \$293,000 and any future application to the Community Grants Program.

LEISURE

Tier 2

For the purpose of this supplementary review the application from Akoma Holdings Incorporated was re-assigned from the History funding category to Leisure. Notwithstanding the cultural and historical significance of the former Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children building, the proposed development of the premises for "different events", commercial tenancy (a small restaurant or cafe, bed and breakfast, and sole proprietorships) and leisure activities for seniors, the nature of the expenditure/intended use was not a strong alignment with the History category's funding priorities. The Community Grants Program's focus is social, not economic development.

3. Akoma Holding Incorporated – Westphal – Capital Grant/Equipment

In 2019, the Akoma Holdings Inc, a registered society and Canadian charity, applied for a capital grant of \$25,000 towards the purchase and installation of an elevator (total estimated cost \$57,000+HST) in the former Home for Coloured Children ("the Home") which is being renovated as part of a larger long-term development project encompassing commercial, recreational and residential uses. Specifically, the applicant envisages re-use of the former Home for a small restaurant or cafe/bed and breakfast, small business tenancy, room rentals and assorted events.

The recommendation to decline funding was based on:

- what appeared to be a substantive change in intended use (commercial vs community) – in 2018 Akoma received a capital grant of \$25,000 under the Recreation & Leisure category towards

water/sewer infrastructure based on the intended use of the facility as a senior's complex with amenities for leisure and social programs, meeting rooms, and offices;

- a lack of alignment between the expenditure and the funding aims/priorities of the History category; and
- consideration was given to prior grants funding and discretionary municipal tax relief (the combined total value of tax relief in 2019 is estimated to be \$19,569 for three properties)⁴.

Staff also recommended that representatives of the society be invited to meet staff to confirm funding received to date, work completed, a schedule of work pending, and to confirm the intended use of the premises.

Further to Council's referral, the society was asked to provide clarification with respect to the intended use of the building, a progress report on funding and work completed to date.

- The projected cost for the project is \$2,500,000 and will be addressed in phases as finances permit.
- Phase 1, the building's exterior envelope, is expected to be completed in the summer of 2019 and includes foundation, footings, replacement roof, windows, exterior doors, siding, and the installation of an elevator shaft.
- To date, a total of \$1,485,000 has been secured: \$750,000 on the society's line of credit; \$400,000 from investments cashed; \$250,000 from ACOA: Canada 150 Program; \$50,000 from HRSDC⁵ for accessibility; \$10,000 from the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs: Community Access-Ability Program; and \$25,000 from HRM's Community Grants Program towards water infrastructure upgrades.
- A projected balance of \$1,500,000 is required to complete renovation of the Home.

The staff review also included consultation with HRM Planning & Development staff with respect to current zoning and permitted use(s)⁶.

- Akoma's proposal is not enabled under existing planning policy. A significant portion of the subject property, including the former Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, is designated Urban Reserve (UR). This zoning designation was applied to the subject property and abutting properties due to the high cost of providing central water/sewer services to the area and to protect the lands for future development serviced by municipal infrastructure. Akoma has applied to HRM for amendments to the Cole Harbour/Westphal Municipal Planning Strategy ("MPS") and Land Use By-law ("LUB") to enable a mixed-use development. The redevelopment presents an opportunity to appropriately adapt the building for a use that is compatible with the cultural and historical significance of the building and planning staff recommended Council consider re-zoning a portion of the site⁷. Council initiated the MPS and LUB amendment planning process on October 2, 2018.

⁴ In 2019 Akoma will pay \$7,792 in tax.

⁵ Human Resources & Social Development Canada (now called Employment & Social Development Canada).

⁶ Report to Regional Council meeting of October 2, 2018, Case 21875: Municipal Planning Strategy amendments for the former Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children in Westphal, dated August 29, 2018.

⁷ Staff advised that it is premature to consider re-zoning the entire site at this time because the entire development (including recreational amenities, institutional uses, affordable housing, and an educational facility as currently proposed) is expected to take 10 years or more and future development of the property should be explored comprehensively during the upcoming Regional Plan review.

Akoma is currently working on their concept plan and supporting technical studies for staff review and presentation to the broader community.

Funding is recommended based on the applicant's demonstrated investment and the proportional share of non-municipal funds. A meeting with society representatives and municipal planning staff is considered advantageous in relation to any future application to the Community Grants Program and the tax relief implications of redevelopment (ie. for-profit occupancy is not covered by HRM's tax relief program).

A capital grant in the amount of \$16,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of an elevator.

Should re-zoning be delayed, or the funds cannot be expensed and reported on or before March 31, 2020, there is the option to permit a carry-forward of up to 12 months (to March 31, 2021)⁸.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program 2019 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (55 awards)	(\$466,650) ¹
Balance as of June 3, 2019	\$ 33,350
Less Proposed Awards (3)	(\$ 33,260)
Balance	\$ 90

1. The original staff recommendation was amended due to the withdrawal of St. Michael's Church in anticipation of the building's pending closure (the recommended award of \$3,600 is included in the balance remaining as of June 3, 2019).

RISK CONSIDERATION

The primary risks associated with cash grants are representation (accuracy of information), financial misappropriation or loss, and reputational risk to the Municipality. The risk is considered low given internal controls, monitoring and reporting.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

⁸ In the event of a carry-forward eligibility for further funding under the Community Grants Program may be suspended.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee could make a different recommendation to Regional Council with respect to a particular grant application or amend the value of an award or the proposed terms and conditions recommended for funding. If amended, the rationale is provided in the Committee's report attached to this staff report and forwarded to Regional Council for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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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Item No. 9.1.2
Grants Committee
June 10, 2019

TO: Chair and Members of Grants Committee

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SUBMITTED BY:

Sarah Teal, Acting Director of Finance, Asset Management & ICT

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 30, 2019

SUBJECT: **Community Grants Program 2019: Recommended Awards**

ORIGIN

March 31, 2019 – Application deadline for submissions to the Community Grants Program.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

Section 79A

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve fifty-six (56) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report for a combined total of \$470,250 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 disclosed to the public. 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 2019 Community Grants Program received a total of 115 applications by the March 31, 2018 deadline, which includes two (2) applications referred from the interim Community Museum's Grant Program¹ for a combined total of \$1,701,406.50 in requests. The distribution of applications by funding category and proposed awards is summarized below in Table 1.

Table 1: Distribution of Applications and Recommended Awards: Fiscal Year 2019				
Funding Sector	Applications	Value of Requests by Category	Awards Proposed	Value of Awards Proposed
Arts & Crafts	16	\$94,663.56	8	\$31,750
Diversity & Inclusion	9	\$51,420.27	2	\$10,000
Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety	5	\$36,900.02	3	\$21,000
Environment	13	\$756,787.75	4	\$35,000
History	26	\$267,896.79	20	\$174,000
Housing	10	\$163,456.33	4	\$76,500
Leisure	14	\$129,627.80	8	\$53,000
Recreation	22	\$237,554.00	7	\$69,000
TOTAL	115	\$1,701,406.50	56	\$470,250

The 115 applications received for the 2019 program was marginally higher than the 2018 program (103) which may be attributed to the number of applications for repairs to registered heritage property under the History category, notably from religious organizations. In this year's program 56% of applications to the History category were from owners of a registered heritage property and the combined value of requests represented 60% of the funding category's total requests (\$157,483.79 of a total of \$267,896.79). The number of recurring heritage property-related requests is also higher as compared to other categories. Further, burial sites and places of worship represented almost 70% of these registered heritage properties; recurring requests have also been received from community museums.

Note: the combined total value of requests is distorted by an application from the Nova Scotia Nature Trust for a capital grant of \$600,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program 2019 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (56)	<u>(\$470,250)</u>
Balance	\$29,750

¹ Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield and the Sheet Harbour & Area Heritage Society.

RISK CONSIDERATION

November 4, 2013 – Grants Committee approval of staff recommendations regarding default prevention and management practices 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 under the Community Grants Program.

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 through 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 public be informed of any grant or contribution. The Community Grants Program criteria are published annually in a guidebook. Formal reports are posted to the municipality's web site.

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 value of an award or the proposed terms and conditions recommended for funding. If amended, the rationale is provided in the Committee's report attached to this staff report and forwarded to Regional Council for consideration.
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 2019 program budget and other applicants as applicable. Given that all applications have been evaluated using the information in the submission and any additional due diligence on the part of reviewers, referrals are strengthened if a rationale is provided.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Overview of Review Methodology.
2. Recommended Awards for Fiscal Year 2019.
 - (i) Award Recommendations.
 - (ii) Table 2. Award Recommendations in Relation to Prior Year Awards (2015-2018).
3. Not Recommended for Funding in Fiscal Year 2019.
4. Ineligible Applications.

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 (pp.6 and 8). The proposed awards are then moderated in relation to applicants within the same funding category and 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. Reviewers are expected to verify the information provided in the submission. The evaluation score does not correspond to the value of any award recommended.

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, but a grant may be held-back pending confirmation of an ability to proceed (financing from other sources, approvals etc) and an assurance that the project can be completed in a timely manner.

The following measures are aimed at reducing the risk of default.

- All applicants are screened for debt to the Municipality.
- Eligibility for funding is suspended if an applicant has not submitted a final report by March 31 or reporting is incomplete for a prior grant;
- Any carry-forward of a grant to the following fiscal year in order that a project can be completed is limited to one (1) year and the organization's eligibility for further funding is suspended.
- 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.
- Perceived 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;
- An organization is eligible for only one (1) grant in any fiscal year.

2019 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 craft traditions, or an issue-based participatory art-making process. Priority outcomes include self-representation, cultural identity, and community-based art/craft amenities.

Tier 1

1.Aeolian Singers Association – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing

The Aeolian Singers incorporated as a non-profit society in 1979 and is a registered Canadian charity. The Association is self-sustaining through concert ticket and CD sales, project-specific grants and fundraising. This women's choir performs works written by women or for women's voices and has participated in choral competitions and tours. A grant of \$4,500 is requested towards professional graphic design fees and an online self-promotional video (\$5,000). As a registered charity the Association is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The proposed value of award excludes printing. Funding is recommended to recognize the Association's niche repertoire and to enhance member recruitment and concert attendance for a non-professional arts organization that does not receive recurring government assistance. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards the development of marketing materials.***

2.Cobequid Radio Society – Lower Sackville – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 2010, the Society operate a community radio station. Programming is primarily music with low cost advertising for local small businesses and community announcements. Operations are sustained through advertising sales, sponsorship, and fundraising. A grant of \$4,750 is requested towards the purchase of computer equipment with remote broadcast software and small specialized audio equipment (\$6,316.56). The value of recommended award excludes \$500 unspecified "general supplies". Funding is recommended to support community outreach. ***A grant of \$4,250 is recommended towards the purchase of equipment to enhance the remote broadcast capacity of the FM 97.5 community radio station.***

3.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 towards the purchase of small drums and entry-level bagpipes (\$5,602.65). The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. As a registered charity the band is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Funding is recommended to enable younger members transition from learning instruments and participate in a performance band¹. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards the purchase of drums and bagpipes for youth community band participants.***

4.JRG Society for the Arts – Halifax/Dartmouth - Project Grant/Marketing

Established in 2017 to honor the work of a veteran of the Nova Scotia film community, the Society is a registered Canadian charity whose goal is to provide small grants to artists with a disability and showcase their work to a broader audience. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund retaining a professional marketing company/graphic designer to develop a logo and promotional materials featuring the work of local artists. The applicant's contribution is an in-kind corporate donation (\$1,000). As a registered charity

¹ In 2018, the society received a \$5,000 grant towards the purchase of drums for the performance band which are larger than the entry-level drums for children and youth.

the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Although full funding is recommended in support of a start-up operation printing costs are one-time. The organization's mandate fosters cultural identity and self-representation. ***A developmental grant of \$5,000 is recommended to establish a visual identity program for a new charitable organization serving artists with a disability.***

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

Unicorn Theatre is a volunteer-run non-professional arts organization 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 \$4,983.96 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a sound mixer and microphones (\$5,731.55)². The Society's contribution would be payment of HST. The proposed award supports the development of a community-based arts venue. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards the purchase of sound equipment for a community theatre serving children and youth.***

6. 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 that are donated to hospitals, non-profit organizations, and individuals at no cost which they hope to extend to include "Quilts of Valor" an initiative of the Quilts of Valor Canada Society, a network of quilting clubs and individuals who donate quilts to injured Canadian Armed Forces personnel. The Guild is entirely volunteer and self-funded through membership dues and fundraising. To expand their teaching capacity (workshops and quilting bees) a grant of \$3,150 is requested towards the purchase of quilting equipment and the fabrication of a custom pressing work table and storage cabinet (\$3,650)³. Partial funding is recommended: the value of proposed award excludes custom cabinetry. ***A grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards specialized quilting equipment.***

Tier 2

7. Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia – Regional/Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Federation is a provincial umbrella organization that leases office space from the Halifax Port Authority to accommodate seven provincial cultural organizations⁴. This co-location model includes representation from each tenant organization on the Federation's Board of Directors. Operations are sustained by an operating grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$4,995.95 is requested to fully fund the purchase of mobile projection equipment that can be moved into an open area on the first floor which has accessible washrooms and entrance. The project addresses limited access to the facility's small meeting room which can only be reached by stairs and is over-booked. The equipment will expand meeting space to a wide variety of local professional and non-professional cultural organizations, including those serving persons with a disability. ***A grant of \$4,500 is recommended towards the purchase of mobile projection equipment to expand meeting room accessibility for cultural organizations.***

This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion funding category to Arts & Crafts based on the number of local art and cultural organizations, including non-professional groups, afforded free or

² In 2018, the Unicorn Theatre received a grant of \$4,000 towards fabrication and installation of a custom theatre curtain: sound equipment will further enhance the performance capacity of the venue.

³ In 2018, the Society received a grant of \$800 to fund the purchase of equipment (an adjustable, mobile cutting table).

⁴ Association of Nova Scotia Museums, Craft Nova Scotia, Dance Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Choral Federation, Theatre Nova Scotia, Visual Arts Nova Scotia, Writers Federation of Nova Scotia. The Strategic Arts Management Society has recently moved into the premises.

low-cost meeting space. The equipment purchase expands use of this space to persons with a disability but the equipment itself does not include adaptive aids.

8.Second Chances Community Band Society of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Society provides an affordable music leisure program for adults with instruction and performance opportunities in four bands. The Society maintains its operations by hosting an annual *Halifax Community Band Festival* and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of replacement timpani drums (\$7,015). The Society's contribution will be through an equipment trade-in plus a modest cash contribution. Funding recognizes the inclusive scope of participation (age, ability, music genre) and the band's free performances at community events and institutions. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of replacement drums for the Second Chances Community Band.***

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The Diversity & Inclusion category encompasses organizations and projects serving individuals who face physical, financial, linguistic or attitudinal barriers to full participation in community activities typically available to members of the public. The program does not fund scholastic or vocational training (for example, educational upgrading, literacy, workshops, vocational skills, or employment readiness).

Tier 1

9.Dartmouth Dragon Boat Association – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association provides recreational and competitive paddling programs for children and adults including a crew for blind and visually impaired persons. The Club is supported by Dragon Boat East, an event management company, membership dues and fundraising. The Club operates out of HRM's Kiwanis Graham's Grove Park under a less than market value lease agreement and offers summer camps in collaboration with HRM Parks & Recreation. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of self-inflatable life vests for loan to participants (\$5,945.25). Funding is recommended towards a safety equipment lending program suitable for persons with a disability. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of self-inflatable floatation vests for recreational dragon boat paddling programs.***

Tier 3

10.Halifax Association for Community Living – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

The Association is a registered Canadian charity serving individuals with developmental disabilities. Programming includes the Halifax Developmental Centre for Early Learning, transition assistance, and peer support groups for self-advocates and their families. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating grant, individual subsidies, and service fees. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the design and production of a wayfinding map of the Halifax Peninsula depicting key locations that provide support services to persons with a disability and/or their caregivers. Content will be arranged thematically and illustrated by Halifax artist Emma Fitzgerald. The grant covers artist fees, web site integration, and printing. Funding for an initial print-run is included as one-time only but thereafter would be considered an on-going responsibility of the Association. The project's aim is to reduce isolation and enable self-referrals. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for the design and production of a resource map depicting services located on the Halifax Peninsula for persons with developmental disabilities.***

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Grants awarded under the Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety 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, the provision of subsistence aid, and EMO comfort centres recognized by HRM Fire & Emergency Services. This category also includes shelters for the homeless

and services that provide food, clothing and small household items for homeless and lower income households.

Tier 1

11.Chezzetcook & District Lions Club – Head of Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Equipment: EMO Comfort Centre

The Lions Club own and operate a former school building acquired from HRM that has been converted for use as a community hall and a comfort centre under a Memorandum of Understanding with HRM Fire & Emergency Services with a rating of B-2. The volunteer society funds operations through bingo revenues, weekly dinners, and hourly rentals. HRM provides full tax relief. A grant of \$14,030 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a propane generator.. The Club's contribution of \$500 is for the installation of an outdoor concrete pad upon which the equipment will be affixed. A deduction has been made to the value of award based on the lowest quote and to exclude propane gas: the latter is a recurring consumable and an ineligible expense (Guidebook, p.13). The addition of a generator complements the heat pumps and propane appliances installed by the Club in the event of an extreme weather event. ***A capital grant of \$12,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator for the Chezzetcook EMO Comfort Centre.***

12.Halifax Amateur Radio Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment: EMO

In addition to serving amateur radio hobbyists, the Club provides communications under a Memorandum of Understanding with HRM Fire & Emergency Services and has similar agreements with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Halifax Ground Search and Rescue Team, and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. The Club's revenues are primarily membership fees and fundraising with operating assistance provided by HRM through a less than market value lease agreement. A grant of \$6,520.48 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two radio receivers. The value of recommended award complies with policy (capital grants are for equipment costing over \$5,000 per item, Guidebook, p.7). ***A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards the purchase of radio equipment.***

Tier 3

13.Knox United Church – Lower Sackville – Project Grant/Equipment

Knox United Church is a religious organization and a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings and fundraising. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$4,349.54 is requested to fully fund the purchase of small kitchen equipment to support the launch of a new *Food Truck Project* that will distribute free after-school snacks in response to reports from local librarians and youth workers that youth were requesting food. The project will be delivered in collaboration with the Salvation Army who will donate the use of a vehicle and driver, the Acadia Recreation Club, and a network of local non-profit organizations, churches, and businesses. The church has raised \$3,500 as their contribution to purchase food, supplies and gasoline. The program will be delivered by volunteers. As a registered charity the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The congregation has an established role in assisting local charitable and non-profit organizations serving lower income individuals and families (food, clothing, small household items, shelters for the homeless) and the project demonstrates strong organizational collaboration. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards the purchase of small kitchen equipment for the launch of a Youth Food Truck project.***

ENVIRONMENT

The Environment category supports small-scale recycling and environmental monitoring projects, public education, protection or remediation of waterways, protection of wildlife habitat and endangered species, and community gardens. Animal control may be considered for stray, abandoned or feral domestic pets.

Tier 1

14.Nova Scotia Environmental Network – Regional – Project Grant/Marketing

Established in 1991, the Network promotes communication and collaboration among environmental and health organizations in advancing environmental conservation and sustainability. The society is self-sustaining through membership dues: approximately 50% of the current membership are located within HRM. The society has requested a grant of \$5,000 to fully fund the re-design of the Network's web site to modernize the visual wayfinding, the addition of aids for the visually impaired, and French language content. The project advances the funding category's priorities in terms of public education (access to information) and the inclusion of conversion/translation to enhance inclusion. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the re-design of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network website.***

Tier 2

15.Deanery Project Co-Operative Limited – Lower Ship Harbour – Capital Grant/ Facility Upgrade

Incorporated in 2011, "The Deanery" is a non-profit cooperative that operates an environmental learning centre on the Eastern shore. Operations are sustained by project-specific government grants, partial municipal tax relief, workshop revenues, facility rentals, and donations. A capital grant of \$12,000 is requested towards the design and construction of a 16'x8' addition to the front entrance of the main hall to improve energy efficiency, address drainage issues, and enhance accessibility (\$15,000). The glazed structure will also provide space for growing transplants during the off-season for the on-site gardens. The facility advances HRM's interest in environmental education. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards construction of an addition to the Deanery Project environmental learning centre.***

16.Eastern Shore Wildlife Association – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Established in 1978, the Association's volunteers work to preserve wildlife habitat in the Eastern Shore area, notably bird and fish habitat. Operations are sustained by revenues from a seasonal campground owned by the Association, clubhouse rentals, and full municipal tax relief. The venue is used extensively by local non-profit organizations and clubs for free or at nominal cost by virtue of private rentals and project-specific grants. Due to storm damage the Association propose installing metal roofing over the existing shingles (\$19,320). A grant of \$15,000 is requested and the Association's cost-share is confirmed. The project complements energy efficiency improvements completed by the society in 2017 for which funding was received from all three levels of government in addition to Association fundraising. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 recommended towards a replacement roof for the Eastern Shore Wildlife Lodge.***

Tier 3

17.Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Regional/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Nova Scotia SPCA is a registered charity that advocates for animal rights and cruelty prevention, operates shelters for seized or abandoned animals, and provides on-site and on-line education for current and future pet owners. Revenues are primarily from the provincial government, adoption fees, fundraising, and donations. The Society receive full tax relief for their main location and municipal funding towards spay and neuter programs. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of six portable kennels, including, freight, delivery and tax (\$29,367,22). The SPCA's contribution is unconfirmed. The value of request is a function of multiple items: capital grants are awarded for "large or specialized equipment costing over \$5,000 per unit" (Guidebook, p.7). Therefore, partial funding is recommended to purchase one unit. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Animal control services complement HRM's by-law enforcement role in relation to stray pets. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a replacement kennel for the SPCA animal shelter.***

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). Priority outcomes include opportunities for self-representation, geographic and demographic inclusivity, authenticity, innovative presentation and interpretation.

Tier 1

18.Preston Township Society – Cherry Brook/Lake Loon/East Preston/North Preston– Project Grant/Interpretation

The Society was established in 2018 for the purpose of organizing a *Preston Township Homecoming* event August 9-15, 2019. Application has been made to both federal and provincial government programs to fund the event itself. A grant of \$4,950 is requested towards an interpretive project within which historical information about the communities of Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, East Preston, and North Preston is collected and exhibited in an outdoor venue using portable tents along with six interpretive banners (\$5,400). At the project's conclusion the banners and equipment will be donated to the Black Cultural Centre. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. Full funding is recommended to enhance protection of the interpretive materials. The project demonstrates community collaboration and provides a legacy through the Black Cultural Centre. ***A grant of \$4,950 is recommended to fully fund local history displays and interpretive banners.***

The evaluation presumes that this is a one-time event. Should the event be staged in successive years the applicant will be advised to apply to the HRM Festivals & Events Grants Program.

19.Sheet Harbour & Area Heritage Society – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/Interpretation

Incorporated in 2008, the Society maintain a small collection of artefacts, memorabilia, and print material currently housed in the HRM-owned registered heritage property known as MacPhee House (c.1875)⁵. In the absence of any lease or license agreement the property has not been assessed as taxable. The society is entirely volunteer and sustained by donations, fundraising, and non-recurring project grants. A grant of \$4,250 is requested to fully fund oral history recordings and the production of booklets which will be sold to recover costs/fundraise. The project budget includes food and beverages that are ineligible for consideration (Guidebook, p.13) and there appear to be options to reduce costs such as facility rentals. One-time partial funding is recommended towards printing. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance in resolving their eligibility for municipal community museum assistance. ***A developmental grant of \$2,000 is recommended towards printing costs associated with a community oral history project.***

This application was referred from the 2019 interim Grants to Community Museums Program to allow time for the Society to establish their eligibility.

20.St. James Anglican Church – Boutilliers Point – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance

The St. James Anglican Church is a religious organization and a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings and fundraising. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. Constructed by residents in 1846, the building is a registered heritage property known locally as "The Yellow Church" due to its distinctive original color. A grant of \$18,000 is requested towards exterior painting (\$35,880). Quotes provided. The applicant has made application to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage: Heritage Buildings Program and the Anglican Foundation of Canada, and their cash contribution of \$14,000 is confirmed. This application is comprehensive, well researched, and the congregation has actively pursued funding from other sources. ***A capital grant of \$18,000 is recommended towards exterior painting of St. Michael's Anglican Church, a municipally registered heritage property.***

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

⁵ To date, MacPhee House has been occupied by the Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce and used primarily as a seasonal Visitor Information Centre. There is no lease or license in effect.

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that promotes the preservation of Spryfield's agricultural history and local food consumption with community garden and market gardens. Operations are sustained primarily through book and produce sales, summer employment grants, donations, and partial municipal tax relief⁶. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees to hire consultants to assist in the development of a long-range plan aimed at securing funding to sustain operations and options with respect to a permanent facility that could house a collection (\$5,922.50). The Society's contribution is confirmed and as a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The Society will be referred to staff for assistance in resolving their eligibility for municipal community museum assistance. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards a feasibility study for the Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield.***

The Society has also made application to the 2019 HRM Festival & Events Program for funding towards a *School Farm Day* – decision pending.

22.Waverley Heritage Society – Waverley – Project Grant/Program Development

The Society provides stewardship of a collection of artefacts and documentation on the history of Waverley and surrounding areas. The collection has been housed at no cost in a registered heritage property owned by the Waverley Community Association. The Society is self-funded through modest fundraising, non-recurring grants, and investment interest. A grant of \$4,800 is requested to fully fund professional fees to retain a lawyer to (i) establish the legal ownership of the collection and (ii) draft a lease agreement. Both issues must be resolved to qualify for consideration under HRM's interim Community Museums Grant Program. ***A grant of \$4,800 is recommended to fully fund legal fees to establish collection ownership and occupancy for the Waverley community museum.***

Tier 2

23.Africville Heritage Trust – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2011, the Africville Heritage Trust is a registered Canadian charity that manages the Africville Memorial Project, a portfolio of interpretive projects to preserve the history of the Africville community destroyed in the 1960's. The Trust also manages the Africville Museum located in a replica of the original Seaview United Baptist Church. Operations are sustained by an endowment fund, museum admission, donations, and non-recurring project grants. The Trust receives operating assistance under the HRM Community Museums Grants Program and the property has not been assessed as taxable. A capital grant of \$23,700 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two ride-on lawnmowers: the applicant wishes to assume responsibility for their own grounds-keeping and extend the scope to include the HRM-owned Africville Park and an un-developed area known as "the look-off" but will require equipment if they are to replace tendered services with their own seasonal hiring process. Partial funding is recommended based on an ability to cost-share and the unconfirmed terms and conditions of any service agreement with HRM Parks & Recreation. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$11,850 recommended for the purchase of a ride-on lawn mower for the Africville Museum.***

24.Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth/St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church – East Quoddy – Project Grant/Capital Improvement

St. Michael's Church is a religious organization and a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings and fundraising. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. Constructed in 1874, St. Michael's is one of three churches within the Parish of St. Peter's serving small villages along the Eastern shore. A grant of \$3,649.19 is requested to fully fund minor repairs to the church steeple shingles to stop water leakage and to replace the main exterior double doors. ***A grant of \$3,600 is recommended to fund minor shingle repairs and replacement of an exterior door for St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, a municipally registered heritage property.***

⁶ Partial tax relief has been awarded to the vacant land holding owned by the Society pending confirmation of future use.

25. Beechville United Baptist Church – Beechville – Project Grant/Facility Development

The Beechville United Baptist Church is a religious organization and a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings and fundraising. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards engaging a structural engineer to conduct a building condition assessment of the former Beechville School (\$10,000) which is managed under the church's stewardship. The project's aim is to establish the feasibility and projected cost of revitalizing the building to recognize its cultural and historical significance. Completion of this project will leverage potential funding for upgrades from various sources and help in the design of interior amenities, including accessibility. The project furthers the program's funding aims in terms of enhancing awareness of the region's social development, preservation, and opportunities for self-representation. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees to conduct a structural assessment of the former Beechville segregated school (c.1948).***

26. Corporation of Christ Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Christ Church is a religious organization sustained by congregational offerings and fundraising. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The property is a municipally registered heritage building due to its' status as the first Anglican church in Dartmouth (c.1817), Georgian-style architectural features and notable stained-glass windows. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the custom fabrication of replacement wooden front doors and two exterior doors (\$30,853.35). Although the front doors are not original (not heritage conservation) the use of wood customized to fit the existing framework is considered preferable to a substantive alteration in appearance. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$11,000 recommend towards the replacement of the entry doors to Christ Church, a municipally registered heritage property.***

27. Italian Canadian Cultural Association of Nova Scotia – Regional/Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Italian Canadian Association own and operate a community centre with the aim of fostering Italian cultural heritage among Italian Canadians and cultural/social activities with residents. The society is self-sustaining through event revenues and fundraising. HRM provides partial tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the *Italian Immigrant Voice in Halifax* oral history project (\$12,000). Interviews with local Italian-Canadian immigrants who arrived in Halifax after WWII will be videotaped, posted online, and made available to local institutions and community organizations. The Association's contribution is confirmed. Application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage: Diversity and Capacity Fund. If provincial funding is not secured the project will be re-scaled and may be phased as funds permit. The project is well researched and supports self-representation. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards video production of the Italian Immigrant Voices in Halifax oral history project.***

Tier 3

Tier 2

28. Fultz Corner Restoration Society – Lower Sackville – Project Grant/Building Upgrade

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate the Bennett Daniel Fultz House (c.1860-63) located at the intersection the historic Cobequid and Old Sackville Roads. The area was first settled by descendants of German immigrants in the late 1700's and a concentration of successive generations of Fultz family members led to the reference to "Fultz Corner". The Society is sustained by donations, project-specific grants, full municipal tax relief, and an operating grant under the HRM Community Museums Grant Program. A grant of \$4,568.75 is requested to fully fund exterior painting of Fultz House, a registered heritage building and a visible landmark for the community. ***A grant of \$4,000 recommended towards exterior painting of Fultz House, a municipally registered heritage property.***

29. Hooked Rug Museum of North America – Hubbards – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 2006, the society is a registered non-profit and Canadian charity with a dual role in operating a hooked rug museum and a fibre art market.⁷ The society's niche collection focuses on hooked rugs originating in Acadian communities in New England and the Maritime provinces. Interpretation seeks to relate the evolution of the craft and its contemporary status as a fine art by exhibiting original works and related needle-arts (braided rugs, quilting, knitting, embroidery, crewel work) and small artefacts. Programming also includes instructional workshops, thematic exhibitions, and "hook ins"⁸. Operations are sustained by volunteers with summer students as grants permit and partial municipal tax relief. Application has been made to the 2019 Community Museums Grants Program – decision pending. A capital grant of \$9,230 is requested to fully fund upgrades to two (2) washrooms. Funding is recommended on the basis of the society's investment in the acquisition and re-modelling of the facility and its rural location. ***A capital grant of \$9,000 is recommended towards washroom upgrades for the Hooked Rug Museum of North America.***

This application was re-assigned from Arts & Crafts to Community History based on the primary use of the facility as a community museum.

30. Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Assessment

The origin of the Universalistic Unitarian Church in Halifax dates to 1837 when a small number of residents of Halifax and Dartmouth gathered in a small meeting house prior to the construction of a formal place of worship on Brunswick Street, Halifax. Fluctuations in the congregation subsequently led to the sale of this property and itinerant accommodations until a former residence was purchased on Inglis Street, Halifax. The building (c.1823) is noted for its architectural features and original interior decorative elements. The church's operations are sustained by congregational offerings, donations, and facility rentals. As a place of worship, the property is exempt under the Assessment Act except for space leased to the Halifax Early Childhood School which receives partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees for a building condition report and long-term maintenance plan (\$8,000). Application will also be made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities Culture & Heritage: Heritage Property Program. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees for a building assessment and lifecycle plan for the Universalist Unitarian Church, a provincially registered heritage property.***

Tier 3

31. Atlantic Jewish Council – Regional/Halifax – Project Grant/Interpretation

Incorporated in 1986 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature the Council is a registered Canadian charity whose purpose is to provide cultural and recreational activities. Operations are self-sustaining through program revenues, donations, bequests and an endowment fund. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards digitizing archival materials for a web-based overview of the Jewish community's development in Halifax which commenced in the 1750's (\$13,091.64). At the project's conclusion original materials will be donated to the Nova Scotia Archives. Application has been made to federal and provincial summer employment grant programs and the applicant's contribution is confirmed. Salaries and wages are considered ineligible expenses under the Community Grants Program funding criteria (Guidebook, p.13), therefore, if approved, HRM's grant would be directed towards the purchase of small equipment and archival materials. As a registered Canadian charity, the Council may apply to Revenue Canada for partial HST rebate. The project will enhance awareness of the history and cultural identity of a distinct demographic community and their experience in the broader cultural context. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the development of an online archival repository representing the Halifax Jewish community's history.***

⁷ The term "fibre arts" refers to works created from natural or synthetic fibres with a focus on the materials (thread, rope, yarn, wool, fabric), manual labour i.e. "handmade", and the aesthetic value of the work over its utility.

⁸ Society members and non-members work on individual projects in a communal venue with peer mentorship. These gatherings also foster social interaction and information exchange

The Council has also made application to the HRM Festivals and Events Grant Program for funding towards the *Atlantic Jewish Film Festival* – decision pending.

32.City of Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Incorporated in 1979, the Society own and operate a portfolio of 32 properties providing affordable rental accommodations primarily in Peninsula Halifax. Commencing in 2016, the Society has undertaken approximately \$1,200,000 in renovations to its housing stock, including a multi-phased restoration of the David Starr residence (c.1863). A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards Phase II of the restoration project that includes re-shingling, window replacement, soffit and guttering, and painting (\$83,187). This project addresses both heritage conservation and affordable rental housing. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards re-shingling and painting the David Starr residence, a municipally registered heritage property.***

33.Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society – Cole Harbour – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Incorporated in 1978, the Society is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum, a collection of six structures some of which are registered heritage buildings. Operations are sustained by a provincial Community Museums Program grant, non-recurring project grants, tea room and gift shop sales and a strong fundraising record. In 2018 the Society was awarded a three-year operating grant from HRM's interim Community Museums Grant Program and has made application under this program for a project grant in 2019 (pending). The Society receives full municipal tax relief. A grant of \$6,000 is requested towards replacement roof shingles on the Carriage Shed, a replica of the type of structure used to store a carriage, wagon or other horse-drawn equipment and now used to store a small collection of equipment artefacts (\$8,464). ***A capital grant of \$4,000 is recommended towards re-shingling the Carriage Shed for the Cole Harbour community museum, a municipally registered heritage property.***

The Society has also made application to the HRM Festivals & Events Grants Program for funding towards the *Cole Harbour Fibre Frolic* – decision pending.

34.Deep Water Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Deep Water Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings. In 2013, the church purchased the former North Street Disciples of Christ Church building located on the corner of North and Fuller Terrace, Halifax. The building was constructed in 1893 but partly demolished in the Halifax Explosion of 1917 and is noted for its square tower, tripartite windows, and decorative mouldings. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement guttering and downspouts, fascia, soffit and trim details, and minor shingle repairs (\$36,244.96). Funding is recommended based on the building's overall condition and poor streetscape appearance. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$15,000 recommended towards exterior repairs to the former North Street Disciples of Christ Church (c.1893), a municipally registered heritage property.***

35.Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society – Lake Charlotte – Project Grant/Site Remediation

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. In 2018, the Society was awarded a three-year operating grant from HRM's Interim Community Museums Grant Program and has made application under this program for a project grant in 2019 (pending). The Society receives full municipal tax exemption. A capital grant of \$10,000 is requested to re-grade and add well-compacted gravel to portions of the site to address surface water pooling, wash-outs, and run-off which pose a risk to heritage buildings located on-site and an abutting private property (\$13,249.37). Partial funding is recommended as a precaution to prevent damage to heritage structures or recourse against the Society from private property owners. ***A grant in the amount of \$7,000 recommended towards excavating and re-grading areas of Memory Lane Village site, a registered heritage property.***

36.Parish of St. George – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

The church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, rental income, and project-specific grants. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards restoration of the stone wall surrounding the Little Dutch Church in Halifax. The cemetery dates to c.1752 and the original wood building was re-located to the site c.1756. In 2018, the Parish retained professional consultants to prepare a comprehensive assessment and conservation plan for the stone walls. The project will be undertaken in two stages: Phase I (2019) includes restoration of the Brunswick Street wall, trimming and removal of impinging trees, and a plan of survey. Phase II (2020) will address the Gerrish Street wall. The current condition of the exterior retaining walls pose a potential safety hazard to pedestrians, but specialized masonry skills are required to remediate in accordance with conservation standards. **A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended for the restoration of the stone wall surrounding the Little Dutch Church, a National Historic Site of Canada.**

37.St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church – Middle Sackville – Project Grant/Capital Improvement

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. Since 2016, the congregation have undertaken extensive repairs to the main church building, church hall, and two cemeteries at a combined cost of approximately \$160,000⁹ financed primarily through a mortgage. A grant of \$3,870.90 is requested towards chimney repairs (\$5,865). The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Funding is recommended on the basis of the applicant's demonstrated financial need and recognizes the Church's financial commitment and heritage stewardship. **A grant of \$3,800 is recommended towards chimney repairs to St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, a municipally registered heritage property.**

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. Housing grants exclude private property ownership. Overnight short-stay shelters are included in the Emergency Assistance category.

Tier 2

38.High Hopes Housing Cooperative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1980, the cooperative own and operate nine buildings with 23 units of rental housing of which five received a government rent subsidy in 2018. Operations are sustained by rental income and partial municipal tax relief. In 2013, the cooperative had building conditions assessments completed for their entire portfolio: the findings indicated out-dated "knob and tube" electrical wiring in six properties. This wiring has been fully replaced in two properties and a partially replaced in one. The cooperative will complete this work and interior painting in 2019 and have requested a capital grant of \$22,713 to fully fund re-wiring, including drywall, for one property. Funding is recommended based on the work completed by the applicant independent of municipal funding and to mitigate any fire safety risk. **A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards replacement electrical wiring for two units of affordable rental housing.**

39.Rocky Road Housing Cooperative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

⁹ In 2018, received grant of \$3,200 towards the restoration of two stained glass windows. Consecutive funding is recommended based on the applicant's financial capacity and relative to self-funded work completed to date by a volunteer organization reliant on fundraising and a mortgage.

Incorporated in 1983, the cooperative own and operate a portfolio of 28 units of rental housing in Halifax of which four units were rent subsidized in 2018. The cooperative relies primarily on rental revenues and partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards roof replacement for eight residential units. The total cost is estimated to be \$99,825 of which the cooperative has confirmed their contribution of \$74,825. The applicant's confirmed cost-share represents 75% of projected cost. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards replacement roofing for eight units of affordable rental housing.***

40. True North Housing Cooperative Limited – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Incorporated in 1992, the cooperative own and operate a portfolio of 12 units of rental housing in Dartmouth of which two units were rent subsidized in 2018. The cooperative relies primarily on rental revenues, and partial municipal tax relief. To date, the cooperative has replaced the roofs on seven units without municipal assistance and are requesting a capital grant of \$20,000 towards roof replacement for the remaining five units. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. Funding is recommended based on the work completed by the applicant independent of municipal funding. ***A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards roof repairs to five units of affordable rental housing.***

Tier 3

41. Second Stage Housing of Dartmouth – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Site Remediation

The society is a registered Canadian charity that operates under the name "Alice House" in the provision of shelter, transitional housing and therapeutic counselling for women leaving domestic abuse. Operations are funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, rental income, and strong fundraising. Partial tax relief is received from the municipality. A grant of \$20,798.33 is requested to fully fund site drainage and the paving of two driveways. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Partial funding is recommended for site remediation to reduce water run-off entering the building's basement which if not abated could result in mold or wood rot. The financial information provided indicates an ability to cost-share. ***A capital grant of \$11,500 is recommended towards excavating and re-grading to remediate site drainage issues at a supportive housing facility. Excludes funding for driveway paving.***

LEISURE

Funding supports community-owned and operated venues whose programming facilitates social interaction through largely passive recreational activities and opportunities for social gatherings. For example, community halls and social or hobby clubs that host meetings, civic celebrations, fundraising events, community meals, games, non-competitive or self-directed fitness, outdoor pursuits (angling, atv, snowmobile), music/film screenings, social dances, and crafts. Both the venue and programming tend to be volunteer-based and rely on modest membership dues and facility rentals.

Tier 1

42. Lemmon Hill Sports Association – Upper Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

Incorporated in 1979, the Association own a small hall located in a forested area between Upper Musquodoboit and Dean. The building is used seasonally due to limited access during the Winter and accommodates meetings of the PUMA ATV Club who operate motorized trails on Crown land and have erected a storage garage on the site. The Association also hosts social events. Operations are entirely volunteer and rely on the proceeds from an annual music *Jamboree*. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a heat pump (\$7,000). The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. The purchase could extend use of the hall and complements prior energy conservation upgrades¹⁰. ***A capital grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a heat pump for the Lemmon Hill hall.***

¹⁰ In 2016 the Association received a grant of \$6,000 for replacement windows and exterior doors.

43. Royal Canadian Legion: Branch #116 St. Margaret's Bay – Seabright – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Legion is incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Canada¹¹ and exempt tax under the Assessment Act. The Legion hall is maintained by bar sale revenues, hourly rentals, and gaming. Regular user groups include the White Caps seniors club. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards two (2) replacement exterior doors, exterior stairs, and the addition of a wheelchair ramp (\$5,014). Partial funding recommended to fully fund the installation of a wheelchair ramp and replacement fire exit stairs. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended for the installation of a wheelchair ramp and replacement fire exit.***

44. Seaforth Community Society – Seaforth – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

Incorporated in 1961 to acquire the former Seaforth School House site and establish a community hall the Society offers rentals to local non-profit groups and for private functions supplemented by fundraising and non-recurring grants. The Society receives full municipal tax exemption. A grant of \$18,743 is requested for two projects: (i) exterior deck replacement/enlargement costing \$19,743 and (ii) new light fixtures and electrical upgrades costing \$3,000. Application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage: Community Access-Ability Program (\$2,200) and the applicant's proposed contribution of \$1,000 is confirmed. Full funding recommended for lighting upgrades to meet building code standards including electrical work¹². ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended to upgrade lighting for the Seaforth community hall.***

45. Woodbine & Area Seniors Group Association – Beaver Bank – Project Grant/Equipment

Although volunteers organized a weekly lunch and leisure activities for seniors for over ten years the group did not incorporate as a non-profit society until 2014. Social activities funded by nominal fees, donations and fundraising are hosted in the community hall owned by the Beaver Bank Community Hall Association known as the "Brown Hall". A grant of \$2,473.81 is requested to fully fund the purchase of tables and small kitchen equipment. Partial funding for kitchen equipment is recommended and the applicant will be provided with written feedback with respect to the purchase of furnishings – an application by the non-profit owner of the hall, or a joint submission, with confirmation of storage, insurance, and non-exclusive use may be stronger. Full funding for kitchen equipment is recommended based on the Association's provision of a lunch program for seniors and the sale of preserves is a major source of fundraising for the club. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,000 recommended to fully fund the purchase of small kitchen equipment for a seniors' lunch program.***

Tier 2

46. Kinsmen Club of Sackville – Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades

Established in 1961, the Club is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a clubhouse on land leased from HRM at less than market value. The lower portion of the building hosts the Sackville Early Learning Centre for children with special needs and the upper floor is available for hourly/daily rentals. The Club is entirely volunteer sustained by fundraising, rentals, and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$13,239 is requested to fully fund re-shingling a portion of the roof. The Club has completed re-shingling the rear portion and will undertake replacement of exterior doors, lighting upgrades, and the purchase of a replacement commercial-grade kitchen range. The Club's strong community service is demonstrated by the proportion of revenues directed to charitable and community causes: in 2018 approximately 54% of all revenues were donated to community and charitable organizations in addition to the support provided to the child care centre. Further, the 20-year term of the land lease provides a return on the investment of public funds. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards completion of roof upgrades to the Kinsmen clubhouse.***

¹¹ The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League (1948).

¹² In 2017 the Society received a capital grant of \$10,500 towards replacement windows and roof repairs and in \$5,000 in 2018 for acoustic panels.

47. Old School Community Gathering Place Cooperative Limited – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Incorporated in 2011, the cooperative converted a former school into a community hall that offers hourly rentals for social and community events, meetings, and instructional classes. The venue also hosts a food pantry and community garden. Operations are sustained by government and foundation grants and partial municipal tax relief¹³. To reduce annual operating costs the cooperative has reviewed heating options that use the hall's existing infrastructure and have selected a replacement energy efficient oil furnace (\$13,449.24). The applicant's contribution of \$2,064.25 is confirmed. The former school is a municipally registered heritage property. ***A grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a replacement furnace to enhance energy efficiency for the Old School Gathering Place community hall.***

48. Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall

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 hall. Because HRM maintains an active fire station at this location the property has been assessed as exempt 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 \$6,000 is requested towards insulating and siding the hall's street-facing façade with highest visibility (\$7,164.50). The organization's cost-share is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards siding and insulation for the Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House community hall.***

Tier 3

49. Ecology Action Centre – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

The EAC is an environmental advocacy organization whose work is primarily project-based wilderness protection, land, marine and water conservation, biodiversity, energy conservation, and sustainability. Operations are sustained by project-specific grants and contracts. HRM provides partial tax relief for the administrative office. A grant of \$20,119.78 is requested to fully fund the purchase and custom fit-up of a trailer to be used for a seasonal mobile "bike space" that will offer bike repair equipment, cycling safety, second-hand bikes to repair and purchase, and for cycling-related events. The Centre's contribution is in-kind. Elements of the project could be phased, or corporate sponsorship sought: for example, graphic design and vehicle wrap or solar panel lighting. Partial funding recommended. The project furthers HRM's interest in non-motorized transportation, physical activity, and cycling safety. The applicant has deducted for net HST (Revenue Canada charity rebate). HRM is also providing in-kind assistance to this project through access to the Canada Games Centre parking lot at no cost. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 is recommended towards the launch of an Ecology Action Centre mobile Community Bike Hub.***

This project was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion funding category to Leisure based on a focus on cycling; although *Welcoming Wheels* targets newcomers the equipment will also be used for *Making Tracks Safe*, *Bike Buddy*, *Bike Again*, and assorted outreach programs or events.

RECREATION

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) programs and affordability. Priority outcomes include the provision of amenities in under-served communities and programs for children and youth.

Tier 1

¹³ Tax relief excludes the art gallery considered a commercial retail operation through the sale of individual works.

50.Lily's Hill Recreation Association – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/Facility Development

Incorporated in 2013, the society uses private land to offer seasonal outdoor ice skating and downhill sledding supported by fundraising and donations. Access is at no cost to participants and a limited number of skates and sledges are available on loan. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for professional fees to locate, clear and mark boundary lines, and create a plan of survey (\$9,725.55). The applicant's contribution is confirmed. Funding is recommended to help establish the viability of expanding on-site activities or a future land acquisition. ***A developmental grant of \$5,000 is recommended for a professional survey of land used for winter recreational activities.***

51.McIntosh Run Watershed Association – Spryfield – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association provides stewardship of the McIntosh Run River and surrounding watershed. In fostering public awareness and access to the river, the Association has developed a network of non-motorized trails on provincial and municipal lands. The *McIntosh Run Community Trail* is recognized by HRM as an active transportation route but a network of smaller trails under development, the *McIntosh Run Singletrack Trails*, are not. The latter has become a local destination for mountain biking. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of small tools and the fabrication and installation of wayfinding and trailhead signage (\$6,550). The Association has a license agreement from HRM for the trailhead locations. The project supports outdoor recreational pursuits, notably mountain biking. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards small equipment and signage for the McIntosh Run Single-track Trail.***

Pending Regional Council's consideration of policy regarding municipal funding towards the construction and maintenance of trails, assistance provided through the Halifax Regional Trails Association ("HRTA") is now restricted to active transportation routes. In 2019, the Association will receive \$2,620 from HRTA for the *McIntosh Run Community Trail* that will be used towards insurance.

Tier 2

52.Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2016, the Club offers recreational and competitive speed skating funded primarily by program fees and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of specialized clothing (under-suits), "recreational" skates for Special Olympics participants and beginners, and regular speed skates for an equipment loan program (\$7,000). Funding towards the purchase of skates is recommended to enhance introductory and adaptive programs. ***A developmental grant of \$4,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of skates for a speed skating equipment loan program.***

53.Halifax Nordic Ski Club – Regional – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Club promotes recreational and competitive classic and Nordic skiing through the development of groomed trails, equipment loans, instructional programs, trips to venues outside the region, social and competitive events (including biathlon). Revenues are primarily fundraising, grants, and grooming "contributions". Presently, the Club grooms ski trails in McDonald Sport Park (Waverley), Brunello Golf Club (Timberlea), Dollar Lake Provincial Park (Wellington), and the HRM-owned Graves-Oakley Park (Spryfield). A capital grant of \$10,000 is requested to purchase snow grooming equipment (\$10,145.29). Partial funding is recommended based on (i) a capital grant of \$13,000 in 2018 towards the purchase of a snowmobile: HRM's grant represented 80% of the cost and (ii) earned revenues from "grooming contributions". ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards the purchase of trail grooming equipment in support of Nordic ski trails in HRM.***

54.St. Paul's Home – Spryfield – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

St. Paul's Home was established in 1867 and incorporated in 1887 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature: this legislation also granted tax exempt status for property owned by the institution. Originally known as St. Paul's Home for Girls, the organization operated a home for orphans until 1972. The organization now makes its property holdings available to non-profit groups offering transitional residential services to youth or after-school children's programming on a rent-free basis. St. Paul's Home is sustained by interest earned on investments. A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested towards replacement of an outdoor basketball court/play area and the purchase of equipment costing \$35,500 for

a facility leased to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax, a registered Canadian charity. The project has secured corporate assistance and the applicant's cost-share is confirmed. **A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended to St. Paul's Home towards the replacement of an outdoor play area.**

55. Petpeswick Yacht Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Founded in 1966, the society own and operate a sailing club on Petpeswick Inlet with wharfs, moorings, learn-to-sail lessons, kayaking, paddle boarding, a boat launch and small beach. The clubhouse is available for private rentals. Membership fees are affordable and include social members. Operations are sustained by facility rentals, instructional programs, membership dues, fundraising and municipal tax relief. The club has also received assistance under the Musquodoboit Harbour Common Area Rate. A grant of \$5,262 is requested towards the construction of a new boat shed (\$25,026.78). The club has received confirmation of funding under the Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage: Recreation Facility Development Program. **A capital grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards construction of a new boat storage shed for the Petpeswick Yacht Club.**

Tier 3

56. Mayflower Curling Club – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement

Incorporated in 1906 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature, the Club own and operate a facility with six sheets of ice used for recreational and competitive curling. The Club is sustained by membership dues, facility rentals, and events. HRM provides partial tax relief. Over the past few years the Club has invested in equipment and upgrades to reduce its energy consumption and has made application to the HRM Solar City Program. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement of a portion of the roof that is failing – the estimated cost of a complete roof replacement is in the range of \$80,000-\$100,000 and considered cost-prohibitive. The partial repair is estimated to cost \$27,000 and will help maintain kitchen operations while the Club evaluates its long-term facility options. **A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards roof repairs to the Mayflower curling rink.**

PRIOR FUNDING

If approved, the following thirteen (13) organizations listed in alphabetical order have not received funding under the Community Grants Program and are considered 'new' to the program: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth/St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church; Atlantic Jewish Council; Cobequid Radio Society; Italian Canadian Cultural Association of Nova Scotia; JRG Society for the Arts; Knox United Church; Mayflower Curling Club; McIntosh Run Watershed Association; Rocky Road Housing Cooperative Limited; Sheet Harbour & Area Heritage Society; True North Housing Cooperative Limited; Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax; Woodbine & Area Seniors Group Association.

Those organizations recommended for funding in 2019 who have received a municipal grant in the prior four years (2015 to 2018) are listed below in Table 2. This list excludes any discretionary funding received under the District Activity/Capital Fund.

Table 2. Prior Funding for the 4-Year Period 2015 to 2018					
Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	Other
Africville Heritage Trust			\$5,000		Museum Operating Grant
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society	\$2,500		\$5,000		Museum Operating Grant and Project Grant (pending), 100% Tax Relief
Corporation of Christ Church		\$25,000			Tax Exempt by Legislation
Dartmouth & District Pipe Band		\$5,000		\$5,000	
Deanery Project Co-Operative Limited		\$4,000			Tax Relief
Deep Water Church			\$20,000		Tax Exempt by

					Legislation
Eastern Shore Wildlife Association	\$18,000				100% Tax Relief
Ecology Action Centre	\$10,000		\$5,000		Tax Relief
Fultz Corner Restoration Society		\$25,000			Museum Operating Grant, 100% Tax Relief
Halifax Amateur Radio Club		\$1,800		\$2,875	Municipal Tenancy
Halifax Nordic Ski Club				\$13,000	
Hooked Rug Museum of North America			\$6,000		Tax Relief
Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society	\$5,000	\$10,000		\$8,000	Community Museum Operating Grant and Project Grant (pending), 100% Tax Relief
Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild				\$800	
Lemmon Hill Sports Association		\$6,000			
Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$6,112				100% Tax Relief, Spay/Neuter Program Funding Agreement
Old School Community Gathering Place Cooperative Limited	\$10,000		\$5,000	\$1,800	Tax Relief
Parish of St. George	\$18,000				Tax Exempt by Legislation
Seaforth Community Society				\$5,000	100% Tax Relief
Second Chances Community Band Society of Nova Scotia	\$10,000		\$1,500		
Second Stage Housing of Dartmouth	\$6,000	\$8,000			Tax Relief
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church		\$9,000		\$3,200	Exempt by Legislation
Unicorn Theatre Society	\$944	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$4,000	Municipal Tenancy
Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield				\$3,500	Tax Relief
Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall				\$5,000	Tax Exempt – HRM Fire Station

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ARTS & CRAFTS

57. Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a professional-grade camera and lenses (\$6,559). This professional arts organization receives provincial and municipal operating funding and has also made application to HRM for a grant in support of the *Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival*. Purchases could be phased from revenues generated by equipment rentals.

58. Atlantic Flamenco Productions Society

A grant of \$4,680 is requested to fully fund the purchase of imported “Manila” shawls to improve the visual impact and authenticity of performances. This professional arts organization receives provincial and municipal operating funding and has also made application to HRM for a grant in support of the *Atlantic Flamenco Festival*. Costumes could be integrated into an operating, production or event grant. The Community Grants Program funds non-professional and pre-professional¹ arts and crafts projects.

59. Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development

A project grant of \$5,000 is requested towards an art program for youth. The application lacks sufficient detail to gauge access and most of the expenses listed are ineligible for consideration (the program does not fund travel, food, staff wages, or consumables, Guidebook, p.13).

60. In My Own Voice Arts

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards an evaluation of potential revenue sources in response to a reduction in funding. Staff will advise the applicant of the provincially subsidized arts management consulting services available through Strategic Arts Management, a non-profit society funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage. The applicant’s matching contribution of \$5,000 is considered unconfirmed based on the financial information provided (net revenues and liabilities).

This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion funding category to Arts & Crafts based on the organization’s arts programming for youth and the nature of the project (organizational sustainability).

61. Inkstorm Screenprinting Society/Anchor Archives Regional Zine Society

A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of a property valued at \$460,000. The proposal relies on an unconfirmed funding: a federal grant of \$175,000 for which application will be made in 2019, \$60,000 from a combination of personal loans and fundraising, and a \$200,000 mortgage. HRM’s capital grant towards a down-payment would be contingent upon a pre-approved mortgage (Guidebook, p. 7). The latter may be satisfied by a copy of the signed mortgage agreement or written confirmation from the lending institution that they have agreed to issue a loan, the amount, and the terms and conditions attached to repayment. In the absence of a building condition report, environmental assessment or projected operating plan, and in combination with the financial information provided, the applicant’s ability to proceed and the sustainability of operations cannot be demonstrated.

62. Society for Art Presentation

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of assorted animation equipment (\$6,086.56). This professional arts organization receives provincial and municipal operating funding and has received past funding from the Canada Council for the Arts including a grant for equipment. Purchases could be phased

¹ The term pre-professional refers to arts organizations that do not meet the eligibility criteria of Administrative Order 2014-007-ADM.

from revenues generated by equipment rentals. As a registered charity the cooperative would also be eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate.

63.Wonder'neath Art Society

A grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of new tables and seating for expanding arts-based education and studio space for artists (\$6,761). The Society received a small HRM Professional Arts Organizations operating grant in 2018 and has applied for same in 2019. Purchases could be phased as funds permit.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

64.Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes

In 2019, the Association changed its name from the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia to the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes to include New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. A grant of \$4,800 is requested to fully fund upgrades to the Association's web site and the creation of a new web site to promote the annual *Purple Day* awareness campaign. While acknowledging that this spectrum of neurological disorders may impact mobility (driving) and related employment opportunities, the link to services located within the geographic boundary of HRM is not clearly demonstrated to substantiate full funding.

65.Family SOS Association

A grant of \$4,500 is requested to fully fund a feasibility study regarding renting or sub-leasing office space to other non-profit organizations. The project lacks alignment with the established funding criteria of the Community Grants Program.

66.MusGo Rider Cooperative Limited

A capital grant of \$14,250.27 is requested to fully fund two elements: (i) upgrades to washrooms and the front entrance, and (ii) the purchase and installation of emergency exit lighting/signage for an office property acquired by the cooperative in 2018². The application is incomplete – a financial statement was not included.

67.Presbyterian Church of St. David

A grant of \$3,370 is requested towards the construction of an accessible washroom in the church sanctuary (\$5,462.50). Although the church is a registered heritage property, the nature of the work is not heritage restoration – the Community Grants Program does not fund repairs to places of worship or burial grounds (Guidebook, p. 3). The financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

68.Harbour Lites New Horizon's Senior's Club

A grant of \$7,000 is requested to fully fund a parking lot repair – the nature of the expenditure is a low priority and does not align with the funding category's outcomes.

69.St. John Council for Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the provision of personal training and the purchase of first aid kits to be given to seniors' residences. Items for personal ownership are ineligible (Guidebook, p.13). The application lacks sufficient detail to gauge the extent of program delivery or sustainability. The financial information provided suggests there may be an ability to self-fund.

ENVIRONMENT

70.BLT Community Garden Association

² In 2018 the cooperative received a capital grant in the amount of \$18,000 towards the purchase of a replacement transit passenger van and operating funds under the *HRM Rural Transit Grants Program*.

A grant of \$2,500 is requested for upgrades and materials for a community garden located at the HRM Lakeside Community Centre. Wages are ineligible (Guidebook, p.13) and as stated in the program guidebook grants towards the purchase of small tools are lower priority outcomes and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis: the purchases appear to be within the society's ability to self-fund or phase as fundraising permits.

71.Nova Scotia Nature Trust

A capital grant of \$24,000 is requested towards an "urban sustainability/green infrastructure project" projected to cost \$104,200 of which approximately 30% is confirmed. Specifically, the Trust has requested municipal funding for "stormwater management enhancement, water conservation, and green space elements". From the quotes provided the only elements directly related to water management are (i) replacement eavestroughs (\$3,687.48) and construction of a "rain garden" (\$7,500) but the latter appears to be integrated into a larger drainage project (trench drain installation \$4,800) and aesthetic landscaping upgrades. The staff review concludes that the project is essentially an office building renovation project.

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust also made application for \$600,000 towards the purchase of land – this application is addressed in Attachment 4 Ineligible Applications.

72.Lakecity Employment Services Association

A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested towards the design and construction of a covered rooftop garden (\$80,000). Competing quotes were not provided. As of the date of application approximately 60-70% of funding is unconfirmed. Preference has been given to projects demonstrating higher readiness or not previously funded under the program. In 2018, HRM donated a parcel of land with an assessed value of \$240,000 abutting the Association's facility to enable expansion of the society's employment services to mental health consumers. From the description provided the project could be phased as funds permit. The applicant will be referred to the 2020 Community Grants Program: the proposal would be strengthened by a structural engineering assessment and a design and construction plan.

73.Society for the Protection and Preservation of Black Culture (Black Cultural Centre)

A grant of \$4,525.30 is requested towards the construction of a community garden (\$5,774.30) "to develop and create an opportunity for African Nova Scotian communities to reconnect to the agricultural traditions of the past". The application lacks sufficient detail to evaluate access (cost, duration, selection process, scale) and how agricultural traditions specific to the Black community will be fostered or interpreted.

HISTORY

74.Akoma Holding Incorporated

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of an elevator (\$57,000). In 2018, the society received a capital grant of \$25,000 under the Recreation & Leisure funding category towards water/sewer infrastructure based on the renovation of a vacant building "for use as a seniors complex with amenities for leisure and social programs, meeting rooms, and offices"³. The 2019 application references renovating the former Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children for use as "a small restaurant/bed and breakfast establishment". A meeting with representatives of the society is advisable to confirm funding received to date, work completed, a schedule of work pending, and to confirm the intended use of the premises. It is anticipated that historical commemoration or interpretation could be integrated into the project should the society wish to pursue that element under a future application to the Community Grants Program.

75.Preston Arts Dream Centre Society

³ Report to the June 11, 2018, meeting of the Grants Committee, Community Grants Program 2018: Recommended Awards, dated April 20,2018, Attachment 2.

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the production of a video documenting the construction of a farmers' market in the area. The application lacks sufficient detail to confirm the historical content of the video and the selection of technical/production personnel. The applicant will be provided with written feedback and offered assistance with future grant applications.

76.Shubenacadie Canal Commission

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to hire a researcher and a "community engagement specialist" to expand the Commission's current interpretation focus on engineering history to include First Nations and other cultural stakeholders. Although a budget of \$11,700 has been provided in the application the consultants have not been identified and the balance of funds is unconfirmed. As a provincially-owned venue guidance and funding could be sought from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage⁴.

77.Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

In 2019, the Society made application to both the Community Museums Grants Program for operating funding to hire a gardener, fabricate and install signage, and the purchase of small tools. The review determined that the Society does not currently meet the eligibility criteria for the program and referral to the Community Grants Program was recommended: signage and tools would be eligible for consideration (salaries and wages are ineligible Guidebook, p.13). Subsequent to the submission of the Community Museums Grants Program report an application to the Community Grants Program was received: the latter is considered stronger in terms of assisting the organization's sustainability and is included under Attachment 2 of this report Recommended Awards.

78.Woodlawn United Church

A grant of \$4,867.95 is requested to fully fund the replacement of two (2) exterior doors. From the financial information provided the applicant appears to have an ability to self-fund.

HOUSING

79.Halifax Peninsula Housing Cooperative Limited

A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 is requested towards removal and replacement of stairs and decking on a property owned by the cooperative. The applicant received capital grants under this funding category in 2014 (\$10,000) and 2017 (\$12,000). Due to the program's budget capacity, preference has been given to projects with higher risk and/or applicants not previously funded under the program.

80.Halifax Women's Housing Cooperative Limited

A project grant in the amount of \$5,000 is requested towards exterior painting of a property owned by the cooperative. The applicant received a capital grant in 2017 (\$12,000). With the exception of a registered heritage property, exterior painting is considered a lower funding priority under this category (Guidebook, p.7).

81.Longhouse Housing Cooperative Limited

A project grant in the amount of \$5,000 is requested towards basement insulation in row housing owned by the cooperative. The applicant received a capital grant in 2018 (\$15,000). Due to the program's budget capacity, preference has been given to projects with higher risk and/or applicants not previously funded under the program.

82.Needham Housing Cooperative Limited

A capital grant in the amount of \$14,599 which includes a 20% contingency to fully fund the replacement of two decks on a triplex owned by the cooperative. Due to the program's budget capacity, preference has been given to capital improvements.

⁴ The department includes an African Nova Scotia, Gaelic and Acadian divisions and also funds the Nova Scotia Museum and Nova Scotia Archives.

83.YWCA

A capital grant in the amount of \$21,246 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of new cabinets and replace flooring in common areas. Technically, interior floors and cabinetry are not capital improvements and are of lower funding priority (Guidebook, p.7).

LEISURE

84.Boys & Girl's Club of Preston

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of twenty-five (25) computer pads for an after-school program located in the Bell Park Academic Centre for homework, gaming etc. to replace the loss of access to the school's CAP site. The applicant will be referred to Grants & Contributions staff for assistance with identifying eligible projects for future consideration.

85.Fusion Halifax Networking Society

A grant of \$4,000 is requested to fully fund web site upgrades. The society's networking workshops and events target "new graduates and young professionals who are looking to enhance their leadership abilities and network while advancing their career" and is not a strong alignment with the Community Grants Program's funding aims.

86.Mulgrave Park Caring & Learning Centre

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of tables and chairs and small games (\$3,272.95) for a family support centre sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. From the financial information provided there appears to be an ability to self-fund. Refer to Grants & Contributions staff for assistance with any future grant application.

87.Royal Canadian Legion: Somme Branch #31

A capital grant of \$5,223 is requested towards repairs to the hall roof (\$11,557.50 HST included). The Legion has also made application to the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services: Legion Capital Assistance Program. From the financial information provided there appears to be an ability to self-fund.

Note: This branch does not have its own registration and has applied using reference to federal legislation: The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1948⁵ – only one application will be accepted from an organization (Guidebook, p.2). The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #116 also made application under this same form of incorporation.

88.Royal Canadian Legion: Branch #147/Executive 147 Society

A capital grant of \$16,620 is requested to fully fund replacement siding, gutters and downspouts for the Legion hall. The branch registered as a non-profit society in 2017 (#3305008). The financial information provided was incomplete and the review was unable to determine financial need. Refer to Grants & Contributions staff for assistance with any future grant application and to the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services: Legion Capital Assistance Program.

89.Sackville Seniors Advisory Council

A grant of \$4,444 is requested to fully fund the purchase of forty replacement chairs. The applicant has a sub-lease in the HRM-owned Sackville Heights Community Centre which is operated under a Facility Management Agreement by the Sackville Heights Community & Cultural Association. The head-lease is under review after which sub-leases will be reviewed. The applicant will be referred to a future Community Grants Program intake pending confirmation of a lease agreement and the applicable terms, including equipment storage.

90.Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce

⁵ Statues of Canada, Chapter 84.

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of floating docks as part of a marina development⁶. The projected total cost of the project is \$355,000 and relies on government funding which was unconfirmed as of the date of application. The applicant's cost-share of \$30,000 is also unconfirmed. The applicant will be referred to the 2020 Community Grants Program at which time an evaluation of progress and sustainability may be feasible.

RECREATION

91. Banook Canoe Club

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of heat pumps including electrical upgrades (\$38,237.50). The financial information provided indicates an ability to self-fund in combination with any energy efficiency rebate.

92. Cheema Aquatic Club

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase materials to expand the sun shelter/storage shed funded by HRM in 2018.

93. Dartmouth Diamond Dawgs Baseball

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of replacement catching equipment, player and coaches' uniforms for thirteen teams (\$10,400). Uniforms or personal apparel are not eligible expenses under the Community Grants Program (Guidebook, p.13). The applicant will be referred to Grants & Contributions for assistance with any future municipal funding application.

94. Halifax Rowing Club

A grant of \$11,000 is requested towards the purchase of an inflatable safety boat and small equipment (\$15,895.86).

95. Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a washroom upgrade and replacement windows and doors (\$81,000 including a \$5,000) contingency. Application has also been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage: Recreation Facility Development Fund. The financial extracts included in the submission indicate an ability to self-fund (statement of retained earnings) and work could be phased as funds permit.

96. North Woodside Community Association

A grant of \$4,800 is requested towards the purchase of carpet bowling equipment (\$5,520). The applicant operates an HRM recreation facility and receives annual operating funds from HRM Parks & Recreation. The applicant will be referred to Parks & Recreation staff.

97. St. George's Tennis Club

A capital grant of \$12,500 is requested for two projects (i) replacement LED lighting of outdoor tennis courts (\$22,745) and (ii) washroom upgrades (\$4,840). The Club received a \$25,000 capital grant in 2018 towards court drainage and resurfacing. The applicant could seek non-municipal funding sources or phase upgrades as funds permit.

98. St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club

A grant of \$4,516 is requested to fully fund the purchase of lawn bowls and carrying equipment. The applicant does not have a lease or license in effect for their clubhouse or use of the bowling green which is maintained by HRM Parks & Recreation.

99. Surfing Association of Nova Scotia

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the launch of a surf program (\$79,622.50) due to commence in May 2019. Most of the expenses identified are ineligible for consideration (transportation, swimming and

⁶ This same project was funded in 2017 but the grant was forfeited in March of 2019 due to an inability to proceed.

surfing instructors, chaperones, unspecified administration Guidebook, p.13). The viability of the project relies on full funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage: Heritage & Culture Innovation fund which is unconfirmed. The application to HRM states “we need another funding source to satisfy the requirements of that grant” and as such an HRM grant is for the purpose of leveraging consideration. The applicant will be referred to Grants & Contributions for assistance with any future Community Grants Program application.

100.Waverley Amateur Athletic Association

A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of outdoor exercise equipment in a provincial park (\$25,724). The value of request is a function of multiple items: capital grants are awarded for “large or specialized equipment costing over \$5,000 per unit” (Guidebook, p.7). The applicant will be referred to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities Culture & Heritage.

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ARTS & CRAFTS

101.Seaside Tourism & Business Association

A grant of \$3,000 is requested towards costs associated with hosting a 3-day *Seaside Christmas on the Eastern Shore* event. The Community Grants Program does not fund festivals or events (Guidebook, p.13). The society has applied to the 2019 HRM's *Regional Special Events Grants Program* for funding towards the *Seaside Christmas 30th Anniversary* – decision pending.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

102.Africville Genealogy Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards expenses incurred in hosting the annual *Africville Reunion/Festival*. The application is incomplete. The Community Grants Program does not fund festivals and events (Guidebook, p.13).

103.Nocturne Art at Night

A grant of \$5,000 is requested for upgrades to the annual *Nocturne Art at Night Festival* including expenses that are directly related to the delivery of the event and could be considered recurring. The Community Grants Program does not fund festivals and events (Guidebook, p.13). This organization has received funding under the HRM *Cultural Events & Showcases Grants Program* and has also applied to the 2019 Community Festivals and Events Program – decision pending.

104.ReachAbility Association

A grant of \$5,000 requested to fully fund the purchase of equipment for an existing pre-employment program for youth. The application is incomplete (no 2018 financial statement). The Community Grants Program does not fund “instructional or professional development workshops” (Guidebook, p.15). Refer to Grants & Contributions staff for feedback and assistance with any future grant application.

ENVIRONMENT

105.Dartmouth Family Centre

A grant of \$4,943.67 is requested to fully fund improvements to property leased from a for-profit entity: the lease expires December 31, 2020. The Community Grants Program does not fund leasehold improvements (Guidebook, p.13). Refer to Grants & Contributions staff for assistance with any future grant application.

106.Hope for Wildlife Society

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of a replacement x-ray machine. The Community Grants Program does not fund medical services (Guidebook, p.13). Further, the *Red Barn Clinic* is a satellite hospital affiliated with the National Wildlife Centre and a registered company (3251689 Nova Scotia Limited) and previous requests for x-ray equipment from both the Hope for Wildlife Society and the Nova Scotia Society for the Protection of Animals have been declined.

107.Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers Market Cooperative

A grant of \$3,700 is requested to purchase assorted small items for a commercial activity, a vendors' market, including ineligible expenses. The application was late: received April 12, 2019.

108.Nova Scotia Nature Trust

A grant of \$600,000 is requested towards the acquisition of land (\$2,225,000): 98% of funding is unconfirmed. The maximum capital grant awarded under the Community Grants Program is \$25,000 (Guidebook, p. 7) and would be contingent upon either a pre-approved mortgage or a demonstrated ability to proceed with the acquisition within the fiscal year

HISTORY

109.Old Burying Ground Foundation

A grant of \$5,000 requested towards a condition assessment study of the historic masonry walls surrounding the site. In 2018, the Foundation received a grant in the amount of \$5,000: final reporting on grant expenditures was not received as of the March 31, 2019 deadline.

HOUSING

110.Metro Non-Profit Housing Society

A grant of \$4,140 is requested to fully fund two replacement exterior intercom systems. In 2018, the Society received a grant in the amount of \$5,000: final reporting on grant expenditures was not received as of the March 31, 2019 deadline.

LEISURE

111.Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada (Greater Halifax Site)

A grant of \$2,500 is requested towards the purchase of food and unspecified kitchen equipment for an adult respite day program. The application is incomplete and lacks sufficient detail to identify eligible expenditures.

RECREATION

112.Blind Sports Nova Scotia

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to pay for HRM gymnasium rentals. Recurring core operating expenses are not funded under the project-specific Community Grants Program (Guidebook, p.13).

113.Community Connexions Network Nova Scotia

A capital grant of \$24,367 is requested towards conversion of rented space into an indoor laser tag arena (\$90,776.25). Leasehold improvements are ineligible under the Community Grants Program (Guidebook, p.13).

114 & 115.Sheet Harbour Radio Station

Two applications were submitted for a combined value of \$6,850: (i) \$1,850 “to establish a remote broadcast” with additional funds from the District Activity/Capital Fund, and (ii) \$5,000 to fund radio advertising. Only one application will be accepted per year (Guidebook, p.2). Both applications are incomplete – a financial statement for the organization was not submitted. Refer to Grants & Contributions staff for feedback and assistance with any future grant application.

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15.7.2 Community Grants Program 2019 - Recommended Awards

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Grants Committee dated June 10, 2019 with attached staff recommendation report dated April 30, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve fifty-six (56) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 30, 2019 for a combined total of \$470,250 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants; and**
- 2. Refer the applications from Akoma Holding Incorporated and MusGO Rider Cooperative Limited not recommended for funding to staff for further consideration pending receipt of the required financial and work progress reporting from the applicants.**

Councillor Walker requested an amendment to remove an item from the motion relating to a grant to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church as the parish had been closed and the applicant had withdrawn its application. The amendment was as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council remove item #24 from Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 30, 2019 Archdiocese of Halifax – Yarmouth: St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church which would reduce the overall recommended award by \$3,600.

The amendment was considered as friendly by Council.

The motion before Council was as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve fifty-six (56) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 30, 2019 for a combined total of \$470,250 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants;**
- 2. Refer the applications from Akoma Holding Incorporated and MusGO Rider Cooperative Limited not recommended for funding to staff for further consideration pending receipt of the required financial and work progress reporting from the applicants; and**
- 3. Remove item #24 from Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 30, 2019 Archdiocese of Halifax – Yarmouth: St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church which would reduce the overall recommended award by \$3,600.**

Discussion ensued on the motion, in particular regarding the Banook Club application where there had been no recommendation made for award on the basis that there was an ability to self-fund. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Contributions, noted that the recommendation was based on the financial information provided by the applicant. Consideration had also been given to the fact that the applicant had not sought funding from any other source and had also received funding from the Municipality the previous year. It was noted that a referral back to staff could be made for review but that more information would need to be provided by the applicant.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Banook Club application be referred back to staff for further consideration.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Re: Item No. 9.1.1 (iii)

The motion before Council was as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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- 2. Refer the applications from Akoma Holding Incorporated and MusGO Rider Cooperative Limited not recommended for funding to staff for further consideration pending receipt of the required financial and work progress reporting from the applicants;**
- 3. Refer the Banook Club application back to staff for further consideration; and**
- 4. Remove item #24 from Attachment 2 Archdiocese of Halifax – Yarmouth: St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church which would reduce the overall recommended award by \$3,600.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten