

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Regional Council

Original Signed by 

SUBMITTED BY:

Kelly Denty, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 23, 2020

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program Fiscal Year 2020: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

March 15, 2020 – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the application deadline for submissions to this year's Community Grants Program was extended from March 31, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

May 12, 2020 – Approval of Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM Respecting Recommendations for the Allocation of Grants and Withdrawals from Reserves During COVID-19. The purpose of this interim policy is to expedite the approval process by temporarily suspending the need for Council to receive recommendations from a standing committee or advisory committee of the Council before granting an award.

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;

...

Section 79C (1) The Council shall adopt a policy that requires the Municipality to disclose to the public the recipients of grants made by the municipality and the amount of those grants.

- (2) A policy adopted under subsection (1) must include the
 - (a) frequency and timing of disclosure;
 - (b) content to be included in a disclosure; and
 - (c) form in which the disclosure must be made.

(3) A policy adopted under subsection (1) may include any other matter that the Council considers necessary or reasonable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this policy.

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.

- *Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM Respecting Recommendations for the Allocation of Grants and Withdrawals from Reserves During COVID-19.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Suspend the Rules of Procedures under Administrative Order One the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order under Schedule 2 the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference; and
2. Approve forty-one (41) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report, for a combined total of \$370,804 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

BACKGROUND

HRM's Community Grants Program provides project-specific funding across eight (8) categories to eligible registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the geographic boundary of the Halifax Regional Municipality. There are two (2) categories of award: project grants up to \$5,000 and capital grants up to \$25,000. The program opens for applications in January and the submission deadline is March 31. In 2020, the application deadline was amended to May 15, 2020, and applications by email were accepted.

DISCUSSION

The 2020 Community Grants Program received a total of eighty-eight (88) applications by or post-marked May 15, 2020, and two (2) late applications for a combined total of \$1,048,223.10 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 2020				
Funding Sector	Applications	Value of Requests by Category	Awards Proposed	Value of Awards Proposed
Arts & Crafts	14	\$100,479.22	6	\$23,500
Diversity & Inclusion	11	\$89,770.25	2	\$3,097
Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety	7	\$150,000.00	7	\$105,520
Environment	7	\$52,787.57	2	\$30,000
History	15	\$189,618.00	9	\$65,383
Housing	5	\$113,275.50	5	\$72,929
Leisure	11	\$124,512.52	5	\$30,875
Recreation	20	\$227,780.04	5	\$39,500

TOTAL	90	\$1,048,223.10	41	\$370,804
--------------	-----------	-----------------------	-----------	------------------

Note to Table 1.

Readers are cautioned that the initial number of applications to a funding sector may vary significantly from the number of awards due to the re-assignment of an application to another category when the project alignment is stronger. For example, three (3) applications to the Diversity & Inclusion category were re-assigned¹. Typically, recommendations to decline funding include improvements to private or government property, unconfirmed funding or project commencement, business-related interests, or an applicant demonstrates limited fundraising from non-municipal sources. The applicant's financial capacity is also a factor. Individual applicants can request written feedback.

To address the COVID-19 pandemic the application deadline for the Community Grants Program was extended from March 31 to May 15, 2020. To accommodate closure of HRM offices and Customer Service Centres, and a slowdown in Canada Post deliveries, the option of submission by email was added. The challenges inherent in accepting applications by email will be examined further in relation to access to technology, risk, and the administrative implications.

A total of eighty-eight (88) applications were received or post-marked on May 15: 32% by March 31 and 68% by May 15, 202. Two (2) applications were received after the deadline for a total of ninety (90) applications. This year's program's uptake is slightly lower than the 2019 program (115) but higher than anticipated given constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this year's program is consistent in that almost 40% of applications were submitted on the last day the overall quality may have been compromised by "last minute" preparations resulting in incomplete or ineligible submissions. It is unknown how many, if any, applicant organizations applied for and/or received federal assistance during the 3-month period March to May 2020 under the *Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy*, targeted additional funding to food banks, sexual assault centres, women's shelters, or organizations serving the homeless. This form of assistance was not identified in any of the applications for project-specific municipal grants.

In June 2020, the federal government announced the launch of the *COVID-19 Emergency Support for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations* to support business continuity for eligible Canadian cultural, heritage and sport organizations. Of the \$500 million budget up to \$326.8 million will be distributed by Canadian Heritage: \$198.3 million to recipients of funding through existing federal programs and other organizations based on demonstrated financial need; \$72 million to the sports sector; \$53 million to the heritage sector through the federal Museums Assistance Program; \$3.5 million to projects funded under the Digital Citizens Initiative Program, \$55 million through the Canada Council for the Arts; \$115.8 million to be distributed through the Canadian Media Fund and Telefilm Canada². The application deadline for this "temporary" funding is September 1, 2020, Consequently, any assistance secured by eligible non-profit and charitable organizations located within HRM will not be known until the end of this calendar year.

While the economic impacts of the pandemic are almost universal in terms of lost revenue and employment some non-profit and charitable organizations have witnessed an increase in service demand during the provincial state of emergency and may also face a continuation or "spike" in demand as restrictions are gradually lifted. For example, food banks, mental health services, and support to victims of domestic abuse or the homeless. While complying with the program's funding priorities, these factors have been taken into consideration in this year's review. It is also anticipated that there could be a surge in applications for the 2021 program as organizations emerge from the health crisis phase of the pandemic and confront the longer-term economic recovery phase.

¹ PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society was re-assigned to Recreation, La Cooperative Radio Halifax Metro to Arts & Crafts, and Canadian Mental Health Association: Halifax/Dartmouth to the Leisure category.

² The balance remaining from the \$500 million allocation will be distributed on the basis of an assessment of need. See: www.canada.ca for further details and online application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program 2020 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (41)	<u>(\$370,804)</u>
Balance	\$129,196

RISK CONSIDERATION

November 4, 2013 – Grants Committee approval of staff recommendations regarding default prevention and management practice for cash grants, tax relief, community property sales and leasing approved by the Audit & Finance Standing Committee at their meeting of November 20, 2013. An annual status report is tabled with the HRM Grants Committee to monitor default 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, forms, applicant scoring, and previous awards are posted on the municipality's web site. Printed materials are also available through Customer Service Centres and the Corporate Call Centre. In 2020, meetings of the Grants Committee have been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Legislation mandates that municipalities notify the public of all grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Regional Council could overturn a staff recommendation to award or decline a grant, amend the value of award or the terms and conditions of funding.
2. Regional Council could refer an application to staff for further review. A referral allows for reconsideration in relation to any balance remaining in the 2020 program budget and other applicants as applicable. Given that all applications have been evaluated using the information provided by an applicant 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: 2020 Community Grants Program.
 - (i) Award Recommendations.
 - (ii) Table 2. Award Recommendations in Relation to Prior Year Awards (2016-2019).
3. Not Recommended for Funding: 2020 Community Grants Program.
4. Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2020 Community Grants Program.

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.

Report Prepared by: Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants & Contributions, FICT, 902.490.5469;
Peter Greechan, Community Developer Grants & Contributions, FICT, 902.490.7310.

Overview of Review 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 for consistency, in relation to 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 organization¹ is eligible for only one (1) grant in any fiscal year.

¹ This restriction also applies to multiple applications using the same registration number (for example, local branches of the same organization).

Recommended Awards: 2020 Community Grants Program

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. Bedford Leisure Club – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1978, the Club hosts assorted leisure activities, including the Bedford Leisure Club Orchestra and Choir. The Club operates in an HRM-owned facility located on the Bedford Highway and offers assorted activities such as cards, social events, and gardening workshops. Operations are entirely volunteer and sustained by membership dues and workshop fees. An occupancy agreement is under negotiation. A grant of \$1,322.22 is requested to fully fund the purchase of twenty-five (25) portable music stands; the equipment will be made available to other music groups who use the venue (Fiddlers Group, Highland Heritage, Just for Fun Music, and the Variety Music Group) and for off-site performances. ***A grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards the purchase of music stands for the Bedford Leisure Club.***

2. La Cooperative Radio Halifax Metro (OUI 98.5 FM) – Regional – Project Grant/Professional Fees

Incorporated in 2003, the cooperative is a community radio station specializing in French language programming. Operations are sustained by volunteers and paid advertising. To strengthen the viability of the society the Board of Directors has initiated a plan to modernize technical capabilities, reduce operating costs, and enable home-based programming. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards sound technician professional fees, Virtual Private Network connectivity to enable remote capacity, and to re-locate the society's radio transmitter to broaden the broadcast catchment area. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees to implement technical upgrades to enhance OUI 98.5 FM broadcast capacity and reduce annual operating costs.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category based on programming content which includes music, literature, history and film reviews. In general, broadcasting is recognized as a cultural industry and included in statistical surveys on investment in cultural practices or arts.

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

The Society is a registered Canadian charity formed for the purpose of providing small grants to artists with a disability and to promote their work to a broader audience. The Society is in its formative stage and modest revenues are primarily donations, fundraising events, and project-specific government grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund upgrades to enhance the visual content of the Society's web site. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$2,500 is recommended towards professional fees for a web site upgrade.***

4. ScotianAires Barbershop Harmony Society – Regional – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1986, the ScotianAires are a women's cappella chorus. The Society is entirely volunteer and choral experience is not required; subsidized membership rates are available. Performances are offered for a nominal fee with a portion of the proceeds donated to local charities. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of "risers" costing \$16,000. Application has been made for federal government assistance, but the Society has committed to increase their cost-share if this funding is not received. Storage and insurance are confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of music risers for the ScotianAires women's chorus.***

Tier 2

5. Ink Storm Screenprinting Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 2009, the society's mandate is to offer resources to emerging artists and art enthusiasts. Amenities include affordable rental space, screen printing equipment, a kiln and meeting and events space. Revenues are well diversified with income from memberships, fundraising, workshops, events, and project-specific grants. The society wishes to convert a room in premises leased by the Society to establish a modest recording studio (total cost \$6,321). The suggested hourly rental rate is \$15 but pay-what-you-can is also an option. The project aligns with the sector's funding priorities in terms of developmental projects for non-professional or pre-professional artists, cultural identity and self-representation. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of equipment to establish a small recording studio.***

Tier 3

6. Scotia Chamber Players – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Scotia Chamber Players is a registered Canadian charity and professional arts organization that promotes chamber music performance and training. The society is well known for its annual *Scotia Festival of Music* event and the *Music Room Chamber Players Series*, a 20-concert program of recitals by local and visiting professional musicians. Operations are funded through ticket sales, fundraising, corporate sponsorship, government operating and project grants, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a projector, a custom wall-mount and accessories for wireless presentations (total \$6,683.11). The projector costs over \$5,000 and qualifies as a capital grant (\$6,412+HST). The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. The addition of this equipment will enhance the facility's utility for a variety of professional and non-profit organizations and thereby earned revenues from rentals. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a projector for the Music Room performance venue.***

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 2

7. Petpeswick Yacht Club – East Petpeswick – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade (Inclusion)

Founded in 1966, the Club own and operate a sailing club on Petpeswick Inlet to offer mooring, learn-to-sail lessons, kayaking, and paddle boarding. The facility has a clubhouse, boat shed and launch, and a small beach. Membership fees are modest and include a social category. Operations are sustained by membership dues, facility rentals, program fees, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$2,097 is requested to fully fund the purchase of materials for the construction of an accessibility deck and wheelchair ramp for the clubhouse's rear fire exit. The Club has secured in-kind corporate donations of equipment and labour. ***A grant of \$2,097 is recommended to enhance accessibility and fire safety for the Petpeswick Yacht Club facility.***

Tier 3

8. Alliance Francaise – Halifax – Project Grant/Program (Diversity)

The society is a language school that provides online and classroom instruction in French and proficiency examinations. The organization's revenues are primarily tuition fees. In 2019, a free community program was launched called *Speak Dating*. Sessions are held once a month at the Halifax Central Library. Participants are paired to practice speaking French with a peer then rotate every seven minutes. The first

half of the session is French, and the second half participants can experience another language (for example, Spanish, Gaelic, Arabic). In 2020, the society aim to expand the program to include the Keshan Goodman Library and the Woodlawn Library. The program budget is \$6,000 and the society has committed \$1,000 in “coordination” costs. Partial funding is recommended given that an ability to host this form of group activity will be constrained in 2020 and marketing was the only eligible expense. **A matching grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards marketing expansion of the Speak Dating language project.**

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 (overnight or short-stay housing for the homeless or a food bank), and EMO comfort centres recognized by HRM Fire & Emergency Services.

Tier 1

9. Chezzetcook and District Lions Club – Head of Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade: EMO Comfort Centre

The Chezzetcook chapter of the Lions Club was established in 1984. The Club has a small membership which raises funds to support local community initiatives. In 1996, the Club acquired a former school from HRM to serve as a clubhouse and community hall. Operations are sustained by volunteer fundraising, events, meals, rentals, project-specific grants, and municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund remodelling and upgrades to the facility’s kitchen. As stated in the program guide (p.7) interior renovations (including cabinetry) are a lower funding priority. However, an inspection by the Nova Scotia Health Authority to confirm compliance with the requirements for a commercial-grade kitchen identified an issue with water quality. Funding is recommended to purchase and install a water purification system to remove trace arsenic. Potable water is a requirement for HRM EMO comfort centres. **A grant of \$3,220 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a water purification system for the Chezzetcook comfort centre.**

Tier 2

10.Trustees of Brunswick Street United Church: Brunswick Street Mission – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Upgrades

The Brunswick Street Mission is an “outreach” ministry of the United Church of Canada that delivers a hot breakfast program 6 days a week to homeless and lower income individuals, operates a clothing bank, and serves as trustee for persons unable to manage their income or who do not have a bank account. Assistance can also be provided with income tax returns or applying for government benefits. The Mission is sustained by the church, donations and fundraising. A place of worship is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. In 2020, the church will commence major renovations costing in excess of \$200,000¹. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a security/telecom system and a new fire alarm panel (total cost \$7,327.24). As stated in the application; “*the goal and objective of this project can be summed up in a simple analogy; we want to welcome our guests to the living room instead of the basement. The renovations are planned so that we can offer our programs and services to anyone struggling with poverty within the Halifax Regional Municipality no matter their limitations*”. Funding is recommended to support homeless persons and the addition of showers is a niche amenity not widely available. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards upgrades to the Brunswick Street United Church towards security/telecom system upgrades to enhance services to homeless and lower income clients.**

¹ This work includes partial demolition of interior walls and the addition of accessible bathroom and laundry amenities. Applications for the remodeling have been submitted to the provincial government, charitable foundations, and the United Church of Canada.

11.Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church – Mineville – Capital Grant/Equipment: EMO Comfort Centre

The Church is sustained by congregational offerings and is not assessed tax pursuant to the Assessment Act. The church building has a large gymnasium and ample meeting room and has been designated as an HRM EMO comfort centre to serve Mineville and Lake Echo. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator (total \$42,108.50 HST included). HRM assistance in the amount of \$10,000 is confirmed and the applicant's cost-share (\$7,108.50) is confirmed. As a registered Canadian charity, the church may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator for the Mineville/Lake Echo comfort centre.***

Tier 3

12.Halifax Transition House Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Site Development

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that offers a range of support services to women and children leaving domestic violence. Operations are sustained by operating funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and the federal government, municipal tax relief, and annual fundraising. In 2017, the Association acquired land and commenced construction of a new, expanded facility to replace *Byrony House* expected to cost \$6.5 million. The need for this facility was demonstrated by the temporary closure of the Halifax premises in 2019 due to persistent problems with the building's condition. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the development of an enclosed play area at a projected cost of \$85,960. A donation and government grants totalling \$60,000 are confirmed. The area will be enclosed for the safety of the facility's residents. As a registered charity the Association can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 is recommended towards the development of a playground for the new Bryony House women's shelter.***

13.Metro Food Bank Society Nova Scotia – Regional/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

When the Society was established in 1984 it primarily served the urban Halifax area but has since grown to encompass a network of food banks throughout Nova Scotia supported by a centralized food distribution facility in Burnside Industrial Park, Dartmouth. Operating under the name *Feed Nova Scotia* the Society collects and distributes food to 144 member agencies including food banks, shelters, drop-in centres and feeding initiatives. Revenues are primarily donations, special events, grants, and municipal tax relief. In 2019, the estimated value of food distributed was \$11,130,571 and approximately 50% of recipients were located within HRM. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a generator for the food distribution warehouse costing \$64,995.71. The generator will be purchased from Heritage Gas who will contribute \$35,000 in support of the project. In the event of an extended power outage fresh and frozen produce would not be lost. The Society's contribution is to pay the HST but as a registered Canadian charity a partial rebate may be received from Revenue Canada. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended for the purchase and installation of a generator for Feed Nova Scotia's distribution centre in Dartmouth.***

14.Royal Canadian Legion: Marine Branch #161/Nova Scotia and Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – Gaetz Brook – Capital Grant/Accessibility: EMO Comfort Centre

The Legion is incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Canada (1948) and is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The Legion hall is sustained by bar sale revenues, hourly rentals, and gaming. Regular user groups include the *White Caps* seniors club and the facility is an EMO comfort centre. A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and replacement of three (3) exterior doors one of which would be equipped with automated door opener for access to the wheelchair ramp. Partial funding is recommended to target only incremental upgrades that directly relate to an EMO

centre; which in this particular case is the facility's accessibility². ***A capital grant of \$7,300 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of an exterior door equipped with an automated opener for access to the-Gaetz Brook comfort centre.***

15.Saint Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1968, the Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides support services, overnight shelter for the homeless, and housing for persons transitioning from correctional institutions to community placement. The Society own and operate six (6) properties in Halifax. Operations are sustained by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and Correctional Services Canada. HRM provides an annual property tax grant to all six (6) properties. A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 has been requested towards the purchase and installation of a ventilation system and replacement board and batten siding, doors and windows for the *Sir Sanford Fleming House* (c.1860), a municipally registered heritage property. The total project costs are estimated to be \$135,488 of which \$100,000 has been confirmed through an Efficiency Nova Scotia grant. As a registered charity, the Society can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The project is expected to reduce the shelter's annual utility costs. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards energy efficiency upgrades to a transitional housing facility for men.***

Note: Although the property has heritage status this application has been reviewed under Emergency Assistance because most of the project costs relate to interior upgrades. HRM approval has been received with respect to exterior work (siding, windows, doors).

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 2

16.Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/New Building

The Society was established under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1909 for the purpose of promoting the agricultural heritage of the area and is widely recognized for its annual *Halifax County Exhibition* event which takes place on the Exhibition Grounds owned and operated by the society. The property is not assessed under the Assessment Act. Revenues are primarily event-related grants, facility rentals and project-specific grants. The site contains several buildings which are used throughout the year by local non-profit organizations for meetings, workshops, events, the 4-H Cub, the Valley Weeders garden club, a food bank, and a proposed new program called the *Thoughtful Food Project*. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards demolition and replacement of one building that has been used for the *Halifax County Exhibition's* food-related competitions and displays, food preparation, and rentals. The total estimated project cost is \$56,000 and the Society has committed \$28,000 and applied for financial assistance through Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. If federal funding is not received the project could be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards construction of a new "Food Hall" on the Exhibition Grounds in Middle Musquodoboit. Excludes the purchase of new kitchen appliances.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Leisure category based on the building's function in relation to food production, cooking, and food security.

² The replacement of two exterior doors is a generic element and would be considered under the Leisure category (as per a community hall or a seniors' social club). The applicant could also make application to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage under the Legion Capital Assistance Program.

Tier 3

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

The SPCA is a registered Canadian charity that advocates for animal rights and cruelty prevention, operates shelters for seized, surrendered or abandoned animals, and provides on-site education for current and future pet owners. Revenues are primarily from provincial and municipal government contracts, adoption fees, fundraising and donations. The Society receives municipal tax relief for two properties located in Dartmouth. A capital grant of \$6,979.99 is requested to full fund the purchase of holding kennels for cats. The Society's contribution is a partial HST rebate from Revenue Canada. Operations have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of an increased length of stay for animals sheltered prior to the state of emergency and restrictions on veterinary services. Economic hardship caused by the pandemic may also result in an increase in pet surrenders or fewer adoptions. Animal control services complement HRM's by-law enforcement role. ***A capital grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of replacement kennels for the SPCA animal shelter located at 5 Scarfe Court, Dartmouth.***

Note: the proposed grant is towards replacement equipment for the animal shelter owned and operated by the Society; funds are not to be expended in relation to the municipal animal shelter operated under contract to the Municipality.

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.Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of Nova Scotia- Halifax - Project Grant/Interpretation

Incorporated in 2011, the Association's mandate is to preserve the history of health sciences in Nova Scotia, notably medicine, nursing, dentistry and pharmacy. The society is entirely volunteer and sustained by membership dues. Artifacts and documents are stored and displayed in various hospital and university locations but the society is seeking a permanent repository to house the combined collection. In the interim, members want to enhance research and public access to the collection using the Internet. A grant of \$4,983 is requested to fully fund professional fees to photograph and digitize a select number of artifacts to be made available online. ***A grant of \$4,983 is recommended for professional fees to photograph and digitize a collection of historical artefacts.***

19.Historical Society of Fall River and Windsor Junction – Fall River/Windsor Junction – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2011, the Society maintains a small archive in the local community hall. This small, entirely volunteer group is sustained by membership dues, donations and fundraising. To recruit more members and publicize the group's activities the members have created a small color brochure. A grant of \$2,200 is requested to fully fund printing and distribution. As proposed, the grant is one-time: future reprints would be the responsibility of the society. ***A one-time grant of \$2,200 is recommended towards printing and distribution of a self-promotional brochure.***

20. L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association – West Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a community museum. The society receive an operating grant under the HRM Community Museums Grant Program (\$4,000 per

annum), municipal events funding, and municipal tax relief. The Association does not receive any funding under the Nova Scotia Community Museums Assistance Program: most earned revenues are generated through event hosting and a commercial tenancy. A capital grant of \$6,230 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a “mini-split” heat pump in two (2) buildings owned and operated by the society (total \$10,230): *Le Grange* which is a large barn-like structure used for large-scale events and the *Tea Room* building which is leased to an unrelated third party. The aim of the project is to reduce annual operating costs and enhance rentals. The applicant’s cost-share and an Efficiency Nova Scotia rebate are confirmed. As a registered charity the society is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for an HST rebate. The project is expected to reduce utility costs. ***A grant of \$5,200 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of one (1) heat pump in the Le Grange building.***

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

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that promotes the preservation of Spryfield’s agricultural history and local food consumption using community and market gardens. Operations are sustained by product sales, donations, non-recurring project grants, and partial municipal tax relief. In 2019, the Society retained consultants to develop a strategic plan; the study identified the need for interpretive signage to communicate information on-site. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the fabrication and installation of two (2) outdoor interpretive panels (total \$7,118.50). The Society’s cost-share and property owner’s consent are confirmed. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the fabrication and installation of two (2) interpretive panels describing the history of the former Kidston Farm site and buildings.***

Tier 2

22. Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia – Dartmouth/Provincial – Project Grant/Interpretation

The Association is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to foster the study of genealogy and preserve family history. Operations are self-sustained through membership dues, fundraising, and investment interest. A grant of \$4,000 is requested towards the conservation and digitization of an original copy of a map of Dartmouth produced in 1878 by Henry W. Hopkins, a land surveyor and engineer who created large maps and atlases of towns and counties in the United States and Canada. The 42”x58” map depicts property ownership and location and is a valuable resource for researchers. The grant is for professional fees for restoration and digital photography. A fully restored copy of the map will be donated to the Dartmouth Heritage Museum to enhance public access. The project aligns with the funding sector’s priority in furthering authentic preservation of historical assets. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended for the conservation and digitization of the Hopkins Map.***

23. Old Burying Ground Foundation – Halifax – Project Grant/Artifact Conservation: National Heritage Site

The Foundation is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers provide stewardship and raise funds to protect, preserve and promote the national, provincial and municipal heritage burial site owned by St. Paul’s Anglican church. The cemetery is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. In addition to fundraising the Foundation is supported by an HRM operating grant for grounds maintenance and non-recurring project grants. A grant of \$4,770 is requested to fully fund the purchase of specialty metal brackets used to stabilize gravestones to prevent damage. As a registered charity the Foundation may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended toward artifact protection in the Old Burying Grounds, a National Heritage Site.***

Tier 3

24. Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Building Assessment: Registered Heritage Building

The society own and operate an extensive portfolio of residential properties that provide housing to lower income individuals and families. Operations are largely self-sustaining through rental income with individual rent subsidies from Housing Nova Scotia. The Society receives municipal tax relief for their holdings. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund professional fees for an architectural and engineering assessment of the *Thomas Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House* (c.1837), a registered

heritage property used for administrative offices. The study findings will be used to develop a renovation plan and budget. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fully fund professional fees to conduct a structural assessment of the Thomas Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House, a municipally registered heritage property.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Housing category based on the heritage status of the building and its' use as an administrative office including non-residential third party tenancy.

25. Deep Water Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement: Registered Heritage Building

Deep Water Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings. As a place of worship, the property is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. In 2013, the church purchased the former North Street Disciples of Christ Church, a registered heritage property. The building was destroyed in the Halifax Explosion and re-built in 1920. In the last three years the church has invested heavily in capital repairs (approximately \$165,000) which has significantly improved the streetscape appearance of the property. A grant of \$18,435 requested to fully fund partial roof repairs (replacement shingles). Partial funding is recommended towards completion of the roof repair. **A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards roof repairs to the former North Street Disciples of Christ Church, a registered heritage property.**

26. Parish of St. George's Anglican Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs: National Historic Building

St. George's Anglican Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, facility rentals, and project-specific grants. As a place of worship, the building is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. *St. George's Round Church* (c.1800) is a cylindrical wooden structure in the Georgian style with Palladian features that is a designated a National Historic Building, and a provincial and municipal registered heritage property. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards roof re-shingling: the total estimated cost is \$74,750. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed (\$34,750) and application has been made to the Anglican Foundation (\$15,000) but is unconfirmed. The project could be phased as funds permit. **A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended for roof repairs to St. George's Round Church, a National Historic Building.**

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

27. Halifax Peninsula Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

Incorporated in 1982, the cooperative own and operate a portfolio of three (3) buildings with a total of ten (10) units. Operations are sustained by rental income and partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the replacement of the fire escape for two (2) properties and associated minor upgrades (total cost \$30,245). The applicant's contribution of \$5,245 (18%) is confirmed. Code compliance and fire safety are stated priorities for the Housing funding category. **A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards replacement fire escapes for two (2) for residential properties.**

28. Kabuki Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Repairs

Incorporated in 1982, the cooperative own and operate an 8-unit apartment building. Operations are sustained by rental income with some tenancy income-tested and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$11,300 is requested to purchase and install eight (8) replacement windows, replacement fire extinguishers, smoke alarm wiring and hardware, and common area emergency exit lighting totalling

\$12,151.80. An amount of \$148.20 for fire extinguisher inspection is ineligible. The applicant's contribution of \$1,000 (8%) is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended: the value of the proposed award is to fully fund (i) smoke alarms and (ii) new emergency lighting, and (iii) a 50% contribution towards the replacement of four (4) windows to address egress. Fire safety is a stated priority for the program's Housing funding category. **A grant of \$8,000 is recommended to (i) fully fund hard-wired smoke alarms and new emergency exit lighting and (ii) a contribution towards window replacement.**

Tier 2

29. Halifax Women's Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1982, the cooperative was formed to address barriers to women in securing tenancy. The organization now own a portfolio of three (3) buildings with a total of ten (10) units and sustains operations through rental income and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$9,929 is requested towards replacement siding for one (1) building at a cost of \$19,929.50. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. **A capital grant in the amount of \$9,929 is recommended towards siding replacement.**

30. Rocky Road Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1983, the cooperative own and operate two (2) apartment buildings with a total of twenty-eight (28) units. Operations are sustained by rental income and partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement siding and minor repairs for four (4) residential units. The total cost is estimated to be \$52,000: the applicant's cost-share represents 75% of projected costs. The project could be phased as funds permit. **A capital grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards siding replacement.**

Tier 3

31. Society for the Rehabilitation of Addicted Persons – Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides rehabilitation to addicted persons. Operations are sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. The property known as *Alcare Place* also receives partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of two (2) replacement exterior doors and nineteen (19) windows. The project could be phased as funds permit. As a registered charity the Society could apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The project is expected to reduce energy consumption. **A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards window replacement for Alcare Place.**

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

32. Club 24 Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Building Upgrade

Club 24 is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a small hall serving primarily persons in recovery. Operations rely on monthly rentals and special events (~90% of earned revenue). Due to the needs of its members the Club does not raise revenues through alcohol or gaming and therefore relies on fundraising and hall rentals. A grant of \$4,323.46 is requested to fully fund the purchase of replacement flooring for the hall's main room: the applicant's contribution is installation at an estimated value of

\$2,300³. As a charity the Club can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. As stated in the program Guidebook (p.7) interior renovations, including flooring, are of lower funding priority: an award is recommended based on the Club's self-reliance on earned revenues and limitations on fundraising. **A grant of \$4,000 is recommended for the purchase of materials for clubhouse interior upgrade.**

33.Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department – Meagher's Grant – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

Incorporated in 1990 to provide volunteer firefighting services for the area, the society continues to support emergency services through renting the fire station portion of the premises to HRM Fire & Emergency Services (Station #36). The rental income from this lease sustains operations and as an active fire station the facility is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. The hall annexed to the fire station is open to the community for special events, leisure activities, meetings and room rentals (\$15-\$20/hr). Outdoor amenities include a playground, tennis court and basketball pad. A grant of \$19,737.58 is requested to fund 50% of the cost of re-siding the building; the other 50% has been secured from the federal government's New Horizons Program. Partial funding is recommended based on the applicant's limited financial capacity, affordability for users, and the effort demonstrated in securing non-municipal funding. The project could be phased as funds permit or funding sought from non-municipal sources. **A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards re-siding the Meagher's Grant community hall.**

34.Kiwanis Club of Eastern Passage/Cole Harbour – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

The local Kiwanis chapter of Eastern Passage/Cole Harbour was established in 1979 and provides general public access to the 6-acre park owned by the Club known as the *Morris Lake Beach and Park*. Club members support this venture through fundraising and project-specific grants or donations. HRM provides annual tax relief. The park features walking trails, a beach with a wharf for swimming and fishing, a boat launch, clubhouse and storage garage. A grant of \$3,875 is requested to fully fund minor repairs to the clubhouse and garage (skirting, small roof repairs, gutters). **A grant of \$3,875 is recommended to fully fund minor repairs to amenities located in Morris Lake Park, a public park owned and operated by the Kiwanis Club.**

Tier 2

35.Canadian Mental Health Association: Halifax/Dartmouth Branch – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that promotes mental health. Operations are sustained by funding from the United Way and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services with strong fundraising and non-recurring project grants. A grant of \$4,875 is requested to fully fund the purchase of twenty (20) computer tablets for use during *Among Friends* and the *Caring and Sharing Social Club* sessions: these clubs serve adults with moderate to severe mental illness. The Association's contribution of \$1,150 for a 2-year product warranty is confirmed. Funds issued under the Community Grants Program cannot be used for the purchase of items for personal ownership: the equipment can be loaned on a temporary basis or used on-site. As a registered charity the applicant can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. An introduction to technology may help reduce social isolation and the loan of equipment addresses affordability for participants. **A one-time grant of \$3,000 is recommended towards the launch of a new technology-based social program for mental health consumers.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category based on the project's alignment with this sector's funding priorities to "encourage social interaction through largely passive recreational activities and opportunities for social gatherings" (Guidebook, p.17). The tablets are not adaptive or equipped with specialized software or content.

36.Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall – Wellington – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The former Wellington Fletcher's Lake Fire Department owned and operated a volunteer fire service until 2010. The hall annexed to the fire station now serves as a community hall while the fire bay is leased to

³ Third party quote provided with the application.

HRM Fire & Emergency Services. Because the property houses an active fire station it is exempt under the Assessment Act. The hall's operations are sustained by the lease agreement with the Municipality, bar sales, and facility rentals. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund assorted facility upgrades: new windows, siding, an awning, and painting window trim totaling \$26,511.32. The project cost is a function of multiple items and work could be phased as funds permit. Partial funding is recommended toward window replacement to reduce energy consumption. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards replacement windows.***

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-serviced communities and programs for children and youth.

Tier 1

37.Halifax Cycling Coalition – Halifax – Project Grant/Public Education

Incorporated in 2008, the Coalition promotes safe cycling through events, education, and advocacy. The society relies on government grants and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production of an illustrated free booklet with information on road safety techniques with the aim of increasing rider confidence. The total estimated cost is \$16,119 including printing. The product is to be available online and distributed at local events. Partial funding for professional fees – a graphic designer/illustrator – is recommended. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards graphic design fees in the production of a safety handbook for cyclists.***

38.Water Ski Wakeboard Nova Scotia – Dartmouth - Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

The society promotes the development of the sport of water skiing and wakeboarding for both recreational and competitive participants. The primary source of income is membership dues supplemented by course fees, non-recurring grants and fundraising. The society has launched an adaptive program for persons with a disability, *SkiAbility*, and operates out of the *Morris Lake Park and Beach*. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of materials for the construction of railings on the wharf as a safety precaution and a shelter affixed to the shipping container used for equipment storage. The applicant's contribution is in volunteer labour and any applicable building permit fees. ***A grant of \$2,500 is recommended to purchase materials for upgrades to a floating wharf.***

Note: Prior funding to the society for the purchase of adaptive equipment was awarded under the Diversity & Inclusion category: this year's application has been reviewed under the Recreation category because the nature of the project is not exclusive to persons with a disability.

Tier 3

39.Dartmouth Curling Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

Founded in 1936 and incorporated in 1987 the Dartmouth curling club has an established presence in the sport. The Club own and operate a rink in Dartmouth and operations are sustained by membership dues, events, facility rentals, and partial municipal tax relief. To reduce annual operating costs the Club has invested in energy efficiency upgrades and repaired the building's roof and foundation. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a replacement "chiller" system costing \$46,000. The Club's cost-share is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards a replacement refrigeration system for the Dartmouth Curling Club facility.***

40.PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society – Provincial - Project Grant/Equipment

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides support services to persons with Autism and their caregivers. Revenues comprise service fees, donations, government grants and fundraising. The Society receive partial HRM tax relief. In response to current COVID-19 health measures, the Society plan to modify their annual summer camp program by increasing the number of venues and reducing

participants accommodated per session. Adapted office space will be used in Halifax, Bedford, and an unconfirmed location in Dartmouth. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards unspecified costs associated with this initiative but the only eligible expenditure is equipment. As stated in the program guide, small items such as toys and office equipment are lower priority outcomes and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis (p.13). The value of the recommended grant is towards non-adaptive exercise equipment (mats, small trampoline, balls) that can easily be transported between locations and/or stored on-site. **A grant of \$2,000 is recommended towards the purchase of exercise equipment for summer camps serving persons with Autism.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category because the equipment is not specialized/adaptive.

41.Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

The Commission is a registered Canadian charity that provides stewardship of *Shubenacadie Park*, owned by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands & Forestry. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating grant and the property has not been assessed as taxable. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to repair a wharf that is heavily used by the public, at no cost, for kayak and canoe entry to the canal and lakes. The total cost for labour and materials is \$6,700. Although the wharf is not removed in the off-season due to a lack of storage, the structure can be moved. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for the replacement of a public wharf.**

PRIOR FUNDING

If approved, the following twelve (12) organizations listed in alphabetical order have not received funding under the Community Grants Program and are considered 'new' to the program:

Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of Nova Scotia; Bedford Leisure Club; Dartmouth Curling Club; Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia; Halifax Cycling Coalition; Historical Society of Fall River and Windsor Junction; Kiwanis Club of Eastern Passage/Cole Harbour; Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church; PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society; ScotianAires Barbershop Harmony Society; Society for the Rehabilitation of Addicted Persons; Trustees of Brunswick Street Church.

Those organizations recommended for funding in 2020 that have received a municipal grant under the Grants & Contributions portfolio in the prior four years (2016 to 2019) are listed below in Table 2.

Table 2. Prior Funding for the 4-Year Period 2016 to 2019

Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	Other
Canadian Mental Health Association: Halifax/Dartmouth Branch		\$20,000			
Chezzetcook & District Lions Club				\$12,000	Tax Relief
Deep Water Church		\$20,000		\$15,000	Tax Exempt by Legislation
Halifax Peninsula Housing Co-Operative Limited		\$12,000			Tax Relief
Halifax Transition House Association			\$25,000		Tax Relief
Halifax Women's Housing Co-Operative Limited		\$14,800			Tax Relief
JRG Society for the Arts				\$5,000	
Kabuki Housing Co-Operative Limited		\$10,000			Tax Relief
Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department	\$9,000	\$5,000			Tax Relief
Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty				\$5,000	Tax Relief
Old Burying Ground Foundation	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Tax Exempt by Legislation
Parish of St. George's Anglican Church				\$25,000	Tax Exempt by Legislation
Petpeswick Yacht Club				\$5,000	Tax Relief
Rocky Road Housing Co-Operative Limited				\$25,000	Tax Relief Less than Market Value Land Lease
Royal Canadian Legion Eastern Marine Branch #161: Nova Scotia & Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion		\$10,000	\$17,000		Tax Exempt by Legislation
Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield			\$3,500	\$5,000	Tax Relief
Waterski Wakeboard Nova Scotia			\$1,600		Tax Relief (Sport Nova Scotia)
Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall			\$5,000	\$5,000	Tax Exempt by Legislation

Note to Table 2.

This list excludes organizations in receipt of municipal discretionary funding received under the *District Activity/Capital Fund*, a municipal multi-year event or operating grant, or a project-specific municipal contribution agreement.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding: 2020 Community Grants Program

Arts & Crafts

42.Anchor Archives Regional Zine Project Society

A grant of \$5,000 requested towards (i) a feasibility study costing \$12,000 and (ii) legal fees, an internal governance review, a building inspection and environmental assessment costing \$7,750 to determine the feasibility of purchasing a privately-owned commercial property. Of the combined total of \$19,750 the applicant's proposed contribution of \$1,250 represents ~6% of combined costs, some of which are considered to be a Purchaser's due diligence. Provincial funding in the amount of \$3,000 and \$10,000 in federal government funding is confirmed. The scope of work could be reduced or phased as funds permit.

Note: In 2019, a joint application for \$25,000 from the Inkstorm Screenprinting Society and Anchor Archives Regional Zine Project Society towards a property purchase was declined due to a lack of demonstrated sustainability. In 2020, Inkstorm Screenprinting Society has applied for a project grant.

43.Atlantic Filmmakers Co-Operative Limited

AFCOOP is a professional arts organization in receipt of government operating funding including HRM's Interim Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program (operating and project grants). A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of assorted film processing equipment, safety equipment, and miscellaneous items (containers, small tools). As a professional arts organization the applicant could make these purchases under a municipal operating grant. The project does not qualify as a capital grant under the Community Grants Program. Funding for equipment is also available to some professional arts organizations (for example, film, media arts) from federal funding sources.

44.Society for Art Presentation (Centre for Art Tapes)

The Centre for Art Tapes is a professional arts organization in receipt of government operating funding, including HRM's Interim Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program (operating and project grants). A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to purchase multiple items (computers, software, licenses). The application does not meet the requirements for a capital grant: "large or specialized equipment costing over \$5,000 per unit" (Guidebook, p.7).

45.Halifax Makerspace Society

The Society requests a capital grant of \$22,857 to fully fund the purchase of a full spectrum PS36 laser cutter and accessories. While recognizing the Society provides a niche service to artists, hobbyists, non-profit and business organizations the submission would be strengthened by a demonstrated effort to raise some share of costs from members and/or non-municipal sources.

46.Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development

A grant of \$5,000 requested towards an evaluation of *HeART*, a "therapeutic recreation approach" to youth mental health using art and mindfulness activities to encourage the development of resiliency. The relationship between the developer of this program and the society is unclear in terms of copyright and sustainability.

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Leisure category due to the arts-based nature of the program.

47.Latspanica Cultural Association

In preparation for an event to be held at the Halifax Regional Library during *Latin Heritage Month*, October 2020, the Association applied for a project grant of \$3,500 towards the cost of HRM facility rental for rehearsals, the purchase of costumes, accessories and alterations, marketing, supplies, and food. The majority of expenses are ineligible or low in program funding priorities.

48.Unicorn Theatre Society

A grant of \$2,800 requested towards creating a self-recorded compact disc of children performing Broadway music. The financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund.

Diversity & Inclusion

49.Home of the Guardian Angel

A grant of \$4,302.25 is requested to fully fund the re-print of updated self-promotional and program brochures, web site updates, and the purchase of a domain name. The financial information provided in the application suggests there is an ability to self-fund.

50.Lake District Recreation Association

A capital grant of \$6,072 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of automated door openers for two (2) washrooms. The application does not meet the requirements for a capital grant: each item costs less than \$5,000 per unit (Guidebook, p.7). The Association's financial information indicates an ability to self-fund.

Note: this application was re-assigned from the Leisure funding category as per the program guidelines which state "Organizations seeking facility accessibility upgrades or adaptive equipment for persons with a disability should make application under the Diversity & Inclusion category" (Guidebook, p.17).

51.We Care Developmental Daycare Centre

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards construction of an enhanced playground. The projected total cost is \$302,776.80 of which the society has raised \$11,800 in donations. With only ~4% of funding confirmed the project appears to be in the conceptual/formative stage and construction is unlikely to be completed in 2020. Also, the Community Grants Program does not fund leasehold improvements. Although the Centre own the building, they do not own the land. A joint application with the property owner, a registered Canadian charity, is required. Confirmation of the duration of any land lease or license agreement at this location would also strengthen the application in terms of a return on any investment of public funding. Written feedback will be provided to the applicant to guide any future application for municipal funding.

Environment

52.Halifax Brewery Farmers Market

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a walk-in chiller and shelving. The review requires a copy of the applicant's Articles of Incorporation to establish the non-profit status of the cooperative. The charity registration number provided in the application cannot be located on Revenue Canada's online database.

53.MusGo Rider Co-Operative Limited

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of an electric vehicle to be used for community transit services. The project also includes the purchase and installation of two (2) charging stations to be installed on the cooperative's property in Porter's Lake. The quotes provided do not include any wheelchair accessibility fit-up or adaptive aids. The staff review concludes that given the reduction in public transit services in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is anticipated that ridership will be

constrained. Hence, the application will be referred to the 2021 program. Fleet expansion has implications in the cost of HRM's annual operating subsidy (Halifax Transit) and the cooperative is to receive \$200,000 from the Municipality in 2020 towards the purchase of vehicles to expand their service in the Porters Lake area.

54.Sierra Club Canada Foundation

The Sierra Club is a national public foundation that promotes the protection of the natural environment. A grant of \$5,000 requested to fully fund the production of a video to expand the reach of an existing *Watch for Wildlife* program into New Brunswick and other Maritime provinces. This is an existing program and expansion outside HRM is not a funding priority.

55.Williams Lake Conservation Company Society

A request for \$770 to fully fund a water quality test on Williams Lake and Colpitt Lake. The Society has conducted testing on annual basis for 10 years; the project is essentially a recurring expenditure.

History

56.Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame

A grant of \$5,000 requested towards development of a mobile application. Community museums eligible for consideration under Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM may apply for project funding up to \$5,000 under HRM's Interim Community Museums Grants Program: the application deadline for this program was January 31, 2020. The applicant will be referred to the 2021 Community Museums Grants Program.

57.Old School Gathering Place Co-Operative Limited

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund painting and minor repairs and/or replacement of wooden windows throughout the former school building, a registered heritage property. The project could be phased as funds permit and/or funding from non-municipal sources sought. Heritage Planner approval was not included with the submission if original windows are to be replaced (Guidebook, p.16).

HOUSING

58.YWCA Halifax

A capital grant in the amount of \$17,046 is requested to fully fund the replacement of kitchen cabinetry, kitchen sink and fixtures in a facility serving single mothers. Interior renovations (interior doors, ceilings, floors, stairs, cabinetry, moldings etcetera) are lower priority under the Community Grants Program (Guidebook, p.7).

LEISURE

59.PBJ Design Society

A grant of \$2,980 is requested towards a one-time online event, a "virtual dinner" promoting healthy eating for food insecure university students. A majority of expenses are ineligible for funding (wages, administration, food, Zoom subscription, transportation). The impact of the project cannot be demonstrated, and the Community Grants Program does not fund events (Guidebook, p.13).

60.Royal Canadian Legion: Waverley Dieppe Branch #90

A capital grant of \$16,652.76 is requested to purchase and install four (4) heat pumps in the Legion hall at a total cost of \$17,652.76. The request is essentially for full municipal funding given that the applicant's cost-share (\$1,000) could be recovered through a partial HST rebate. No explanation was provided as to eligibility for funding under the provincial Legion Capital Assistance Program or any energy efficiency rebate. Further, the application was submitted under the same charitable number as the Royal Canadian

Legion: Marine Branch #161: preference has been given to the Gaetz Brook branch based on the program's funding priority – public safety in relation to potable water.

61. Spryfield Community Market Society/St. Paul's Family Resource Institute

A grant of \$4,700 is requested to fully fund (i) the purchase of an unspecified number of replacement tables and (ii) the installation of an automatic door opener for St. Paul's Church hall. With respect to furnishings, these are a lower priority item (Guidebook, p13) and both the Farmer's Market and the Institute might consider cost-sharing given revenues are derived from table rentals to market vendors and the use of this equipment for hall rentals. Neither party is the owner of the property and therefore funding for the accessibility upgrade is ineligible for consideration (Guidebook, p.13).

62. St. Margaret's Bay Community Enterprise Centre

A project grant of \$5,000 is requested for "technical support" for the "*Discover St. Margaret's Bay*" web site, newspaper advertisements, and printed promotional materials. The primary focus of the web site is tourism, attracting new residents, and business development and as such the project is not well aligned with the Community Grants Program's focus on social development or the Leisure category's funding criteria.

RECREATION

63. Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp

A grant of \$3,600 is requested toward the purchase of assorted commercial-grade appliances (juice dispenser, toaster etc) for the campground dining hall. This type of equipment is considered lower priority and assessed on a case-by-case basis within the context of an applicant's ability to self-fund (Guidebook, p.13).

64. Cheema Aquatic Club

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement of the clubhouse septic system. The total estimated cost is \$52,700 and the Club's contribution of \$15,000 is confirmed. The land is owned by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands & Forestry; the Community Grants Program does not fund leasehold improvements (Guidebook, p.13). The society will be referred to provincial government sport funding programs. For example, the *Recreation Facility Grant Program* administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

65. Dartmouth Dragon Boat Association

A grant of \$4,933.94 is requested to purchase twenty-five (25) paddles and a custom paddle storage rack. No explanation was provided for need to purchase this equipment from sources outside Nova Scotia or Canada which increases the cost of shipping and incurs duty or for the selection of higher-priced paddles.

66. Deanery Project Co-Operative Limited

A capital grant of \$20,253 is requested to fully fund the construction of two (2) storage sheds for storing canoe and camping equipment that may be donated by Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development. The terms of the conditional donation to the cooperative are unstated. The project could be phased as funds permit, temporary storage considered on-site, in cooperation with other non-profit organizations in the vicinity, or using an off-season self-storage rental.

67. Halifax Nordic Ski Club

A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested towards the purchase of an additional all-terrain vehicle and trail grooming equipment at the *Brunello Golf Course*. In 2018 and 2019 the Club received a combined total of \$23,000 in capital grants towards the purchase of trail grooming equipment. Future applications would be

strengthened through a demonstrated effort to secure funds from non-municipal sources and/or self-generated revenue and fundraising.

68. Island Alliance

A capital grant of \$24,493.10 is requested towards the purchase of an on-line *Vimeo* platform (\$20,655.60), recording equipment (\$2,102.19), computer (\$1,953.85), and a "non-recurring specialized professional fee" (\$4,600) to support the development of hockey players in association with the *Andrews Sport Institute*¹, a registered business that operates out of the MacLauchlan Arena at the University of Prince Edward Island. The application contains items not considered capital expenditures. Based on the financial information provided the applicant's ability to proceed and the sustainability of operations cannot be demonstrated. Any alignment between the project and the Community Grants Program funding priorities is considered weak. The business-related affiliation also warrants further explanation.

69. Sack-A-Wa Canoe Club

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a large-scale heating and ventilation system for the Club's new facility under construction. The Club's fundraising campaign of \$250,000 was not achieved² and subsequent to their application to the Community Grants Program they were awarded \$120,000 from the Sackville Landfill Compensation Fund (North West Community Council, June 22, 2020).

70. Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation/Learning Centre for Halifax Incorporated

A grant of \$2,299 is requested to fully fund the purchase of classroom furnishings: magnetic whiteboards costing \$2,104.48 and a table for \$195.49. The Centre provides tutoring to those students with difficulties (dyslexia) in "reading and writing and related scholastic skills". The Community Grants Program does not fund scholastic or vocational training (Guidebook, p.15) and furnishings are a lower funding priority (Guidebook, p.13).

71. Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of floating docks as part of a marina development. The projected total cost of the project is \$380,000 and relies on government funding which was unconfirmed as of the date of application. In 2017, this project was awarded a capital grant towards the public recreation element (recreational boating/sailing) but the grant was forfeited in 2019 due to an inability to proceed. In 2019, an application for the same project was referred to the 2020 Community Grants Program to enable an evaluation of progress and sustainability. This year's application is for the same project, but the estimated cost has increased by \$25,663 to \$380,663 of which only 16% is confirmed. An ability to proceed could not be demonstrated and a determination needs to be made if this is an economic development project (not within the Community Grant Program's objectives) and/or which specific elements align with Recreation or Leisure funding priority outcomes. The project appears to be at the conceptual/developmental stage.

72. Waverley Amateur Athletic Club

A capital grant of \$20,000 requested towards the cost to purchase and install exercise equipment costing \$23,601.45 in *McDonald Sports Park*, a provincially owned asset. The WAAC had a long-term land lease agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Lands & Forestry which was held-over pending negotiations with HRM with respect to the municipality assuming responsibility for a portion of the land for parking and a ballfield. The request is a repeat of the Club's 2019 grant submission which was declined. The Community Grants Program does not fund leasehold improvements, the value of grant requested is a function of multiple items and the large-scale equipment is fixed. In a letter dated June 21, 2019 the WAAC was referred to the Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage sport and recreation funding programs: a provincial grant to enhance a provincial asset may be more appropriate. This year's application does not provide an update on the status of a lease or license agreement with the Department

¹ <https://andrewshockey.ca>

² The Club raised approximately \$40,000 in cash and \$100,000 in in-kind materials and labour.

of Lands & Forestry. Funding towards fixed assets located on government property would be more appropriately funded under a provincial departmental budget or a provincial grant program.

Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2020 Community Grants Program

ARTS & CRAFTS

73. Women's Health Organization International

A project grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the re-print of a self-published book on obstetric fistula. The application was late (May 17, 2020). Medical/health promotion is not a strong alignment with the Community Grants Program's funding priorities.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

74. Bicycle Nova Scotia

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two (2) handcycles to expand a *Tri-A-Ride Paracycling* program. The application is incomplete: no financial information was included with the submission. The applicant will be provided with written feedback (for example, the equipment cannot be purchased for personal ownership or exclusive use, storage, insurance, and what is the society's current inventory of these handcycles - do 2 bikes constitute a program?) The application would be strengthened by a cost-share, fundraising, or a demonstration of having sought non-municipal funding.

75. Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Havre

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards development of a mobile application. The organization is in default of the program's reporting requirements for a project grant (\$5,000) issued under the 2017 Community Grants Program.

76. Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada: Atlantic Division

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards grants issued by the Society to individuals living with MS in the Atlantic region for specialized mobility equipment and home renovations. The program does not fund fundraising or indirect funding for private property (Guidebook, p.13).

77. Seniors Association of St. Margaret's Bay

A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the expansion of the *Bay Rides* community transit service to enable seniors shopping and deliveries. Funds towards additional drivers is an operating cost and the applicant is not the operator (*Bay Rides* receives fund under the HRM Community Transit Grant Program).

ENVIRONMENT

78. Beaver Bank Seniors Kinsac Association

The Association requests a grant of \$5,000 to fully fund the purchase of a fountain and installation of water supply for beehives located in a community garden located at HRM's Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre. The project is a capital improvement to land not owned by the applicant and has implications in terms of water consumption - a recurring facility operating cost and replacement. The applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation.

79. Square Roots Food Services

A grant of \$5,000 requested towards development of a mobile application for food tokens. The applicant is a registered company¹ and does not meet the Community Grants Program's eligibility criteria. The application is incomplete, a financial statement was not included, and the application was late (May 17, 2020).

HISTORY

80. Africville Heritage Trust

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two (2) ride-on lawnmowers to enable the Trust to enter into a grounds-keeping contract with HRM Parks & Recreation for the abutting Africville Park. This is essentially a repeat of last year's request but with the addition of a third machine. In 2019, the Trust received a capital grant of \$11,850 to purchase one (1) lawn mower to service the grounds of the museum and is in default of the program's reporting requirements.

81. City of Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards major restoration of the *James West House* (c.1859). The project is estimated to cost \$300,381. The application is incomplete: a financial statement was not included. The balance of funding is not stated. Therefore, an assessment of the applicant's ability to complete the project, or a major portion, could not be confirmed by the review. Further, Heritage Planner approval was not included with the application (Guidebook, p.16) and some elements proposed may constitute substantive alterations that require Council approval. The applicant will be asked to follow-up with HRM Planning & Development staff and may elect to re-apply to the 2021 Community Grants Program.

82. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society

A capital grant of \$9,000 is requested for window and shingle repairs to the *Harris House*, a registered heritage building. The organization is in default of the program's reporting requirements for a capital grant in the amount of \$9,705 issued under the 2019 Community Grants program for assorted repairs to the *Carriage Shed* and *Harris House*.

83. Local Council of Women: Halifax

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested for exterior painting of the *George Wright House* (c.1902), a municipally registered heritage property. The application is incomplete: a financial statement and Heritage Planner approval were not included with the application (Guidebook, p.16).

LEISURE

84. Akoma Holdings Incorporated

A capital grant of \$17,092.74 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a generator, pad and fencing for the *Henry Bauld Centre*. The application form is incomplete, and a financial statement

¹ A Community Interest Company is not recognized under the Community Grants Program. The program Guidebook p.3 lists those forms of incorporation eligible to apply.

was not included. The society has expressed interest in becoming an HRM Comfort Centre and will be referred to HRM Fire & Emergency Services.

85.Army Navy Airforce: Dartmouth Unit 349

A grant of \$4,750 is requested to fund assorted minor building repairs and upgrades. The application is incomplete: no financial information was included.

RECREATION

86.Dartmouth Volleyball Club

The Club requests a project grant of \$4,000 to fully fund school gymnasium rentals for team practices and tournaments. This type of expenditure is considered (a) a recurring core operating cost and (b) the program does not fund events (Guidebook, p.13).

87.Diamond Dawgs Baseball Club

The Club request a grant of \$3,000 to fully fund the purchase of sports equipment for participants. This is not an equipment loan program: the items (cleats, helmet, glove) will be the personal property of the recipient. The Community Grants Program does not fund items for personal ownership (Guidebook, p.13).

88.Girl Guides of Nova Scotia Council/Bridgeview District

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase and install a storage shed to be located on the property of the Birch Cove Baptist Church. The applicant is not the property owner: leasehold improvements are not funded so the site work is ineligible but the shed itself is an eligible cost. Although there is no lease or license agreement indicated the asset may attract tax – the storage shed is not a congregational use and as such may not be exempt under Section 5(1) of the Assessment Act. The charitable registration number provided in the application is that of the Girl Guides of Canada: Quebec Council.

89.Girl Guides of Nova Scotia Council/Bedford District

A grant of \$2,500 is requested towards the purchase of camping equipment costing \$3,000. The charitable registration number provided in the application is that of the Girl Guides of Canada: Quebec Council.

90.Scouts Canada: Nova Scotia Council/28th Halifax Group

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the construction of a bridge to enhance access to a cabin located on land owned by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands & Forestry. The bridge is a fixed asset and the Community Grants Program does not fund leasehold improvements to private or government property (Guidebook, p.13).