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Halifax Regional Council
June 29, 2021

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: ORIGINAL SIGNED

Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Chair, Grants Committee

DATE: June 22, 2021

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program Fiscal Year 2021: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

June 21, 2021 meeting of the Grants Committee, Item 9.1.6.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

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It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve sixty-one (61) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the attached staff report dated May 20, 2021 (Attachment 1) for a combined total of \$479,646 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Grants Committee received a staff recommendation report dated May 20, 2021, at their June 21, 2021 meeting.

The Grants Committee reviewed the staff recommendation report and approved the recommendation as outlined in this report.

For further discussion on this item, refer to the attached staff report (Attachment 1) dated May 20, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are outlined in the attached staff report (Attachment 1) dated May 20, 2021.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk consideration is outlined in the attached staff report (Attachment 1) dated May 20, 2021.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The agenda and reports of the Grants Committee are posted on Halifax.ca, and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on Halifax.ca within three business days.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications are outlined in the attached staff report (Attachment 1) dated May 20, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee did not provide alternatives.

For further information on alternatives as it relates to this item, refer to the attached staff report (Attachment 1) dated May 20, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Report dated May 20, 2021

A copy of this report can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

Report Prepared by: Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant 902.483.2810

TO: Chair and Members of HRM Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED] **Original Signed**

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Crystal Nowlan, Acting Executive Director, Finance & Asset Management/CFO

DATE: May 20, 2021

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program Fiscal Year 2021: Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The Community Grants Program is an annual program of project-specific cash grants for eligible non-profit and charitable organizations located within the boundary of HRM. The 2021 program opened for applications in January and the submission deadline was March 31, 2021.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve sixty-one (61) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report for a combined total of \$479,646 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: (1) a Project Grant up to \$5,000 or (2) a Capital Grant up to \$25,000. An organization can apply for only one grant in any given year but may elect to make successive application. Multi-year awards are not issued under this program; the grants are project-specific (not operating grants).

DISCUSSION

The 2021 Community Grants Program received a total of 111 applications by or post-marked March 31, 2021. Twenty-one (21) of these applications have been deemed ineligible for consideration in this year's program, leaving almost \$850,000 in requests. This year's uptake is slightly higher than last year (90 applications) which was anticipated as the non-profit sector adjusts to the practical and financial impacts of the pandemic. Although some sectors received emergency government funding related to the COVID-19 emergency this financial assistance was not provided uniformly across all programs and services. Hence, the immediate and on-going impact of the pandemic differs across the region's non-profit and charitable sectors.

Overall, 61 grants were approved, which is nearly 70% of eligible requests. The average grant was \$7,900. A brief overview of the methodology and presentation of information is included as Attachment 1 and a description of the recommended awards is included as Attachment 2 of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The community grants program is funded through fiscal services.

Community Grants Program 2021 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (61)	<u>(479,646)</u>
Balance	<u>\$20,354</u>

RISK CONSIDERATION

The primary risks associated with cash grants are representational (accuracy of information), financial misappropriation or loss, and reputational risk to the Municipality. The following measures are aimed at reducing the risk of default:

- applicants are screened for debt to the Municipality;
- eligibility for further funding is suspended if an applicant has not submitted a final report by March 31 or reporting is incomplete for a prior year's award;

- any carry-forward of a grant to the following fiscal year to complete a project is limited to one (1) year and the organization's eligibility for further funding under the Community Grants Program is suspended over this same period; and
- perceived risk may be indicated by the descriptor "developmental grant" in cases where the applicant organization has no demonstrated record of program and/or service delivery or financial resources are modest.

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 Service Centres and the Corporate Call Centre. Legislation mandates that municipalities notify the public of all grants; this obligation is fulfilled in accordance with HRM's *Administrative Order 2019-007-ADM Respecting Public Disclosure of Municipal Grants*.

Formal reports are posted to the Municipality's web site under the respective committee and Regional Council meeting agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Grants Committee could make a different recommendation to Regional Council with respect to a particular grant application, amend the value of award or the terms and conditions recommended for funding, or refer an application to staff for further review.

A referral allows for reconsideration in relation to any balance remaining in the 2021 program budget. Given that all applications have been evaluated using the information provided by an applicant and any additional due diligence on the part of a reviewers, referrals are strengthened if a rationale is provided.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Overview of Review Methodology.
2. Recommended Awards: 2021 Community Grants Program.
 - (i) Award Recommendations.
 - (ii) Table 1. Award Recommendations in Relation to Prior Year Awards (2017-2020).
3. Not Recommended for Funding: 2021 Community Grants Program.
4. Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2021 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, Finance, 902.490.5469; Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Finance, 902.490.7310.

Overview of Review Methodology

Program Aims: As stated in the program guide, the program is primarily developmental with a focus on support to volunteer-led initiatives and organizational capacity-building (Guidebook, p.1). Presently, the Community Grants Program comprises eight (8) funding categories each with its own funding priorities. An organization is eligible for only one (1) grant in any fiscal year¹. A joint application between two or more organizations does not increase the maximum funding threshold.

Presentation of Information: The presentation of information by funding category includes reference to:

- type of registration (charity, society, cooperative etc);
- organization's purpose (mission) and type of program or service;
- entirely volunteer vs paid staff;
- revenue sources (self-sustained vs government operating assistance, including tax exemption by legislation or discretionary municipal tax relief);
- level of annual revenue based on financial statement for the prior year (Tier 1, 2, or 3); and
- a rationale for funding ("why?").

The term "Tier" refers to an organization's gross revenues in the prior fiscal year as presented in the financial statement provided with the grant application and excludes investments or reserve accounts:

- Tier 1 below \$50,000
- Tier 2 below \$250,000
- Tier 3 above \$250,000

Evaluation: 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 general, a score of 50/100 is considered a minimum funding threshold, but exceptions may be made for "developmental" awards as noted in the wording of the staff recommendation or relative to the balance remaining in the program's budget.

An evaluation score does not correspond to the value of any award recommended. In the event a reviewer declares a conflict of interest the file is reviewed by a colleague. Reviewers are expected to verify the information provided in the submission.

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 (for example, financing from other sources, permit approvals) and an assurance that the project can be completed in a timely manner.

Type of Grant: The program has two (2) types of grant: (1) a Project Grant of up to \$5,0000 and (2) a Capital Grant of up to \$25,000. The latter accommodates real property expenditures (i) the purchase of real estate, (ii) capital improvements to land or a building owned by the applicant, or (iii) the purchase of equipment costing over \$5,000 per item.

Due to the difference in funding threshold by type of grant, the combined value of awards by funding category will vary. Consequently, **the combined value of requests and/or proposed awards by funding category does not correlate with the number of applications or proposed awards.**

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

RECOMMENDED AWARDS: 2021 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.Coastal Voices Men’s Choir Association – Eastern Shore – Project Grant/Marketing

Formed in 2011 to promote male choral singing the Association draws its members primarily from the Eastern Shore area and performs in local community venues. The society is volunteer and self-sustained through membership dues, ticket sales, and fundraising. A grant of \$4,500 is requested to fully fund a marketing campaign including two concerts featuring an original arrangement to encourage new and returning members after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID-19. This project meets the category’s funding priorities in supporting non-professional arts and the inclusion of small rural communities. ***A grant of \$4,500 is recommended to fund a self-promotional campaign.***

2.L’Association Les Voix d’Acadie – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing

The Association is a registered Canadian charity sustained by membership fees, concert ticket sales and occasional project-specific grants. This francophone community choir promotes “the culture of choral and francophone singing” including individuals seeking to improve their proficiency in the French language and exposure to Acadian and francophone culture. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production of a self-promotional video to raise public awareness and expand the membership (total \$6,000). The Association’s contribution of \$1,000 towards media and online publicity is confirmed. The presentation of cultural identity and language through the arts aligns with the category’s funding priorities. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the production of a self-promotional video.***

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

The society is self-sustained by volunteers, membership dues, and fundraising through an annual *Quilt Show and Sale*. Members are primarily seniors who meet for monthly group sewing sessions. Participants also create quilts to donate or sell to raise money for charity. A recent estate donation has created a need for on-site storage and a grant of \$1,000 is requested for the purchase of a storage cabinet and small equipment (total \$1,300). The Lawrencetown Community Centre has approved minor alterations to the hall’s coat room to accommodate this equipment. The Guild’s contribution is confirmed. Quilting and sewing have traditionally been regarded as an adjunct to women’s domestic role: the preservation of these skills and their application in support of charitable causes is supported through modest municipal funding. ***A grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of storage equipment.***

4.Passage Players Society – Eastern Passage – Project Grant/Capacity Building

Established in 2015, the Society is a community-based non-professional theatre group administered by volunteers and sustained primarily by ticket sales and membership dues. A grant of \$1,500 is requested towards artists’ fees to host instructional workshops for members of the Society in various aspects of theatre (writing, directing, acting, administration) at a total cost of \$2,200. The application lacked sufficient detail regarding any workshop schedule, cost-recovery, or the selection of instructors. Funding is recommended to support organizational capacity building. The applicant will be referred to staff for

assistance with any future application. ***A developmental grant of \$1,500 is recommended towards organizational capacity building.***

5. MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Program Expansion

The society is a registered Canadian charity sustained by government grants, donations, and partial municipal tax relief. The focus of programming is to engage youth, notably those that are disengaged from school or isolated, in life-long learning through the arts. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the development of a new web site to encourage the participation of youth in online programming. The value of grant has been moderated to remove the annual web site domain hosting fee. ***A grant of \$4,500 is recommended towards web site upgrades to expand virtual arts-based learning opportunities for youth.***

6. Sheet Harbour Radio Society – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Equipment

Established in 2016, this Society is exclusively volunteer-led and operates a community radio station funded by paid advertising, sponsorship, fundraising, and in-kind contributions. A grant of \$8,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a shipping container that will be adapted to serve as a broadcast studio. The Society's volunteers will provide in-kind labour and materials to fit-up the interior. Written confirmation from the landowner commits to the execution of a land lease agreement should the project proceed. This expenditure is not considered a leasehold improvement because the structure can be moved/re-located and at present there is no associated underground infrastructure (well or septic). ***A grant of \$8,000 is recommended, subject to confirmation of by-law compliance and applicable permits, to fund the purchase of a shipping container for conversion into a venue for 94.7FM community radio.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Recreation category to Arts & Crafts based on programming content. In general, broadcasting is recognized as a cultural industry and included in statistical surveys on investment in cultural practices or arts.

Tier 2

7. Cole Harbour Woodside United Church – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Theatre Production

The church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational giving and fundraising. As a place of worship, the property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. The congregation's experience in theatre is limited to dinner theatre fundraisers but a grant of \$4,959 is requested to fully fund the purchase of equipment (stage ramp, small lights and microphones) and sets/costumes for a play, *Who-Buddy Are You?* written by parishioner Jill Brogan, to be performed by and for children and youth. The play begins with a clear distinction between the "Some-Buddies" and the "No-Buddies" who are regarded as less than equal. By the play's conclusion the characters recognize that "Every-Buddy" is really the same despite differences in appearance or ability. This production examines diversity and inclusion through an art medium and actively engages children and youth of various abilities and backgrounds in presentation. The performances will be free to the public ***A grant of \$3,500 is recommended to fund the presentation of the play Who-Buddy Are You?***

Note: This application was re-assigned from Diversity & Inclusion to Arts & Crafts based on the nature of the project.

8. Deanery Project Co-Operative Limited – Lower Ship Harbour – Project Grant/Building Upgrade

The cooperative own and operate an environmental learning centre that derives its revenues primarily from project-specific grants, workshop fees, facility rentals, and donations. HRM provides annual tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the conversion of unused space to create a digital studio for use by professional and non-professional practitioners ("...teachers, entrepreneurs, researchers, professional artists, and learners"). Application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage and Brilliant Labs for audio-visual equipment costing \$10,000. Access

to this new amenity is not well demonstrated (for example, hourly studio rental rates or instructional fees) and the functionality of the space unconfirmed in the absence of any secured funding for equipment. Notwithstanding this limitation, funding is recommended in support of expanding arts production amenities in rural communities. ***A project grant of \$5,000 is recommended for interior upgrades to accommodate the development of a digital media space.***

9. In My Own Voice Arts Association – Halifax – Project Grant/Community Engagement

The Association uses arts-based programming to foster the engagement, empowerment and reintegration of youth. Operations are sustained by funding from the provincial and federal governments and donated space within the Metropolitan Housing Authority's premises located in Halifax. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for professional fees to engage residents of Uniacke Square and artists in the concept/plan to convert a portion of the North End Parent Resource Centre into a permanent art gallery (total cost \$15,000). The project meets HRM's funding priorities in terms of youth engagement, innovative presentation techniques, and inclusion. Adaptation of a laundromat for art viewing reduces attitudinal barriers (persons/youth may be intimidated by institutional venues) and enhances affordability. The venue is also accessible by public transit. ***A project grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards planning the establishment of a permanent art gallery in Uniacke Square, Halifax.***

10. Upper Hammonds Plains Community Centre Association – Upper Hammonds Plains – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

The society is entirely volunteer and own and operate the former volunteer fire station that served as the first Black volunteer fire department in Canada. The Association's operations are sustained by program fees and project-specific grants. The property is partially exempt under HRM's tax relief program. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to make upgrades to the former garage to install new heating, plumbing, and an accessible washroom (total \$28,750 HST included). The Association's contribution of \$3,750 is confirmed. The building is to be re-named the *Elizabeth Mantley Arts and Recreation Centre* in honor of the resident who donated land for the fire station and will include murals and static displays depicting local and Canadian Black history. The project furthers the funding category's priorities in terms of cultural self-representation and arts-related community amenities. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the establishment of a youth arts facility in Upper Hammonds Plains.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Recreation category to Arts & Crafts based on the facility's focus on youth arts programming.

Tier 3

11. Atlantic Jewish Council – Regional – Capital Grant/Sculpture

The Council is incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature and is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to provide cultural and recreational camps. The Council is self-sustained by program fees, donations, bequests and an endowment fund. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the commission of an original bronze sculpture, *Honoring Ruth* by artist Morgan MacDonald, commemorating the late Ruth Goldbloom (1923-2012) to be installed outside the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Halifax (total cost \$157,550). The Council has initiated a fundraising campaign and made application to Arts Nova Scotia (Commissioning Grant), the Halifax Foundation, and CN Rail (Strong Communities Fund). This original work of art recognizes the civic and philanthropic accomplishments of a local resident, the daughter of Russian Jewish immigrants who entered Canada through Pier 21, whose philanthropic work supported health, education and cultural pursuits in the region and championed recognition for the contributions of immigrants. This project realizes a permanent art installation in the public realm. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the commission of an original sculpture honoring the civic contributions of Ruth Goldbloom.***

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.

Tier 1

12.Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project Society – Provincial – Project Grant/Equipment

The Society is entirely volunteer and sustained by membership dues, fundraising, and small non-recurring grants. The organization advocates for the inclusion of the 2SLGBTQI++ community and delivers training to a wide variety of groups, businesses, and institutions. A grant of \$4,838.07 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two laptops, software, and a wireless/portable microphone system to enhance the quality and efficiency of public/group presentations. ***A grant of \$4,838 is recommended for the purchase of equipment to support public diversity and inclusion training.***

Tier 2

13.Nova Scotia Sea School - Provincial - Project Grant/Program Expansion

The society is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is the promotion of sailing/boating as a means for youth (ages 12-19) to acquire knowledge and skills related to seafaring and wilderness education. The principle source of revenue is tuition fees supplemented by provincial grants, the United Way of Halifax, and donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the launch of a new program for newcomers in collaboration with Immigrant Services Nova Scotia. Costs for the 10-day program include transportation and equipment (total \$18,532 including “administration and staff training”). Due to the recurring nature of the program, a one-time grant is recommended. Funding from the United Way of Halifax (\$2,500) and the Halifax Youth Foundation (\$3,500) is confirmed. The approach fosters collaboration with an established charity serving immigrants, migrants, and refugees. ***A one-time grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the launch of a pilot project for immigrant youth.***

14.St. Margaret’s Bay Community Transportation Society – St. Margaret’s Bay – Project Grant/Marketing

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides a community-based transportation service in the St. Margaret’s Bay area sustained by an operating grant from the HRM Rural Transit Grants Program, provincial funding, fares and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund consultant fees to develop a marketing plan to increase ridership. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fund a marketing plan for the Bayrides rural transit service.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Leisure category to Diversity & Inclusion based on the provision of community transit in rural areas for lower income individuals and families including persons with special needs (the Society’s fleet includes two accessible passenger vans).

Tier 3

15.Cheema Aquatic Club – Waverley/Fall River – Capital Grant/Accessibility

The Club provides recreational and competitive paddling and kayaking for its members augmented by summer camps and instructional programs for non-members. The Club is sustained by membership fees and after school programming, special events, and non-recurring project-specific grants. Government assistance includes a provincial less than market value land lease and municipal tax relief. Over the past five (5) years the Club has realized approximately \$120,000 in upgrades to amenities to serve a both users and spectators. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a wheelchair lift for the boathouse to enable access for participants in para-paddling programs for persons with a disability (total cost \$30,000). The Club’s contribution is confirmed. Funding is recommended based on the Club’s investment and strategic planning. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards***

the purchase and installation of an exterior wheelchair lift to enable participation in adaptive paddling and kayaking programs.

16.Club Inclusion – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club is a registered Canadian charity primarily serving persons with a cognitive, physical or learning disability and mental health consumers through various recreational and social programs. Fees are nominal and financial assistance is available for those unable to pay. The Club's operations are funded through provincial government funding, the United Way of Halifax, program fees, donations and fundraising. A grant of \$3,945.45 is requested to fully fund the purchase of exercise equipment in support of a *Use the Gym* fitness program. Although the equipment itself is not adaptive, the organization primarily serves persons with special needs who may face barriers to full participation in community activities. ***A grant of \$3,500 is recommended towards the purchase of exercise equipment for a fitness program for persons with special needs.***

17.Elizabeth Fry Society of Mainland Nova Scotia – Dartmouth – Project Grant/

The Society is a registered Canadian charity serving women in conflict with the law. The organization is sustained by government grants, the United Way of Halifax, rental revenue, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for an upgrade to the Society's web site for the launch of a new *Abundance Program*¹ which combines online learning with practical instruction. The program addresses the over-representation of Indigenous and African Nova Scotia individuals among incarcerated populations and barriers to reintegration into the social and economic community. The project's goal is to launch a 6-month series of modules aimed at supporting personal wellness, digital literacy, and employment readiness. The web site will sell products created by program participants, as applicable, and goods donated to the Society that might otherwise be directed to a thrift store with the aim of diversifying the Society's revenues. Funding is recommended to support the life skills element of the program, organizational capacity building, and a supervised peer group venue that may help counter the social isolation/stigma associated with release or parole. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the launch of a new program supporting the reintegration of former female offenders into the social and economic fabric of the community.***

18.We Care Developmental Day Care Centre – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Centre is a registered Canadian charity that *exclusively* serves children with a developmental disability requiring specialized professional services and a low teacher/child ratio. Operations rely upon service fees, grants, fundraising, and a less than market value lease with St. Paul's Home². A grant of \$3,065.50 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a mobility device (ages 1-4 years). ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended for the purchase of a specialized device for children with mobility challenges.***

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

¹ The project will partner with the Ulnooweg Education Centre who have developed and deliver educational and employment enrichment programs for Indigenous women and youth under the name Ulnooweg Digital Mi'kmaq.

² St. Paul's Home is incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature; its property holdings are leased at no/nominal cost to charitable organizations serving children and youth.

for the homeless or a food bank), and specific standards required of EMO comfort centres recognized by HRM Fire & Emergency Services.

Tier 1

19. Halifax Amateur Radio Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club is sustained by membership dues and fundraising with occasional project specific grants. HRM Fire/EMO also provides space in an HRM-owned facility under a Memorandum of Understanding whereby club members provide field communications when deployed. A grant of \$4,900 is requested to fully fund the replacement of laptop computers whose operating systems are outdated and small specialized equipment³ for “go-to kits” that enhance response times. The on-call capacity of volunteer radio operators and specialized equipment enhances HRM’s EMO capacity. ***A grant of \$4,900 is recommended to enhance EMO deployment planning and response capability.***

20. Westend Community Food Bank Association – Halifax Area – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2019, the society operates a weekly food bank serving an average of approximately 60 households. Operations are entirely volunteer and sustained by Feed Nova Scotia, corporate and individual donations, and in-kind assistance from the provincial government (premises leased from Housing Nova Scotia). Although listed on the 211 help-line which has a broad clientele, the food bank primarily serves residents of Fairview, Clayton Park, Windsor Park, and North End Halifax. A grant of \$4,669 is requested to fully fund the purchase of storage equipment to help sort, store and transport donated/purchased food items. ***A grant of \$4,669 is recommended for the purchase of food storage equipment for a community food bank.***

Tier 2

21. Brunswick Street Mission/Trustees of Brunswick Street United Church: – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Mission is an outreach of the Brunswick Street United Church and 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 do not have a bank account. The Mission is sustained by the Church, donations and fundraising. As a place of worship, the building is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. In 2020, the charity started a major refurbishment project estimated to cost approximately \$200,000. As part of that larger project, a grant of \$4,777.04 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of laundry appliances. Access to laundry facilities represents a niche service lacking for the homeless and individuals or families renting low-cost accommodations. ***A grant of \$4,777 is recommended towards establishing laundry amenities serving the homeless and lower income individuals accessing services at the Brunswick Street Mission.***

Tier 3

22. Chebucto Community Development Association – Spryfield/Sambro Loop – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that provides educational enhancement programs, networking and referral services, and a food program for lower income households. The society relies upon core funding from the United Way of Halifax but almost 80% of its revenues support educational enrichment which is dependent upon annual funding from the federal Pathways to Education Canada Program. A grant of \$3,518.10 is requested to fully fund the purchase of point of sale hardware and

³ Antenna analyzers test, recalibrate, and repair antenna and “feed lines” used in the pre-deployment and testing phase of a communications plan to respond to a system failure.

reloadable gift cards⁴ for a bi-weekly food security program supported by the United Way and Community Food Centres Canada. The service includes home delivery as required. The point-of-sale equipment adds dignity, convenience, and choice for service users and expands capacity for home deliveries. **A grant of \$3,500 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of small equipment/client cards for community food bank.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category to Emergency Assistance under which food banks and community-based emergency feeding programs are a funding priority.

23.Home of the Guardian Angel – Spryfield – Project Grant/Marketing

The Home of the Guardian Angel is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to enhance the quality of life for parents and children with a focus on single-parent, birth and adoptive families. A significant portion of the society's revenue is provided by the Province of Nova Scotia, notably for free home daycare, parenting, and health education programs. In addition to these core programs the *Chebucto Family Centre* assists lower income individuals through a food bank and community meals. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees to refresh the society's web page (total \$6,000). Although the Centre's focus is not primarily emergency assistance (food security) partial funding is recommended towards enhancing access to information, fundraising, and recruiting a more diversified Board of Directors. **A grant of \$3,500 is recommended towards a web site upgrade.**

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

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

The society provides a shared online platform for approximately 30 environmental groups and individual members aimed at engaging the public and government in environmental conservation. Currently, the organization is entirely volunteer and sustained by membership dues and donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of small audio-visual equipment and production fees to be used in the creation of online podcasts featuring notable community leaders in the environmental sector and the organization's accomplishments. Funding is recommended based on an inability to self-fund. **A developmental grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards organizational capacity building.**

25.Williams Lake Conservation Company – Purcell's Cove/Spryfield – Project Grant/Public Education

Formed in 1968, the society's aim is the protection of the Williams Lake watershed. This volunteer organization is sustained by membership fees and donations. A grant of \$2,061.44 is requested to fund a survey of nesting and migratory birds – Sparrow Hawks and Doves Project - in the Purcell's Cove Backlands the results of which will be disseminated using a laminated printed and online guide and self-guided walking tours. The society will seek collaboration with members of the Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield Society and the Backland Coalition. The applicant's contribution of \$240 is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended to support organizational capacity building through collaboration. **A grant of \$2,060 is recommended towards development of a wildlife education project.**

⁴ The pre-paid cards are loaded by the Association and this recurring cost was not included in the grant request – the purchase is for the "blanks".

Tier 2

26.Akoma Holdings Incorporated – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Community Garden Upgrade

Operations are primarily self-sustaining through rental income, donations, project-specific grants, and partial municipal tax relief. The former Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children had a working farm from 1929 to 1966. In 2011, the *Old Home Community Garden* was reestablished⁵ and has grown to serve a diverse population of users in terms of age, ability, and ethnocultural identity (averaging 40-50 participants per season). Many users do not have their own transportation and travel to the site on public transit and spend significant portion of the day outdoors. In 2020, a greenhouse was added which expands seasonal opportunities but there is no outdoor washroom or a place to eat lunch or shelter in inclement weather. A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested towards the construction of a washroom/lunchroom (total \$24,214.17). Funding from the Black Business Initiative and Akoma is confirmed. ***A grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards the construction of an outdoor washroom/shelter for a community garden.***

Note: this application was re-assigned from the Leisure category based on the project's function in relation to food production and, for some participants, gardening might aid in reducing food insecurity.

27.Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/ Survey

The Chamber's mission is to advance economic and business development in the area through networking and advocacy. Revenues are primarily membership dues and workshops. The society is supported by HRM through a less than market value lease and partial tax relief⁶. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards (i) a marine geological survey to identify debris and map the remnants of a former wharf and (ii) a hydrographic survey of adjacent land to confirm if the site is suitable for development as a marina. The total cost is \$15,000 of which \$10,000 has been committed from the HRM District Capital Fund. Funding is recommended because the collection of accurate data exceeds the capacity of volunteers and equipment resources. However, initial funding to assess project viability does not infer a commitment to future grants or contributions to a commercial venture⁷. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards service fees to undertake an underwater geological survey and land-based hydrological survey.***

Tier 3

28.Lakecity Employment Services Association – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Community Garden

The Association is a registered Canadian charity whose main objective is assisting mental health consumers with employment. Operations are sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, earned revenues from product sales, and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards establishing a community garden (total \$9,475). The location is to the rear of the manufacturing facility where a mini home has been constructed for demonstration purposes around which a flower and vegetable garden will be constructed. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. Funding is recommended to support program expansion for persons with special needs. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards establishing a garden for mental health consumers.***

29.Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing

⁵ In 2015, the assets of the former Home for Colored Children were transferred to Akoma Holdings Inc.

⁶ Tax relief is in relation to the operation of a community museum at this location by the Sheet Harbour & Area Heritage Society.

⁷ The Community Grants Program does not fund economic/business development.

The Society is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to prevent cruelty to animals. Operations are sustained by strong donations and fundraising, shelter fees, service fees and government contracts, including municipal. HRM also provides tax relief for two (2) properties owned by the Society. A grant of \$4,180.75 is requested to fully fund a Trap, Neuter and Release (“TNR”) campaign targeting suburban communities using print and radio media. The value of award has been moderated to remove administrative overhead (a recurring operating expense). The nature of the program aligns with the Municipality’s role in animal control. ***A grant of \$3,800 is recommended towards expansion of a Trap, Neuter and Release marketing campaign.***

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

30.Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Project Grant/Feasibility Study

The Association’s mission is to preserve the history of health sciences in Nova Scotia, notably medicine, nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy. The society is entirely volunteer with modest membership dues. Presently, artefacts and documents are stored and displayed in various institutional locations with limited public awareness or access. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund a 4-year strategic plan by ATN Consulting Incorporated aimed at making the collections held by member groups more accessible. Funding is recommended in support of organizational development. ***A developmental grant of \$5,000 is recommended to support organizational capacity building.***

31.Friends of the Public Gardens – Halifax – Project Grant/Public Education (Registered Heritage Site)

The Friends of the Public Gardens is a registered Canadian charity whose purpose is the protection and presentation of the *Halifax Public Gardens* (c.1874) and immediate vicinity. The property is an HRM-owned heritage site. The society is entirely volunteer and relies on donations, membership dues, and project-specific grants. In 2020, the society extended its stewardship role to include Camp Hill Cemetery and completed a web-based audio tour featuring notable persons interred in this historic site (c.1844). A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards sound/production fees to develop a second audio tour focused on notable military personnel (\$5,700). Content will be developed in collaboration with volunteers from the Halifax Military History Preservation Society. Application has also been made to the Halifax Foundation (\$5,750) towards brochures and signage alerting the public of this free interpretive element for both the Halifax Public Gardens and Camp Hill Cemetery. Full funding recommended based on free public access and interpretation of historic sites with high visitation. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the production of a self-guided audio tour.***

32.Waverley Heritage Society – Waverley – Project Grant/Interpretation

The Society’s volunteers maintain a small community museum in a registered heritage property located in the heart of Waverley supported by project-specific government grants, fundraising, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$4,000 is requested to fully fund a project exploring the Indigenous presence in the Waverley area and address an inclusivity gap in the museum’s displays and community engagement. In consultation with the Nova Scotia Museum and the Mi’kmaq Debart Cultural Centre the content of the permanent Mi’kmaq endorsed display will acknowledge and celebrate the local and broader story of

Mi'kmaq history⁸. The project includes a reconciliation ceremony. Gerald Goade, curator of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre and professional artist, will be retained to provide technical guidance and provide design/illustration services. This collaborative project heightens public awareness of the importance of Indigenous culture in the region, fosters self-representation, and acknowledges an historical omission in conventional/dominant historical narratives. **A grant of \$4,000 is recommended to establish a permanent display recognizing the Indigenous history of the Waverley area.**

Tier 2

33. Genuine Progress Index Atlantic Society – St. Margaret's Bay – Project Grant/Public Education

GPI is a registered Canadian charity sustained by contract fees and government grants. The organization's principle activities are in education and research, including international development and intergenerational storytelling. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the *Put Us on the Map Please* a collaborative project with local organizations, notably the St. Margaret's Bay Community Enterprise Centre, to create an interactive online map of stories depicting the settlement and history of the area augmented by podcasts, social media, and community radio (total cost \$15,000). The project includes oral storytelling by seniors living in the area. The grant is to be used for the purchase of a GIS program, professional fees for web site design and videography. Additional funds have been requested from the federal government's Healthy Communities Program (unconfirmed) and \$3,000 assigned from a federal Seniors New Horizons grant (confirmed). Funding is recommended to support an inter-generational community-based research project and representation of local village history. **A grant of \$5,000 recommended towards an interactive map of the St. Margaret's Bay area with a focus on settlement, oral history, and socio-cultural diversity.**

34. Victoria Road United Baptist Church/Parish of Christ Church – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Commemoration (Registered Heritage Properties)

This is a joint application between two organizations, both of which are registered Canadian charities sustained by congregational giving and exempt property tax under the *Assessment Act*. The project addresses an historical injustice to former Black residents of Crichton Avenue, Dartmouth. In the process of researching persons of historical interest interred in the church cemetery volunteers from Christ Church located a thesis by Adrienne Sehatzadeh "*Survival of an African Nova Scotian Community: Up the Avenue Revisited*" (Dalhousie University, 1998) which references a burial site that formed part of the original "Colored Meeting House" property⁹. Evidence provided by this academic research, historical maps, and archival documents confirm that remains from the original cemetery were reinterred in Christ Church cemetery in 1977 due to the expropriation of land for a townhouse development. A grant of \$4,839 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a granite plinth to recognize and memorialize deceased family members of the local African Nova Scotian community. This collaborative project heightens public awareness of the important role African Nova Scotian residents played in the history of Dartmouth and the wider Nova Scotian community. **A grant of \$4,839 is recommended to fund the purchase and installation of a memorial plaque recognizing the burial site of members of the Victoria Road United Baptist Church reinterred in the Christ Church Cemetery, Dartmouth.**

⁸ The project is informed by the Canadian Association of University Teachers *Guide to Acknowledging First Peoples and Traditional Territory* and instruction in ethical guidelines delivered by the Association of Nova Scotia Museums.

⁹ In 1844, the first African Nova Scotian church in Dartmouth was founded by Rev. Richard Preston located on Crichton Avenue, Dartmouth. The current Victoria Road United Baptist Church was originally the Sunday School structure on the Christ Church property.

Tier 3

35. Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers – Halifax – Project Grant/Interpretation (Registered Heritage Property)

Founded in 1938 to make horse-riding accessible to children and youth living in urban Halifax, the club has occupied the HRM-owned Bell Road stables since 1942. In addition to a less than market value lease and municipal tax relief, the Club's operations are supported by tuition fees and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards (i) two interpretive panels which highlight the club's history and (ii) safety signage. The total cost is \$16,220.75 and the applicant's contribution of \$11,220.75 is confirmed but focuses primarily on safety signage (warnings regarding feeding or petting the horses). Because the site is a registered heritage property HRM Planning & Development approval is included with the submission but will require further review once fabrication and placement are confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for two (2) interpretive panels. Holdback pending HRM permit approval.***

36. Parish of St. George Anglican Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Repair (National Historic Site)

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 grant of \$25,000 is requested towards repairs/upgrades to two (2) registered heritage properties owned by the Parish: (i) repair, painting and modification to storm windows at St. George's Church (c.1800) costing \$21,825 and (ii) interior repairs to the Little Dutch Church bell tower (c.1756) for re-installation of the original bell costing \$5,510. The applicant's contribution of \$6,435 is confirmed and Heritage Planner approval included with the application. Full funding for one element (the Little Dutch Church bell tower) is recommended based on prior capital grants¹⁰ and in relation to demand for capital grants for registered heritage properties. The applicant's contribution could be directed towards the larger storm window element and phased as funds permit. ***A grant of \$5,500 is recommended for the re-installation of the original bell in the Little Dutch Church.***

37. Parish of St. John the Evangelist Church – Middle Sackville – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement (Registered Heritage Property)

The Church is a religious organization and a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational giving, strong fundraising, and project-specific grants. As a place of worship, the Church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards siding, insulation, fascia board replacement, and guttering (total \$58,880). The property is a registered heritage building (c.1829) and siding material/color has been approved by HRM Planning & Development. Funding is recommended towards siding to reduce the cost of re-painting the current wood shingles at 5-year intervals and to improve water tightness/heat retention. Other elements of the proposed capital improvements could be phased as funds permit. ***A grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards siding the St. John the Evangelist Church.***

38. Presbyterian Church of St. David – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Restoration (Registered Heritage Property)

The Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational giving, rent from an annual land lease, and investments. As a place of worship, the church is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a restoration project encompassing repairs to brick masonry, window frames and stained-glass, interior walls damaged by water seepage at an estimated total cost \$359,000. The property is a registered heritage building (c.1868-69) and the proposed work has been approved by HRM Planning & Development. A grant of \$25,000 is

¹⁰ In 2019 the Parish received a \$25,000 capital grant towards restoration of the Little Dutch Church stone wall and \$25,000 in 2020 towards roof repairs to St. George's Round Church.

recommended towards exterior parging and selective masonry repairs to the South wall of the church to prevent further water damage. Funding in the amount of \$13,000 from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage is confirmed. Funding requests to the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia (\$2,000) and the Halifax Foundation (\$2,000) are unconfirmed as of the date of application. The Church's contribution of \$111,000 is confirmed but is not specific to the exterior wall repair and includes window and stained-glass repairs. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards exterior wall repairs to the Presbyterian Church of St. David.***

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

39.Lamplight Housing Co-operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repair

Incorporated in 1980, the cooperative owns a portfolio of seven (7) properties representing 24 rental units in Halifax. Operations are sustained by rent payments and partial HRM tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to repair a fire exit/balcony to the rear of premises located on South Park Street, Halifax (total \$28,000). The applicant's contribution of \$3,000 is confirmed. Funding is recommended based on financial capacity: this repair represents almost 60% of the organization's capital reserve. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended for the replacement of fire escape/balcony for two affordable housing units.***

Tier 3

40.YWCA Halifax – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Repair

The YWCA is incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature and is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The organization is also a registered Canadian charity sustained by government operating assistance and grants, program fees, and earned revenues. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards roof repairs (\$43,514). A grant of \$15,000 from the Reaching Home Investments Program and \$2,764 in federal government assistance is confirmed. This facility provides individual support services in addition to affordable transitional accommodations. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards a replacement roof for a facility serving young mothers.***

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 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

41.Chezzetcook & District Lions Club – Head of Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Established in 1984, the Club's small membership raises funds for community initiatives and makes its clubhouse available for rentals and an HRM comfort centre. Operations rely on fundraising, municipal tax relief, and non-recurring grants, A grant of \$23,888.42 is requested to remodel and equip the kitchen to increase rental revenues (total \$25,240.82). Although elements of this project (designated sinks and a

commercial grade dishwasher) are required for a food establishment permit most of the expenditures would be for re-modelling cabinetry, the purchase of appliances and a kitchen cart. Partial funding is recommended to meet food safety standards and functionality; the project could be phased as funds permit. **A grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards community hall upgrades.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety because the provision of food services is not a requirement of a municipal comfort centre as confirmed by HRM Fire and Emergency Services.

42. Eastern Shore Wildlife Association – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/Campground Upgrade

The Association's purpose is habitat protection in support of angling and outdoor pursuits. Operations are sustained by volunteers and seasonal campground rentals. HRM provides annual tax relief. The Association's building is used for hourly rentals and meetings by assorted local groups and residents. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to grade and landscape a portion of the site for overnight trailer rentals to broaden market appeal. The Association's contribution of \$2,000 is confirmed. Funding is recommended in support of expanding facility use. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards campground upgrades.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Recreation category based on the largely passive nature of the activity (overnight accommodations for recreational vehicles).

43. Estabrooks Community Hall – Lewis Lake – Project Grant/Site Upgrade

The former fire station donated to the society by HRM has been re-purposed for use as a community hall sustained by rentals for social and leisure activities, small events, and meetings. HRM provides annual tax relief. A grant of \$10,000 is requested to fully fund landscaping, benches, painting an exterior wall for outdoor film screenings, and the purchase and installation of a fire pit. Partial funding is recommended for landscaping to improve the facility's utility for outdoor events. Other elements could be added as funds permit. The society will be referred to staff for assistance with any future funding application. **A grant of \$7,000 is recommended towards landscaping a portion of the Estabrooks Community Hall site.**

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Recreation category based on the largely physically passive nature of the proposed activities (outdoor film screening and social events).

44. Lemmon Hill Sports Association - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Association own a small hall used primarily by members of the PUMA ATV Club with occasional use by small community groups from the area. This volunteer group is self-funded through fundraising and rentals. A grant of \$15,000 is requested for the replacement of the shingle roof with metal cladding (\$18,800). The Association's contribution of \$2,500 is confirmed. Although the location is not easily accessed by members of the public, the hall does serve a small, remote catchment area with limited outdoor amenities. Funding is recommended based on the group's inability to proceed without financial assistance but moderated based on the lowest quote. **A grant of \$10,000 towards a clubhouse roof upgrade is recommended conditional upon submission of proof of insurance.**

45. Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department – Meagher's Grant – Capital Grant/Equipment

Originally, a volunteer fire service the station portion of the premises is now leased to HRM Fire & Emergency Services (Station #36) and the society operate the small hall annex for events, social and leisure activities, and private rentals. As an active fire station, the property is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$10,000 is requested towards the purchase of a shipping container and shelving for storage (total \$12,529.22). Partial funding is recommended - while the durability of a metal container may be cost-effective as compared to a less expensive prefabricated wooden or plastic structure, the society's financial statements indicates an ability to contribute a larger percentage of costs. **A grant of \$8,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a shipping container for storage subject to confirmation of by-law compliance and applicable permits.**

46. Portland Hills and Estates Residents Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Association's membership are primarily homeowners and residents of Portland Estates, Portland Hills, and Russell Lake West whose volunteers advocate for the establishment and maintenance of public amenities and environmental resources within the area (trails, parks, waterways). The Association also hosts small community events and supports the 1st Portland Estates Scouts. The society relies on volunteers, fundraising and occasional grants. A grant of \$21,272 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a shipping container, fit-up, and minor landscaping located on an HRM public parking lot at the Portland Hills soccer field. The goal is to establish "a dedicated Scout base of operations" for storing assorted outdoor equipment plus the Association's inventory of signage, costumes, sound equipment etc. Partial funding is recommended based on the limited use of the amenity and to encourage fundraising or application to non-municipal sources. ***A grant of \$8,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a storage shipping container. If approved, funds will be held back pending the execution of an agreement with HRM Parks & Recreation, including insurance, and confirmation of by-law compliance, applicable permits, and an ability to proceed with the project in 2021.***

47. Royal Canadian Legion: Eastern Marine Branch #161/Nova Scotia and Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – Gaetz Brook – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Legion is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada and exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The Legion hall is sustained by bar sales, hourly rentals, and gaming. A grant of \$4,460 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a commercial dishwasher to replace a domestic model purchased last year that does not meet the requirements for an "eating establishment". The provision of food services, including a dishwasher, is not a requirement of a municipal comfort centre as confirmed by HRM Fire & Emergency Services,¹¹ therefore partial funding is recommended. ***A grant of \$2,230 is recommended towards the purchase of a commercial grade dishwasher.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety because the provision of food services is not a requirement of a municipal comfort centre as confirmed by HRM Fire/EMO.

48. Waverley Amateur Athletic Association – Waverley – Project Grant/Equipment

The society provides stewardship for the provincially-owned *Waverley Sports Park*, a portion of which is used by HRM for a baseball field. The park is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The Association's revenues are modest but the source unspecified in the financial statement provided. A grant of \$10,000 is requested towards the purchase of assorted picnic tables, benches and chairs, garden bed kits and raised planters (total \$17,000+HST)¹². This request does not qualify as a capital grant: the cost is a function of numerous items none of which cost over \$5,000. HRM funding in the amount of \$5,000 (District Capital Fund) and the Association's contribution of \$2,000 are confirmed. Partial funding for the purchase of adaptive furnishings is recommended: other products could be purchased as funds permit. The applicant will be referred to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage whose annual grant programs include recreation and accessibility. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of outdoor adaptive furnishings for the Waverley Sports Park.***

¹¹ Previous capital funding - \$10,000 for an emergency generator (2017), \$17,000 for washroom accessibility (2018), and \$7,300 for access door for wheelchair ramp (2020) - were all directly related to the operation of a comfort centre and awarded under the Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety category.

¹² These products are a joint venture between Goodwood Plastics and Lake City Employment Services Association whereby the business converts recycled plastic into plastic "lumber" which is then fabricated into outdoor furniture and sold by the charity.

Tier 3

49.Old School Community Gathering Place Co-Operative Limited – Musquodoboit Harbour – Project Grant/Signage

The cooperative is also a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a community hall that provides assorted leisure and instructional programming for various ages and abilities. Although most revenues are employment-related and project-specific government grants, fundraising and hall rentals are strong. HRM provides annual tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the construction and installation of on-site exterior signage to increase visibility. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards signage for the Old School Gathering Place.***

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

50.Prospect Peninsula Residents' Association – Prospect – Project Grant/Amenity Repairs

In 2002, the Association assumed ownership of the government wharf to maintain public access. The society is self-funded primarily through an annual lobster supper fundraiser and entirely volunteer. HRM assists with operating costs through annual tax relief. A grant of \$4,418.55 is requested to fully fund repairs to stabilize the wharf and ensure safe use (replace corroded ladder rungs and rotten wooden stairs and crossbeams). This amenity is an important cultural and recreational feature of the village waterfront and available to the general public at no cost. ***A grant of \$4,418 is recommended for repairs to the Prospect Village wharf.***

51.Roots and Boots Forest School Society – Upper Tantallon – Project Grant/Equipment

Formed in 2020, the Society generates revenue through outdoor recreation camps for children ages 3-12 in July and August in *Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park*. A grant of \$3,635 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two canoes, paddles, and safety gear to expand canoeing activities. ***A grant of \$3,635 is recommended for the purchase of equipment for an outdoor education program.***

52.Sackville Chebucto Athletic Club – Sackville – Project Grant/Equipment

Formed in 1976, the Club provides instruction and competition in track and field. The organization is entirely volunteer and relies on membership dues for its operations. The Club trains at the HRM-owned *Metropolitan Field*. In 2020, a small building located at this venue was destroyed by fire resulting in the loss of the Club's uninsured equipment inventory. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of replacement equipment. The Club will undertake fundraising for the balance of approximately \$27,000. Full funding is recommended to assist in the resumption of programming. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of track and field equipment.***

53.St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club is entirely volunteer and has operated out of HRM-owned lawn bowls green adjacent to the *St. Mary's Boat Club* and public parking. In 2020, the Club entered into a less than market value lease agreement with HRM and has applied to the 2021 tax relief program for assistance. Annual revenues are from membership dues, fundraising, and events. A grant of \$2,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a portable handwashing machine for players and tournament hosting. ***A grant of \$2,000 is recommended for the purchase of a portable handwashing machine.***

Tier 2

54.Abenaki Aquatic Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

The Club provides recreational and competitive paddling and swimming programs for its membership¹³. Revenues are primarily from membership fees, competitive and instructional paddling programs. The operating viability of the Club relies on a less than market value land lease with HRM and annual tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the construction of a replacement floating dock which encloses a swimming area/beach for club members and program participants (total \$75,325). The viability of the project appears to rely on unconfirmed provincial funds (Recreation Facility Development Program \$27,000) and unspecified amounts from federal (ACOA) and HRM District Capital Fund sources. The Club's contribution of \$24,000 is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended subject to a signed lease agreement, Provincial/ HRM approval of the fixture, applicable permits, and the balance of funding. ***A grant of \$15,500 is recommended. Funds will be held pending confirmation of HRM Parks & Recreation approval and an ability to proceed in 2021***

55.Acadia Recreation Club – Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Club is a registered Canadian charity that is entirely volunteer-run and sustained by donations, hall rentals, and fundraising. In addition to a small clubhouse the society own and operate a 6-acre park with a children's playground, bandstand, community garden, and walking paths with small exercise stations. Access is free to the public. A grant of \$14,106.83 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a diesel ride-on lawn mower. The replacement of a smaller domestic-grade lawn mower is appropriate given the scale of the parkland and will realize an efficiency. The Club also plans on acquiring a snowblower attachment for winter snow-clearing to improve safety and reduce the cost of contract snow removal services. This park offers broad public benefit and elicits extensive community and corporate support. ***A grant of \$14,000 is recommended for the purchase of a ride-on lawn mower for the maintenance of a community-owned park.***

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

Incorporated in 2016, the Club operates out of the HRM-owned *RBC Centre* and provides instruction and competition in speed skating across a range of ages and abilities. The Club's main source of revenue is program fees. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of speed skates, production of a self-promotional flyer and mailing costs. The Club's contribution is in-kind (safety equipment and skating aids). Full funding for the purchase of speed skates for an equipment loan program is recommended in support of Special Olympics and learn-to-skate programs. ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended for the purchase of speed skates for an equipment loan program.***

57.Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club provides instructional and competitive swimming from the HRM-owned *Zatzman Sportsplex* Dartmouth. Facility rental and coaching costs are covered by membership dues and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a wireless underwater camera system (total \$9,576). The Club's contribution of \$4,576 is confirmed. Due to the advanced calibre of the Club's activities as compared to entry level programming, partial funding is recommended (Guidebook, p. 17). ***A grant of \$2,500 is recommended towards the purchase of portable video equipment.***

58.LWF Minor Baseball Association – Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River – Capital Grant/Equipment

¹³ As stated on the Club's web site, programs are only available to members. Prices range by age and program.

The Association is a volunteer-based society that organizes structured baseball instruction and competition funded primarily from player/team registrations. A grant of \$8,480 is requested towards the purchase of a mini-tractor with a front bucket and lower grading/cutting blade to be used to repair and maintain five (5) baseball fields located in Grand Lake, Oakfield, Windsor Junction, and Waverley¹⁴ and associated amenities including driveways and small walking trails. The total cost is \$24,480. Contributions from other community users are confirmed: *Waverley Sports Park* (\$1,000), LWF Ratepayers Association (\$6,000), Windsor Junction Community Centre (\$1,000) and the LWF Firemen's Association (\$1,000). The applicant's contribution of \$7,000 is confirmed. The application demonstrates collaboration in sharing specialized equipment and costs thereby maximizing the impact of public funding while reducing annual maintenance expenditures for assorted venues. ***A grant of \$8,480 is recommended towards the purchase of a mini-tractor and accessories to be shared among community groups for annual maintenance of community recreation facilities.***

59. Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

Established in 1909 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature the Society promotes the agricultural heritage of the area. The property is not assessed under the Assessment Act. Revenues are primarily events-related, facility rentals, and project-specific grants. Membership dues are nominal (\$5 for youth/\$25 adults). A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards construction of a replacement outdoor riding arena used for instruction, horse shows, and the annual *Halifax County Exhibition*. Volunteers have removed the unsafe structures and graded the land. Financial assistance is requested given the significant increase in lumber prices¹⁵ and the loss of the riding ring. The total cost is \$11,720.88 and the Society's contribution of \$6,720.88 is confirmed. Funding is recommended to assist in the resumption of programming. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the construction of a replacement outdoor riding ring.***

60. St. Margaret's Sailing Club – Glen Haven – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Club provides instructional and competitive sailing instruction and regattas for a range of ages and abilities. Regular membership requires an initiation fee in addition to membership, but the annual *Learn-to-Sail* program is open to non-members and affords access to the sport without an initial investment in equipment. The Club is self-funded through membership, program, and marina fees, and facility rentals and receives municipal tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of an additional "coach boat" including an outboard engine and assorted peripherals (total based on quotes ranges from \$25,808.99 to \$37,883.99 HST included) to add a race team component to the Club's youth sailing program. The Junior Sail program is the Club's largest source of revenue. A contribution of \$5,000 from the Club is confirmed but application has not been made to any other funding source. Partial funding is recommended subject to confirmation of an ability to cost share and proceed in 2021. ***A grant of \$12,500 is recommended towards the purchase of a safety/coach boat. A holdback on payment is recommended pending confirmation of an ability to proceed in 2021.***

61. Todd Hill Farm Association

Incorporated in 2012 as a society, the Association leases land from a private property owner for the operation of a riding school. Annual revenues are primarily from private instructional lessons, camps, and horse shows. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund the construction of an accessible washroom. The

¹⁴ Unless leased or licensed to unrelated third parties, provincial and municipal parks are exempt tax under the Assessment Act.

¹⁵ Demand has risen in response to a strong housing construction market, home renovations, and low interest rates whereas production has decreased due to forest infestation and the availability of milled materials.

quotes provided include electrical, a laundry, shower, washroom, interior upgrades and an access ramp (total \$22,500). The applicant has committed to the installation of a septic field¹⁶. Funding is recommended towards the replacement of a portable washroom with an accessible washroom but, as proposed, is conditional upon (i) a signed lease agreement with confirmation that the Association owns the building and (ii) documentation to confirm that the septic field has been installed as per permit approval. **A grant of \$12,500 is recommended towards the installation of an accessible washroom. A holdback on payment is recommended pending a signed lease agreement with confirmation that the Association own the building, permit approval, confirmation of installation of the septic field, an itemized list of washroom costs, and a firm construction date.**

PRIOR FUNDING

At Regional Council's request, a list of proposed grant recipients is presented to identify any prior year funding. The intent was to address any perception of repeat funding to a minority of applicants – “*Are the same groups receiving recurring funding?*” Following an analysis of 10 years of data it was determined that limits not be placed on either (i) the number of awards or (ii) the combined value of funding over a defined period so as to accommodate large capital projects that may need to be phased for practical or financial reasons¹⁷.

Readers are cautioned that the value of an individual grant and any successive award(s) will vary significantly due to the difference in funding threshold between a Project Grant (>\$5,000) and a Capital Grant (>\$25,000). Further, the value of a grant is not indicative of HRM's contribution as a percentage of total project costs.

Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	Other
Acadia Recreation Club		\$25,000			Not Assessed Tax
Atlantic Jewish Council			\$5,000		
Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of NS				\$4,983	
Akoma Holdings Incorporated		\$25,000	\$16,000		HRM Tax Relief
Brunswick Street Mission				\$5,000	Exempt by Legislation
Cheema Aquatic Club		\$3,000			HRM Tax Relief
Chezzetcook & District Lions Club			\$12,000	\$3,220	HRM Tax Relief
Christ Church			\$11,000		Exempt by Legislation
Coastal Voices Men's Choir Association		\$900			
Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club			\$4,000		
Deanery Project Cooperative Limited			\$10,000		HRM Tax Relief
Eastern Shore Wildlife Association			\$15,000		HRM Tax Relief
Halifax Amateur Radio Club		\$2,875			HRFE Office Space
Lamplight Housing Cooperative Limited		\$25,000			HRM Tax Relief
Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild		\$800	\$1,000		

¹⁶ The septic system is considered a capital upgrade to the property owned by private interests and is ineligible for municipal funding (a leasehold improvement).

¹⁷ For example, eligibility could be restricted to disallow consecutive application, or a limit imposed on the combined value of funding to \$x over a stated number of years.

Lemmon Hill Sports Association			\$5,000		Not Assessed Tax
MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning		\$5,000			HRM Tax Relief
Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,000			\$10,000	Exempt by Legislation
Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society				\$25,000	Exempt by Legislation
Nova Scotia Environmental Network			\$5,000		
Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals			\$5,000	\$5,000	HRM Tax Relief
Old School Community Gathering Place Cooperative Limited		\$1,800	\$10,000		HRM Tax Relief
Parish of St. George Anglican Church			\$25,000	\$25,000	Exempt by Legislation
Parish of St. John the Evangelist		\$3,200		\$3,800	Exempt by Legislation
Royal Canadian Legion (Eastern Marine Branch #161)	\$10,000	\$17,000		\$7,320	Exempt by Legislation
Waverley Amateur Athletic Association	\$5,000				
Waverley Heritage Society			\$4,800		HRM Tax Relief
YWCA Halifax-Dartmouth	\$15,000				Exempt by Legislation

If approved, awards to the following fourteen (14) organizations are 'new' to the program in terms of grant recipients: Chebucto Community Development Association; Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club; Elizabeth Fry Society of Mainland Nova Scotia; L'Association Les Voix d' Acadie; Passage Players Society; Portland Hills & Estates Residents Association; Prospect Peninsula Residents' Association; Roots & Boots Forest School Society; Sackville Chebucto Athletics Club; Sheet Harbour Radio Club; St. Margaret's Bay Community Transportation Society; St. Mary's Lawn Bowls; Upper Hammonds Plains Community Centre Association; West End Community Food Bank Association.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding: 2021 Community Grants Program

Arts & Crafts

Tier 2

62. Atlantic Filmmakers Co-Operative Limited

AFCOOP is a professional arts organization in receipt of funding from all three levels of government, including HRM under the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program¹. A grant of \$1,500 is requested towards the purchase of Super 8 or 16mm analogue film equipment and peripherals totaling \$1,948.96. The applicant has also requested funds under the Canada Council for the Media Arts Equipment Acquisition Fund (scanner). These small purchases could be made under a municipal Operating Grant based on relative priority.

63. Atlantic/Halifax Fringe Festival Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of small lighting and sound equipment for loan to festival participants and other groups (total \$7,000). The Community Grants Program does not fund events (directly or indirectly) and it is anticipated that to do so could exceed the Arts & Crafts sector capacity. The Society receives a multi-year operating grant under the HRM Regional Special Events Grants Program (Cultural Events and Showcases Grant); the purchases could be made under a municipal Operating Grant based on relative priority².

64. Cecilia Concerts Society

The society is a professional arts organization in receipt of funding from all three levels of government, including HRM under the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program³. A grant of \$3,750 is requested towards the purchase of lighting and sound equipment costing \$4,770.20 some of which is to be installed in the Lilian Piercey Concert Hall in the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. Purchases could be phased as funds permit or cost-shared with the Conservatory.

65. North End Business Association

A grant of \$16,500 requested towards fabrication and installation of twenty (20) street banners including municipal permit fees and “incidentals”, traffic control, fabrication, hardware, consultation, and administration (total \$24,000). The project does not qualify as a Capital Grant – the cost is a function of multiple separate items - but would be eligible for consideration under Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM Respecting Business Improvement District Grants. Specifically, Section 6 which enables grants for enhancement to an existing program or a new program and Section 7 which describes categories of funding that include subsection (c) “improvement to the street-level image of the district”. Application has not been made to any non-municipal sources. Priority has been given to organizations not in receipt of government funding (Guidebook, p. 14). The Association will be referred to the designated grant program

¹ In 2020, the AFCOOP received a \$15,000 Operating Grant under the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program. In 2021, application has been made to this year’s program for a \$25,000 Operating Grant and a Project Grant of \$7,000 towards Super 8 film workshops (decision pending).

² In 2020, the Atlantic Fringe Festival received \$17,000.

³ In 2020, Celia Concerts Society a \$5,000 Operating Grant under the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program. In 2021, the society has applied for \$6,500 Operating Grant and a Project Grant of \$7,500 in relation to staging a concert (decision pending).

for business improvement districts and the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs Beautification and Streetscaping Program⁴.

66.Youth Art Connection

The society is a registered Canadian charity that focuses on young and new professional artists (events, concerts, exhibitions). A grant of \$4,984.94 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted audio-visual equipment and peripherals in relation to hosting an EMERGEHFX event for which application has also been made under the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program (\$17,500 decision pending)⁵. The Community Grants Program does not fund events (directly or indirectly) and it is anticipated that to do so could exceed the Arts & Crafts sector capacity.

Diversity & Inclusion

Tier 2

67.Word in Action Ministries

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards construction of an extension to the church building including the addition of two bathrooms and an office. With respect to religious or faith-based organizations the program does not fund places of worship, burial grounds, or congregational activities. Exceptions are also noted in the guide (Guidebook, p.3)⁶.

Tier 3

68.Community Justice Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund translation services for newcomer clients diverted to the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program. The organization is dependent upon annual funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. Specifically, the grant request identified a need for translation for persons whose first language is not English (EASL) through an existing relationship with the Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia. The request is for one-time financial assistance while the Society secures funding from unspecified sources. Given the nature of this on-going service a recommendation to decline is intended to prevent a loss of service should the applicant not secure recurring operating funding.

69.Provincial Autism Centre Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to pay for the rental of two facilities for the Association's annual summer camp. The camp costs are an established annually recurring operating expense for facility rentals, including an HRM facility.

70.Sackville Business Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fund professional fees for a videographer to produce four (4) sixty-second vignettes of underrepresented business owners within the district (total \$5,700). This project would be eligible for consideration under Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM Respecting Business Improvement District Grants. Specifically, Section 6 which enables grants for enhancement to an existing program or a new program and Section 7 which describes categories of funding that include subsection (e) marketing. Priority has been given to organizations not in receipt of government funding (Guidebook,

⁴ This provincial program offers grants of up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$25,000.

⁶ Exceptions are also noted in the guide and include, for example, restoration to the exterior of a registered heritage property, a food bank, a shelter for the homeless, and a non-denominational campground or recreational facility open to the public.

p. 15). The Association will be referred to the designated grant program for business improvement districts.

Environment

Tier 1

71.Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours League

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the launch of the Love Your Lake program in the Porter's Lake area. This program was developed and administered by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The submission lacked sufficient detail to assess risk and sustainability. The applicant will be provided with written feedback to guide any future submission to the Community Grants Program.

Tier 3

72.Hope for Wildlife Society

A capital grant of \$24,635.40 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two (2) autopsy tables⁷, a computer, wall-mounted cabinet, work bench, and wiring, insulation and plumbing of a barn to "establish a professional wildlife necropsy facility" to serve the non-profit, government, and research community in partnership with the Marine Animal Response Society ("MARS"). Funding is not recommended based on: (i) autopsy is not something volunteers or members of the public would typically participate in, (ii) there is no cost-share from the MARS, and (iii) the Community Grants Program does not fund academic, institutional, scientific or professional services per se.

73. MusGo Rider Co-Operative Limited

A grant of \$8,853.84 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a new oil furnace, peripherals and removal of old equipment. As stated in the application, upon purchase of the property the age and condition of the existing heating system was known. The recommendation to decline is based on the property's primary use as an administrative office with tenancy and a meeting room. The nature of the project does not align with the Environment category's funding priorities.

Note: Rural Transit has been funded under the Diversity & Inclusion category based on service to persons with a disability and lower income individuals and families unable to afford a vehicle.

Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety

Tier 2

74.Maritime Conference of Seventh Day Adventist Church/Dartmouth Seventh Day Adventist Church

A grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund re-modelling the church kitchen, including partial demolition and repairs/upgrades to walls and floors. The balance of funding is unconfirmed. The recommendation to decline is based on a lack of marketing (the service is not part of Feed Nova Scotia or 211) and an ability to cost-share on the part of the property owner.

⁷ The Community Grants Program does not fund pre-paid expenses and the tables were due for delivery in March 2020 having been ordered by the Marine Animal Response Society. The Marine Animal Response Society is a non-profit society whose current registered office is that of the Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax.

History

In 2021, the number of requests not recommended for funding under the History category is due to the number of applications received from community museums who are eligible to make application for a capital and/or project grant under the Community Museums Grants Program.⁸ The recommendation to decline is consistent with an application from the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame in 2020⁹.

Tier 1

75.Peggy's Cove Preservation Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards hiring a person to conduct oral history interviews and to document related materials. Presently, there is no public web site or a venue in which to display artefacts or archival documents. The application appears premature and the Society's cash position suggests an ability to self-fund and/or apply for a seasonal government employment grant. The applicant will be provided feedback and referred to the 2022 Community Grants Program.

76. Island View High School Enhancement Society/Royal Andeluvian Order of Buffaloes

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fund equipment and professional fees to produce a series of podcasts regarding local history of the Eastern Passage area (\$6,000) of which \$1,000 has been secured from the District Activity Fund for "preliminary planning and story development". The need for equipment ownership by a local fraternal organization is not adequately explained and as a joint application the submission was lacking the financial information for the Royal Andeluvian Order of Buffaloes. Neither party has a web site, hence on-going public access to information may be limited. Feedback will be provided to both applicants.

77.Sheet Harbour and Area Heritage Society

A project grant of \$2,500 is requested for digitizing photographs. 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 February 22, 2021. The applicant will be referred to the 2022 Community Museums Grant Program.

Tier 2

78.Africville Heritage Trust

A capital grant of \$15,969.76 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a ride-on lawnmower and trailer. Community museums eligible for consideration under Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM may apply for project funding up to \$5,000 under HRM's Community Museums Grants Program: the application deadline for this program was February 22, 2021. The applicant will be referred to the 2022 Community Museums Grant Program.

79.Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum Society

A project grant of \$4,600 is requested for professional fees to update the society's web site (total cost \$4,950). Community museums eligible for consideration under Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM may

⁸ In 2021, the application deadline was extended from January 31, 2021 to February 26, 2021 to accommodate amendments to Administrative Order 2014-010-ADM and the production of new program materials. The call for applications was issued in local print media and HRM's web site January 22, 2021. Also, on February 19, 2021, the Central Region Heritage Group met and received updates on various initiatives including revisions to the HRM Interim Community Museums Grants Program, the revised application deadline for 2021, and a link to program guidebook and application form. Those not in attendance received minutes with this information.

⁹ Report to Regional Council meeting of July 7, 2020, HRM Community Grants Program Fiscal Year 2020: Recommended Awards, dated June 23, 2020, Attachment 3, Item #56.

apply for project funding up to \$5,000 under HRM's Community Museums Grants Program: the application deadline for this program was February 22, 2021. The applicant will be referred to the 2022 Community Museums Grant Program.

80. Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society

A capital grant of \$14,148.23 is requested towards partial restoration of an original train carriage that is displayed outdoors. Community museums eligible for consideration under Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM may apply for capital grants funding up to \$25,000 under HRM's Interim Community Museums Grants Program: the application deadline for this program was February 22, 2021. The applicant will be referred to the 2022 Community Museums Grant Program.

Leisure

Tier 1

81. Friends of Sagewood

The Sagewood is a privately-owned, for-profit seniors long-term care facility licensed by the Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness. The facility's recreational programming is supplemented by the Friends of Sagewood, a registered Canadian charity that solicits donations and fundraises in support of recreational enhancements. A grant of \$4,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of percussion instruments for use in music activities and an annual "Talent Show". The recommendation to decline is based on limited public access.

82. Waverley Community Association

A capital grant of \$10,000 requested to fund the purchase of two (2) park benches and nine (9) fully accessible picnic tables for the HRM-owned Waverley Village Green. Although accessible picnic tables would enhance accessibility, the Municipality has a standing order with the supplier and to indirectly fund an enhancement to an HRM-owned facility could be perceived as biased (funding directed to an HRM facility indirectly routed through a grant) and could compromise the Municipality's service standards. The applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation assuming there is any risk to public safety or for consideration in any future capital or operating budget and schedule of work. Further, this is not a capital grant in accordance with the program's funding criteria: none of the items costs more than \$5,000 (Guidebook, p. 7).

83. St. Margaret's Bay Community Enterprise Centre

A grant of \$4,888 is requested to fully fund completion of the "Discover St. Margaret's Bay" web site¹⁰ which is primarily focused on attracting new residents, tourism 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.

Tier 2

84. Eating Disorders Nova Scotia Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards virtual workshops exploring leisure and unspecified "leisure starter packs" (total \$5,680). The expenditures (wages/administrative) are ineligible or unspecified. This type of project might be more appropriately funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness or a foundation. Feedback will be provided.

¹⁰ This is essentially the same application submitted and declined in 2020. (See: Report to Halifax Regional Council meeting of July 7, 2020, Attachment 3).

Recreation

Tier 1

85. Dartmouth Dragon Boat Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of “training” standard inflatable stand-up paddle boards (not recreational grade) purchased from an Ontario supplier (total \$5,445.25) to enable program expansion. Although enhanced recreational options are desirable successive applications for municipal funding would be strengthened by sourcing non-municipal funding and/or fundraising.

Tier 2

86. Maritime Race Weekend Association

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards expansion of a Winter Warriors walking program (total \$33,757.80). Most of the expenses to be paid by a grant are ineligible for consideration (personal masks, medals, prizes). The Community Grants Program does not fund events (directly or indirectly) and many of the expenses listed in the application would be considered (i) annually recurring and/or (ii) considered typical for an event. The Association is also a recipient of annual funding under the HRM Regional Special Events Program (Distinguished Events)¹¹ and the Association also made application for funding to the 2021 HRM Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Grants Program for similar costs associated with an online motivational project.

87. Orenda Canoe Club

A grant of \$22,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted kitchen appliances to establish commercial grade catering capacity and increase facility rental revenues. This request does not qualify as a capital grant – the cost is a function of multiple smaller items. The nature of the project is not a strong alignment with the category’s funding priorities.

Tier 3

88. Armdale Yacht Club

A grant of \$2,097.92 is requested towards the purchase of a laptop and projector for instructional courses. The Club’s contribution of \$500 is unconfirmed and rely upon proceeds from a future yard sale. The nature of the project is not a strong alignment with the funding category’s priorities.

89. Brilliant Labs Incorporated

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards a series of STEAM¹² camps for children aged 6-14+. With its focus on technology and computer programming to foster entrepreneurship within classrooms and educational curricula in Atlantic Canada, the organization’s purpose does not align with the Recreation category’s funding priorities which emphasize physical activity.

¹¹ This event might not proceed in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

¹² STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Math. Projects focused on these skills/careers through school-based learning and curriculum (including virtual) and entrepreneurship might be better accommodated under the Nova Scotia Department of Education or non-profit organizations such as the Discovery Centre. Reliance on government funding such as ACOA indicates a link between public investment and economic development.

90.Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club

A capital grant of \$10,000 is requested towards replacement interior light fixtures and lightbulbs (total \$13,377.95). This request does not qualify as a capital grant – the cost is a function of multiple smaller items which could be phased as funds permit.

Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2021 Community Grants Program

Arts & Crafts

Tier 1

91. Anchor Archives Regional Zine Project/Ink Storm Screenprinting Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards a feasibility study costing \$10,000 regarding the purchase of private property. The balance of \$5,000 from the Canada Council for the Arts is confirmed. In 2020, Ink Storm received a project grant of \$5,000 for equipment to establish a small recording studio and is in default of the program's reporting requirements.

Tier 2

92. Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund replacement of twenty-five (25) basement windows in the former Chebucto Road School (c.1910) in the first of a two-phase approach to replacing all sixty-three (63) windows. Because this is a capital improvement to a registered heritage property and the replacement product is vinyl application should have been made under the History category with Heritage Planner approval included at the time of application as per the Guidebook (p.16). The applicant will be referred to HRM Planning & Development.

Diversity & Inclusion

Tier 1

93. Nova Scotia Stick Curling Association

A grant of \$4,200 requested to fully fund two elements to promote a metropolitan stick curling league (i) to hire a marketing firm and update a web site and (ii) the purchase of curling sticks. The applicant incorporated May 7, 2020 and does not meet the program's registration requirement (Guidebook, p.3). The society will be referred to the 2022 Community Grants Program.

94. St. Gabriel Ethiopian Tewahedo Church

A grant of \$24,000 is requested for the purchase and installation of a well and septic system, roof repairs, installation of a washroom, and the purchase of a heating furnace (\$31,538.75). The application is incomplete – no financial information. The Community Grants Program does not fund religious or faith-based organizations other than those exceptions set out on page 3 of the Guidebook¹.

Tier 3

95. Tetra Society of North America

This charity originates and is based out of British Columbia². A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of custom assistive devices for youth with a disability. The application was incomplete – no

¹ Exceptions may be made, for example, for exterior conservation of a registered heritage property or artefacts in situ in a registered heritage burial site, an emergency feeding program ("soup kitchen" or food bank), a community garden, park or playground open to the general public.

² The Society's Board of Directors are exclusively from British Columbia and Ontario.

financial statement. The Community Grants Program does not fund items for personal ownership (Guidebook, p.13). This type of project might be more appropriately supported by a local service club, corporate sponsorship, or the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety

Tier 1

96.Dartmouth Amateur Radio Club Incorporated

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a replacement communications tower and antenna. The applicant does not own the land and the structure is a fixed capital improvement: the program does not fund leasehold improvements (Guidebook p 13). The Club's insurance coverage is unconfirmed. In accordance with Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV the Siting of a Telecommunications Antenna, if the height of the proposed replacement structure(s) exceeds 25% of the initial system, a public consultation is required at an additional cost that is not included in the applicant's proposal. The applicant will be referred to HRM Real Estate.

Tier 2

97.Public Good Society of Dartmouth

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of a replacement passenger van. The application is incomplete - no financial information was provided.

HISTORY

Tier 1

98.Old Burying Ground Foundation

A grant of \$4,876 is requested to fully fund minor repairs to the site's perimeter stone walls. The applicant is in default of reporting for a \$4,000 grant awarded in 2020 towards artefact conservation. Approval by Planning & Development is also required for capital improvements to a registered heritage property.

Tier 2

99.L'Acadie de Chezzetcook

A capital grant of \$9,680 is requested to replace roof shingles. The society is in default of reporting for a capital grant of \$5,200 awarded in 2020 to fully fund the purchase and installation of a heat pump for the *Le Grange* building. The applicant will be referred to the 2022 Community Museums Grants Program.

HOUSING

Tier 1

100.Seniors Authentic Living Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund deck and roof repairs to a private residence. The application was incomplete (no financial information). Given the society's focus on assisting senior citizens' staff will notify them of provincial government programs (Senior Citizens Assistance Program, Home Adaptations

for Seniors Independence, Access-A-Home Program), the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors program, and HRM's property tax assistance program for lower income homeowners.

Tier 2

101. Halifax Women's Housing Co-operative Limited

A capital grant of \$17,739.20 is requested towards replacement siding, interior flooring and wall repairs. In 2020, the cooperative received a capital grant of \$9,929 towards siding replacement and is in default of the program's reporting requirements.

102. Seaside Broadcasting Organization

A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested to fully fund replacement steps and railings to the radio station's building. The application is incomplete (no financial statement) and the project does not align with the Housing category's funding criteria.

103. St. Luke's United Church

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested for exterior repairs to siding and gutters. The applicant does not hold title and the use does not conform to the Housing category's funding criteria.

Tier 3

104. Victoria Children's Centre

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested for a down-payment on a mortgage to purchase a building for the daycare. The application does not conform to the Housing category's funding criteria.

LEISURE

Tier 2

105. Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall

The society has requested \$25,000 towards a replacement heating system. The applicant is in default of reporting for a \$10,000 capital grant issued in 2020 towards replacement windows.

Tier 3

106. Northwood Bedford Incorporated

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the construction of a seasonal shade structure for an assisted living/nursing home campus costing \$27,169.28. The application was incomplete – no financial information was included.

RECREATION

Tier 1

107. Cheeztcook Recreation Facility Development Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund repairs to a small building located on an HRM-owned ballfield. There is no lease or license agreement in effect and ownership of the structure needs to be established. Financial information not included. The Society will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation.

108. Diamond Dawgs Baseball Club

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the construction of a batting cage, installation of an equipment storage shed, and the purchase of a pitching machine to be located in *Carl Morash Park*, Dartmouth. The applicant is not the owner of the property. HRM has a lease agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for the land but installation of a new structure and/or building would require (i) provincial approval and any proof of insurance requirements/removal or assumption of ownership should the Club cease operations at this location, (ii) provincial approval of any sub-lease of a defined portion of the land to the baseball club, including an assessment for property tax, and (iii) the approval of HRM Parks & Recreation.

Tier 2

109. Halifax Nordic Ski Club

A grant of \$8,000 is requested towards the purchase of a replacement ATV and trail groomer. The application is incomplete – a financial statement for the prior year was not included.

110. Lake Echo Community Recreation Society

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of storage lockers and chair trucks for equipment storage located within the HRM-owned *Lake Echo Community Centre*. The financial information provided is incomplete. The applicant will be referred to Parks & Recreation.

Tier 3

111. Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (Ecole du Carrefour/Ecole Bois-Joli/Centre Communautaire du Grand-Havre)

A \$25,000 capital grant is requested towards the construction of a school playground and the purchase and installation of playground equipment. The Community Grants Program does not fund school-based programs (Guidebook, p. 13). If the playground is open to the general public, the School Board could be referred to HRM's District Capital Fund.