

**TO:** Chair and Members of HRM Grants Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** May 2, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Community Grants Program: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Recommended Awards**

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## **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 2022 program opened for applications in January and the submission deadline was March 31, 2022.

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

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

**Section 79A** (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the Municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if

- (a) The expenditure is included in the Municipality's operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the Municipality;

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

- (2) A policy adopted under subsection (1) must include the

- (a) frequency and timing of disclosure;  
(b) content to be included in a disclosure; and  
(c) form in which the disclosure must be made.

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

- *HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference*. The duties of the HRM Grants Committee are to:  
4.1 Advise Regional Council on all matters related to the allocation of grants, as defined by Regional Council.

**RECOMMENDATION ON PAGE 2**

- *Administrative Order 2019-007-ADM Respecting Public Disclosure of Municipal Grants.*

## **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 \$468,764 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 applications. Multi-year awards are not issued under this program; the grants are project-specific (not operating grants).

## **DISCUSSION**

The 2022 Community Grants Program received a total of 106 applications by or post-marked March 31, 2022, for a combined total of \$1,172,793.83 in requests. Seventeen (17) of these applications have been deemed ineligible for consideration in this year's program leaving \$1,076,518.83 in requests from 89 eligible applicants. This year's uptake is slightly lower than last year's 111 applications which may be indicative of challenges in securing contractors and/or supplies<sup>1</sup> 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 pandemic, federal and provincial government assistance was not provided uniformly across all program and service sectors. Hence, the immediate and on-going impact of the pandemic differs significantly across the region's non-profit and charitable sectors.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Community Grants Program 2022 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (61)	<u>(\$468,764)</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 31,236</b>

## **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 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; and

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<sup>1</sup> An above average number of requests for an extension have been received due to an inability to complete a project; many of these requests are construction-related or due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

- perceived risk may be indicated by the descriptor “developmental grant” in cases where the applicant organization has no demonstrated record of program or service delivery or financial resources are modest.

### **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 website under the respective committee or 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 or recommend that Regional Council amend the value of award or the terms and conditions recommended for funding.
2. The Grants Committee could recommend that Regional Council refer an application to staff for further review. A referral allows for reconsideration in relation to any balance remaining in the 2022 program budget. Given that all applications have been evaluated using the information provided by an applicant in the submission and any additional due diligence on the part of a reviewers, referrals are strengthened if a rationale is provided.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 - Overview of Review Methodology.

Attachment 2 - Recommended Awards: 2022 Community Grants Program

(i) Award Recommendations

(ii) Table 1. Award Recommendations in Relation to Prior Year Awards (2018-2021)

Attachment 3 - Not Recommended for Funding: 2022 Community Grants Program

Attachment 4 - Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2022 Community Grants Program

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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## **Overview of Review Methodology**

As stated in the program guidelines, the program is primarily developmental with a focus on support to volunteer-led initiatives and organizational capacity-building. Presently, the Community Grants Program comprises eight (8) funding categories each with its own funding priorities. The program has two (2) types of grant: (1) a Project Grant of up to \$5,000 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 maximum funding threshold for Project Grants (>\$5,000) and Capital Grants (>\$25,000) 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.

An organization<sup>1</sup> is eligible for only one grant in any fiscal year. Joint applications between two or more organizations are permitted but the value of any award does not exceed the maximum funding threshold.

The staff recommendation report uses a “narrative” description of all applicants using three attachments: (i) recommended awards, (ii) recommendation to decline, and (iii) applicants’ ineligible for consideration. The information on proposed awards provides additional detail, for example:

- applicants who are a registered Canadian charity;
- a brief description of the organization’s purpose and type of program or service;
- groups that rely entirely on volunteers (with or without seasonal employment grants);
- how the operations of the organization are sustained (self-funded vs government operating assistance) including tax exemption by legislation or discretionary municipal tax relief;
- any other sources of funding, both confirmed or unconfirmed, as a gauge of project readiness;
- and a rationale in support of funding.

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. This is a gauge of the applicant’s year-end cash position including assets and liabilities if stated:

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

The evaluation of submissions is in two phases:

- (1) Ineligible applications are identified and are not scored.
- (2) eligible applications are evaluated within each funding category using standardized weighting of scores as included in the program guidebook (pp.6 and 8). Potential awards are then moderated in relation to applicants within the same funding category, in relation to the program’s budget, prior grants to the same organization or project, and/or federal, provincial, or municipal government funding.
- (3) If sufficient capacity remains within the program’s overall budget the value of a grant may be adjusted, or consideration given to applications that initially scored lower.

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

The evaluation score does not correspond to the value of any award recommended.

In the event a reviewer declares a conflict of interest<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>2</sup> Within this context a potential conflict of interest includes any membership in or past association with an applicant organization, personal, a familial or working relationship with the Board of Directors or staff, or any direct or indirect financial interest.

## Recommended Awards: 2022 Community Grants Program

### Arts & Crafts

Tier 1

#### **1.Anchor Archive Regional Zine Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment (Visual Arts)**

Anchor Archives promotes independent “alternative” media, notably self-published art books and a “zine” library. The society is volunteer-run and relies on project-specific grants, workshop fees, and fundraising. \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a replacement photocopier (cost \$5,995 HST incl) which is accessed in space shared with the Ink Storm Screen Printing Society and SadRad music collective. Partial funding is recommended based on (i) an opportunity to cost share among the user groups and (ii) revenue generated through photocopier user fees. ***A project grant in the amount of \$2,500 is recommended towards the purchase of a replacement photocopier for shared use.***

#### **2.Choirs for Change – Halifax – Project Grant/Performance (Music)**

Established in 2017, the society addresses social justice issues through choral music performances by three ensembles that accommodate different levels of proficiency. Operations rely on project-specific government grants, ticket sales and membership dues. A grant of \$3,016.95 is requested to fully fund an outdoor performance, *Spira - A Summer Choir*, featuring the society’s young adult ensemble. The aim is to expand the choir’s season by inviting non-members to a drop-in weekly session (July-August) hosted outdoors in Needham Park. Participation is free and no prior musical experience is required. ***A one-time project grant of \$2,000 is recommended towards a series of participatory outdoor singing events.***

#### **3.Lawrencetown Sew-ciety – Lawrencetown – Project Grant/Equipment (Craft)**

The society is self-sustained by volunteers, membership dues and fundraising through an annual quilt show and sale. The club also make quilts to donate or raise money for charity. A grant of \$1,000 is requested to purchase small equipment costing \$1,275. ***A grant in the amount of \$500 is recommended towards the purchase of small equipment.***

#### **4.Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre & Cultural Centre – Middle Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Equipment (Music/Theatre)**

Incorporated in 1983, the society operate a municipal registered heritage property serving small villages in the Musquodoboit Valley area. Operations are sustained by the Municipality (facility occupancy and an operating grant) supplemented by non-recurring project grants and rentals. The building is used for meetings, small events, concerts, and theatre performances. A capital grant of \$21,556.26 is requested to fully fund the purchase of upgraded sound and lighting equipment. The society’s confirmed cash contribution is the purchase of a computer system costing \$2,394.86. The equipment is not a fixed capital upgrade to municipal property. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$21,500 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a sound and lighting system for the Bicentennial Theatre.***

#### **5.Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia – Provincial/Halifax – Project Grant/Program (Craft)**

Incorporated in 2013, the Association is volunteer-run and raises money to resettle LGBTQI+ refugees in Nova Scotia. Support is provided to through private sponsorship or government assisted individuals working in collaboration with the Immigrant Settlement Services Association of Nova Scotia. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the expansion of a pilot project initiated in 2021 which provided free pottery classes to 2SLGBTQIA+ newcomers to encourage peer support and information sharing. The value of grant recommended has been amended to remove ineligible expenses; the qualifier “one-time”

indicates that some program costs are recurring (art materials). ***A one-time developmental project grant in the amount of \$3,300 is recommended towards an arts project serving newcomers who identify as members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.***

#### **6.Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Program (Craft)**

Incorporated in 1997, the society's volunteers promote the art of hooked rugs and other items (wall-hangings, furnishings) through instructional classes and exhibitions. Operations are sustained by membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to expand an online registry of items produced locally costing \$5,500. Project costs include marketing, web site upgrade for reference, a portable scanner and laptop to record visual images and data storage, and a self-published booklet. The portable equipment will enable site visits to record items in private or institutional collections. ***A project grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the establishment of an online rug hooking inventory.***

#### **7.Unicorn Theatre Society- Head of St. Margaret's Bay – Project Grant/Equipment (Theatre)**

The society operates a volunteer-run youth theatre located in the Bay Community Centre which is owned by HRM. The theatre group is sustained by the Municipality (facility), a community lottery<sup>1</sup>, summer theatre camps, fees and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fund the purchase of replacement portable wireless microphones (total cost \$5,030.10). ***A project grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of wireless microphones.***

Tier 2

#### **8.Bella Rose Arts Centre Society – Clayton Park/Halifax- Capital Grant/Equipment**

The society is a registered Canadian charity that operates a theatre located in the Halifax West High School. The primary source of revenue is theatre and equipment rentals and government grants. Because the venue is within a public school it has not been assessed as taxable. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of audio and lighting equipment to position the venue in relation to professional arts and entertainment, and to increase rental revenue. The total cost is \$410,800.68 and the purchases will have to be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 is recommended towards the purchase of sound and lighting equipment.***

#### **9.Charles Taylor Theatre and Media Arts Association – East Preston – Project Grant/Production (Theatre/Music)**

Incorporated in 2010, the Association is a pre-professional theatre company that has developed and presented works featuring African Nova Scotian culture and artists. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards a mentorship project co-produced with Eastern Front Theatre. The musical *Love, Peace & Hairgrease*, written by award-winning multidisciplinary artist Tara Taylor will be presented at the Alderney Landing Theatre, Dartmouth, and showcases the talent of the local Black arts community. Mentorship will be provided in lighting, sound, set design, technical and stage management. The total cost is \$37,000 with confirmed funding from the provincial government, a private donor, and the applicant. Funding is recommended to address the under-representation of Black artists and technicians in the arts industry and to support self-representation. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards a theatre mentorship production for local Black artists and technicians.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category to Arts & Crafts because it is a performing arts project (theatre, music, scriptwriting).

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<sup>1</sup> The Bay Treasure Chest is a fundraising partnership among several local organizations in the area.

Tier 3

### **10. Halifax Dance Association – Halifax- Capital Grant/Equipment (Dance)**

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that provides introductory and pre-professional instruction in traditional and contemporary dance. Operations are sustained by registration fees and fundraising. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of suspended acoustic panels for two studios (total \$28,410.45+HST). This upgrade is part of a multi-year campaign to upgrade amenities.<sup>2</sup> Acoustic panels reduce poor sound absorption: a challenge for percussive dance classes, inclusive movement classes for participants with auditory/sensory sensitivities, and the visually impaired who rely on verbal cues. Funding is recommended to enhance the inclusion of children, youth and adults with a disability while also enhancing the functionality of studio space for pre-professional and professional students and arts organizations<sup>3</sup>. ***A grant in the amount of \$12,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of sound baffle equipment.***

## **Diversity & Inclusion**

Tier 1

### **11. Immigrant Parents Network Association – Regional – Project Grant/Equipment (Diversity)**

Formed in 2021, the society is a new volunteer group that has hosted a monthly virtual peer support network and workshops sustained by members. The aim is to reduce isolation and help newcomers adjust their cultural practices and parenting values to Canadian laws and social norms. A grant of \$4,500 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two laptop computers and a web site upgrade. Quote provided. Funding is recommended to support a start-up operation to increase the profile of an organization serving immigrants and newcomers to HRM. ***A developmental grant in the amount of \$3,500 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of one laptop computer and a web site upgrade.***

### **12. Sheet Harbour Sexual Health Society – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/Public Education (Diversity)**

Formed in 2004, the society is a registered Canadian charity that provides sexual education, resources and support for youth and adults. The Society is sustained by Sexual Health Nova Scotia and project-specific grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of books to establish a small library to serve the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, web site and marketing costs. The aim of the library is to address homophobia and support gender diversity. Individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+, family and service providers may have limited access to resources in rural locations and a web-based catalogue could broaden availability. The value of grant has been moderated to exclude recurring operating expenses. ***A grant in the amount of \$3,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of resource materials serving the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.***

### **13. Smartkidz Heritage Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing (Diversity)**

Formed in 2021, the society is a new volunteer group that has delivered some on-line content for children aged 5-12 years old and a summer camp. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the development of a web site, a strategic plan, and branding materials. Quote provided. Funding is recommended to support a start-up operation with the development of a web site to increase awareness and participation in Afrocentric activities and develop revenue. ***A developmental grant in the amount of \$3,300 is recommended to fully fund the development of a web site.***

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<sup>2</sup> Phase I included a gender-neutral washroom, hallway accessibility upgrades, and studio acoustic panels.

<sup>3</sup> For example, Mocean Dance, Votive Dance, Kinetic Studio, Phin Performing Arts, and The Woods.



Tier 2

**14.Canadian Mental Health Association – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment (Diversity)**

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that promotes mental health and provides social support programs for mental health consumers, many of whom are lower income and socially isolated. A grant of \$2,500 is requested to fully fund the purchase of small equipment to move supplies and a portable sound system. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a portable sound system.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from Leisure to Diversity & Inclusion based on service exclusively to mental health consumers.

**15.Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre – Regional – Project Grant/Marketing (Diversity)**

The society provides representation and a range of programs to foster and celebrate the French-speaking community (events, language classes, public talks). In addition to government funding the society raises funds through membership dues and service fees. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards Phase 2 of the development of an online platform that will provide information about French language events, services, Acadian and Francophone organizations. The total cost is estimated to be \$33,495 and application has been made to Canadian Heritage and Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage. The applicant's contribution of \$5,200 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards the development of a community on-line platform serving the Acadian and Francophone community.***

Tier 3

**16.Healthy Minds Network Co-operative Limited – Dartmouth- Project Grant/Marketing (Diversity)**

The cooperative is a small registered Canadian charity that advocates for access to mental health services for persons experiencing mental illness. The cooperative relies upon government funding from the Nova Scotia Health Authority and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund a web site upgrade. The financial information provided indicates an ability to cost share. ***A developmental grant in the amount of \$3,000 is recommended towards the development of a web site serving mental health consumers.***

Tier 2

**17.March of Dimes Canada– Provincial/Halifax – Project Grant/Public Education (Inclusion)**

March of Dimes Canada provides community-based support services to adults with a physical disability or acquired brain injury. Programming includes outreach attendant services, assistive devices, information and advocacy. The organization is sustained by government grants, service fees, and donations. A grant of \$4,500 is requested to fully fund the production of an educational video and administrative costs. The video is intended to supplement an existing movement education program by providing guidance to caregivers of persons with a neurological motor disorder. The financial information provided indicates an ability to cost share. ***A grant of \$1,500 is recommended towards the production of an instructional video.***

**18.Mic Mac Aquatic Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Inclusion)**

The society provides instructional and competitive paddling programs for a range of ages and abilities. The facility is located on Lake Banook and receives municipal tax relief. Revenues are primarily from paddling and rowing memberships, bar and catering sales, social memberships, rentals and grants. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards refurbishment of two existing locker rooms and the addition of two gender-neutral washrooms in the Club's boathouse at a total cost of \$162,000. The Club has committed \$87,000 to the project and made application to the Nova Scotia Communities, Culture,

Tourism & Heritage Recreation Facility Development Grant Program (\$50,000). The project is broad in scope and includes lighting, flooring, new lockers, interior walls, painting and relocation of a mural. Therefore, it is recommended that municipal funding be directed to accessibility upgrades and gender inclusivity. If approved costs funded by HRM's grant will be itemized in the award notification letter. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards gender-neutral washrooms and accessibility upgrades to a boathouse.***

#### **19.Prescott Group Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment (Inclusion)**

The society is a registered Canadian charity that provides employment and support services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization's programming is primarily funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services with earned revenues from product sales and fundraising. A grant of \$4,950 is requested to fully fund the purchase of small outdoor furniture and furnishings for outdoor seating areas. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,800 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of wheelchair accessible picnic tables.***

### **Emergency Assistance**

Tier 1

#### **20.North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre – Dartmouth- Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

Incorporated in 1996 the society operate a food bank located in the Stairs Memorial Church hall. Operations are sustained by contributions from local United Church parishes and donations. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards re-modelling the hall to separate the food bank from congregational and other activities at a total cost of \$35,000. The society have applied to the United Church of Canada for \$10,000. The applicant is not the property owner<sup>4</sup> (Guidebook, p.13). However, the project includes new portable shelving units costing \$2,954 for food storage. The society will be provided with feedback and referred to the 2023 Community Grants Program. ***A project grant in the amount of \$2,954 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of shelving equipment.***

Tier 2

#### **21.Sackville-Bedford Meals-on-Wheels Society – Sackville/Bedford – Project Grant/Marketing**

Established in 1987, the society is a registered Canadian charity run entirely by volunteers and relies on cost-recovery service fees and fundraising to prepare and deliver meals to shut-ins and seniors wanting assistance with meal preparation. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund a web site upgrade costing \$4,275 to broaden program participation, volunteer recruitment and recognition, and enable online donations. ***A project grant in the amount of \$4,275 is recommended for web site upgrades to promote a home delivery meal program.***

Tier 3

#### **22.Community Care Network Society – Halifax/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment**

Operating as the Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank, the Society is a registered Canadian charity that assists families and individuals living in poverty. Services include a food bank, donation or low-cost clothing, furniture and household items, and special projects (Christmas food hampers, school supplies). The society raises funds through thrift store sales, donations, and grants. HRM provides annual tax relief on two properties owned and operated by the Society. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of a replacement refrigerated delivery truck costing \$172,800+HST. The applicant has secured

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<sup>4</sup> The applicant could make a joint application to the 2023 Community Grants Program with the property owner.

funding in the amount of \$96,000 from non-municipal sources. Funding is recommended to sustain food collection and distribution. As a registered charity the Society could apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. **A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a replacement refrigerated food truck.**

## Environment

Tier 1

### **23. Life School House Co-operative Limited – Provincial/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment**

Incorporated in 2018, the cooperative is a small network of “folk schools” – informal spaces where community members share arts and traditional skills in small workshops using the barter system. The cooperative appears to be sustained by grants/small donations and recently assumed operation of the Caledonia Community Garden located on HRM park land. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a garden shed. HRM Parks & Recreation have approved the small storage shed and liability insurance coverage is confirmed. A “developmental” grant is recommended to acknowledge a degree of risk associated with a site previously abandoned by volunteers and participants. **A developmental grant in the amount of \$3,500 is recommended towards the purchase of a small storage shed for the Caledonia Community Garden.**

### **24. Williams Lake Conservation Company – Purcell’s Cove/Spryfield – Project Grant/Public Education**

The society is entirely volunteer; its members work to protect the Williams Lake watershed supported through membership dues, donations, and project-specific grants. A grant of \$2,215 is requested towards (i) a paid tour guide for park walks in conjunction with Halifax Libraries and field trips on private property (\$1,440), design and printing of a brochure on invasive species (\$285), a nature guide (\$552), and brochures (\$178). Funding is recommended for the new educational material on invasive species and infestation management (for example, Japanese Knotweed and Multiflora) and nature guides. The value of award has been modified to remove a paid tour guide – the program does not fund wages, stipends, or honoraria (Guidebook, p.13). **A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is recommended to fully fund the production of public information materials.**

Tier 3

### **25. Cathedral of All Saints – Halifax**

All Saints is a religious organization and a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, investment earnings on restricted funds, donations, and fundraising. As a place of worship, the property is exempt under the Assessment Act. The church would like to establish a garden to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers. The sale of flower bouquets will be used to purchase food to supplement the produce grown and donated to local charities. The congregation has an established role in relation to St. Mark’s Church food bank, Shelter Nova Scotia’s Adopt-a-Meal program, and St. George’s soup kitchen. A grant of \$3,050 is requested to fully fund the construction of raised garden beds. The church will contribute in-kind labour to construct the garden and \$1,000 in stipends to youth from the congregation to maintain the site. The applicant’s submission is strengthened by their on-going support to local feeding programs and project sustainability. **A developmental grant of \$3,050 is recommended to establish a garden to support existing outreach to local food banks and feeding programs.**

### **26. Dartmouth Adult Services Centre Association – Dartmouth - Project Grant/Community Garden**

The Association is a registered Canadian charity whose main objective is assisting adults with an intellectual disability with employment. The organization’s programming is primarily funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services with earned revenues from product sales and fundraising.

HRM provides annual tax relief. A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested towards constructing an accessible garden (total cost \$45,000). The estimated cost includes professional landscape design and installation, a paved path, raised beds, planters, plant material and soil/compost. Funding from the Stevens Family Foundation (\$5,000) and the Windsor Foundation (\$25,000) is confirmed. A project grant is recommended based on an ability to cost share or phase the project as funds permit. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards establishing a garden for mental health consumers.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category to Environment because this is a gardening project. The only adaptive items were accessible picnic tables representing a small percentage of the total estimated project cost.

## History

Tier 1

### **27. Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of Nova Scotia – Provincial/Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing**

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. In 2021, the society received a municipal grant to digitize and upload photographic material of their web site to provide public access to what have been largely institutional or private records. Due to changes made by Google, the host company, this content is no longer directly available to users. A project grant of \$2,294.25 is requested to fully fund professional fees to restore web site functionality. ***A project grant in the amount of \$2,000 is recommended to fully fund web site re-design and restore hosting capabilities.***

### **28. Icelandic Memorial Society of Nova Scotia – Markland Settlement – Project Grant/Interpretation**

The society is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers aim to preserve the history of Iceland settlement in rural Markland. The area contains the foundations of early settlers and burial plots (c.1875-1882). The organization relies on membership dues and donations. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fabricate and post small signs to identify families interred on site, a wayfinding map, and directional signs. These signs are temporary and not considered a capital improvement. This site is unique in terms of early settlement and its preservation and upkeep relies entirely on volunteers. ***A project grant in the amount of \$2,500 is recommended towards settlement site interpretation.***

Tier 2

### **29. Friends of the Public Gardens – Halifax – Project Grant/Interpretation (National Historic Site)**

The society is a registered Canadian charity whose purpose is to protect the Halifax Public Gardens (c.1874) and immediate vicinity. The society is entirely volunteer and relies on donations, membership dues, and project-specific grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production of an audio tour for mobile devices featuring the history and horticulture associated with the Victoria Jubilee Fountain and the Griffins Pond. The total cost is \$11,200 including research and development, audio-recording, and brochure printing. The society's contribution of \$6,200 is confirmed. The value of grant has been modified to exclude unspecified "research and development costs"<sup>5</sup>. Full funding is recommended for the recording and brochure. ***A grant in the amount of \$2,000 is recommended towards the audio recording and brochure printing costs for a self-guided audio tour.***

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<sup>5</sup> In 2021, the society received a grant of \$5,000 towards a self-guided audio tour of Camp Hill Cemetery.

### **30. Local Council of Women: Halifax – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)**

Incorporated in 1913 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature the Council has played a pivotal role in women's history and civic improvement. The George Wright House (c.1902) was built in the Queen Anne Revival style by a local businessman who perished in the sinking of the Titanic. In recent years the Council's volunteers have rejuvenated its operations and the property is now a popular venue for social gatherings, small events, and performances. Operations are sustained by rental revenues and donations. Having completed the interior refurbishment, the Council wish to address the building's exterior and have requested a capital grant of \$25,000 towards painting (total cost \$44,833.58). The applicant's contribution of \$19,833.58 is confirmed. Quotes and Heritage Planner approval included. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 is recommended towards exterior conservation of the George Wright House.***

### **31. Universal Unitarian Church of Halifax – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)**

The Church was incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature (1873) and is a registered Canadian charity sustained by rental revenue, congregational giving, and fundraising. The property was constructed as a private residence in c.1822 in the Victorian Eclectic style. As a place of worship, the property is exempt under the Assessment Act except for a portion leased to the Halifax Early Childhood School for which HRM provides partial tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards (i) roof repairs and (ii) replacement gutters (total cost \$55,860.10). The applicant's cost-share of \$30,860.01 is confirmed – including a partial tax rebate. Quotes and Heritage Planner approval included. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$15,000 is recommended towards roof repair.***

### **32. 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 property is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the reconstruction of the retaining drystone wall on Gerrish Street, Halifax that is 250 years old. The total cost of this phase of the restoration is \$239,000<sup>6</sup>. Parks Canada has committed up to 50%, application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage (\$10,000), the Halifax Foundation, and the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. The applicant's cost-share of \$25,200 is confirmed. Funding is recommended based on the risk that the wall may collapse which has resulted in the closure of the sidewalk. The value of award has been moderated to acknowledge successive capital grants to the applicant. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards reconstruction of the Little Dutch Church retaining walls.***

Tier 3

### **33. Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)**

The society owns and operates an extensive portfolio of affordable rental housing in Dartmouth and its operations are sustained by tenant rents and project-specific grants. HRM provides partial tax. The Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House (c.1837) is a registered heritage property in the English Colonial style rowhouse. The premises are used as an administrative office with tenancy on the second floor. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to purchase replacement windows (\$25,134.25). Heritage Planner approval and quote included. The Society's contribution is in-kind labour to install. Partial funding is recommended - the project could be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$12,500 is recommended towards the purchase of replacement windows.***

### **34. Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)**

The Society is a registered Canadian charity supported by donations and volunteers from several local churches. The *Grace Hiltz House* is a municipally registered heritage property (c.1909) built in the Queen Anne Revival style that was donated to the Society by HRM at less than market value. The property is used to prepare and serve a daily lunch to homeless and lower income adults with support from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$6,025 is requested towards minor exterior building maintenance costing \$12,500+HST. The work includes fascia replacement, guttering and downspouts, minor repairs to woodwork, and exterior painting. Heritage Planner and quotes included. The applicant's contribution is unconfirmed, but the project could be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$6,025 is recommended towards exterior repairs to the Grace Hiltz House, a municipally registered heritage property.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety category because the expenditures are for upkeep to the exterior of a registered heritage property.

Tier 3

### **35. AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Project Grant/Research**

The Coalition is a registered Canadian charity formed through the merger of two former Halifax-based organizations that provided health information and support and representatives of persons living with AIDS. The society's main source of funding are health-related grants from the federal and provincial government supplemented by fundraising and project-specific grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund an oral history project, "*Stories of Love and Anger: AIDS Activism and Organizing in Halifax 1981-1996*", to collect accounts of those affected by the AIDS pandemic. Funding is recommended to support self-representation among marginalized communities most impacted by this disease whose stories of discrimination have not been recognized in "official histories". The value of grant has been moderated to exclude ineligible expenses. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended to fund an oral history of local AIDS activism and resilience.***

### **36. Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Condition Assessment (Registered Heritage Property)**

The Conservatory was incorporated in 1921 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature and is exempt property tax under that Act. The organization is also a registered Canadian charity. Revenues are primarily tuition fees and fundraising. Programming includes instruction in music and dance for adults and children, including music therapy for persons with a physical or cognitive disability. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund a building condition assessment and prepare a revised workplan and cost estimates that will inform a capital campaign to fund restoration and upgrades. Quotes included. The former Chebucto School is a registered heritage property in the Classic Revival style (c.1908) noted for its role in the history of education and the aftermath of the Halifax Explosion. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended to conduct a building condition report to inform restoration of the former Chebucto School, Halifax.***

## **Housing**

Tier 2

### **37. Halifax Women's Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs**

Incorporated in 1981, the cooperative was formed to address barriers to female tenancy. They now own three properties with a total of ten units. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund replacement

siding and four windows for a building that has evident water damage to interior ceilings and floors. Quotes provided. The applicant has committed an estimated \$25,000 to pay for interior repairs to walls, floors, and ceilings. A municipal grant towards exterior siding replacement and windows is recommended to mitigate further deterioration (total cost \$27,000). The extent and cost of interior repairs cannot be confirmed until the existing siding and windows have been removed. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended to fully fund siding and window replacement for an affordable housing property serving women.***

Tier 3

#### **38. Adsum Association for Women & Children – Dartmouth- Capital Grant/Building Repair**

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that provides housing and support services to women and their children leaving domestic abuse. The society's property portfolio includes temporary shelter, supportive housing and short-term affordable rental accommodations. In addition to government service fees and financing agreements the organization raises significant revenue through donations and fundraising. HRM provides tax relief. A capital grant of \$13,050 is requested towards roof repairs to a 24-unit apartment building at a total cost of \$26,101. The applicant's contribution of \$12,140 is confirmed and application could also be made to the Nova Scotia Shelter Enhancement Program. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$13,000 is recommended towards repairs to a supportive housing facility for women.***

#### **39. Habitat for Humanity: Nova Scotia – Provincial/Regional – Project Grant/Equipment**

Habitat for Humanity is an international network that constructs homes for affordable ownership. The Nova Scotia chapter is a registered Canadian charity that raises funds through the sale of building and home renovation supplies (Restore in Dartmouth), fundraising, and home sales. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of safety equipment which is loaned to volunteers working on a construction site (total \$5,866.50). ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of construction safety equipment.***

#### **40. Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Repairs**

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate shelter and transitional housing for women and children leaving domestic abuse. In addition to rental revenue the Association has a strong fundraising presence enhanced by government grants and HRM tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards chimney upgrades to three properties (\$39,000-\$65,000). Given significant variance in quotes provided and the applicant's cost-share of \$14,000 to \$40,000, the value of the award recommendation has been worded to ensure that HRM's grant is a contribution towards the actual cost: if the lowest quote is used HRM's grant of 50% would be \$19,500<sup>7</sup>. ***A grant towards building repairs is recommended in an amount of 50% of actual costs up to a maximum of \$25,000. A hold-back will be applied to payment of the award pending confirmation of actual cost (selected quote) and the applicant's cost-share.***

## **Leisure**

Tier 1

#### **41. Musquodoboit Trailways Association – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Equipment**

The Society provides stewardship to the Musquodoboit Trailway, a 15km multi-use trail that runs from Gibraltar to Musquodoboit Harbour along an abandoned railway corridor and is part of the Trans Canada Trail system. The group's viability is sustained by capital and maintenance funding from HRM and the

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<sup>7</sup> For the purpose of the program's budget a value of \$25,000 (the maximum) has been used in calculating the combined value of grants in the Financial Implications section of this report.

Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage. A capital grant of \$7,463.50 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a shipping container to store maintenance equipment and supplies. An award presumes that the container is not a permanent fixture. ***A grant in the amount of \$7,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a storage shipping container. If approved, funds will be held back pending the execution of an agreement with the landowner, including insurance, confirmation of by-law compliance, and applicable permits.***

#### **42.Porter's Lake Community Service Association – Porter's Lake – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

Incorporated in 1975, the society operated a small municipal building that served the community prior to construction of the new Lake & Shore Recreation Centre. The Municipality subsequently donated the building to the Association (2021) and provides tax relief. The Association is entirely volunteer and generate revenues through hall rentals, bingo, and small community events. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacing the original asphalt shingled roof with a more expensive but longer-lasting metal roofing costing \$33,500. Quotes provided. The Association propose a contribution of \$8,350. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$15,000 is recommended towards a replacement roof for the Porter's Lake community hall. Holdback pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.***

#### **43.Waverley Community Association – Waverley – Project Grant/Equipment**

The Association operate a small community hall that houses a museum operated by the Waverly Heritage Society. The hall is available to other nonprofit groups at no cost but have been nominal over two years due to the pandemic. A grant of \$4,000 is requested towards the purchase of video conferencing equipment which will be shared with the museum to enable virtual meetings and presentation. (total cost \$4,404.47). ***A grant in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended towards establishing video conferencing/presentation capability.***

Tier 2

#### **44.Acadia Recreation Club Society – Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

The Club is entirely volunteer and relies on non-recurring government grants, donations, hall rentals and fundraising. The property has not been assessed taxable. The original Acadia Hall was built in 1925 and has since been upgraded with a small addition. However, the structure sits on a rock wall foundation with a dirt crawl space and seaweed insulation. A capital grant of \$15,300.50 is requested towards assorted building upgrades<sup>8</sup> to reduce heat loss and improve energy efficiency totaling \$45,803.75. The Club's contribution of \$7,600.75 is confirmed and application has been made to the provincial Community Facility Improvement Grant Program – decision pending. The Society has completed an energy audit and anticipate making application for energy rebates. ***A grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards replacement insulation.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Recreation category to Leisure based on the property's use for largely passive recreational and social activities.

#### **45.LWF Firemen's Association – Lakeview/Windsor Junction/Fall River – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

The society owns two properties, a community hall and a former fire station that houses a firefighters' collection of artefacts and memorabilia. The community hall is almost 30 years old and accommodates the Fall River & Area Lions Club and assorted local nonprofit groups. The primary source of revenue is bar sales and hall rentals. HRM provides tax relief. A capital grant of \$10,000 is requested towards the

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<sup>8</sup> (i) insulation of crawl space and attic (\$18,561), (ii) three tankless hot water systems, (iii) three heat pumps (\$22,310), and (iv) trades labour (\$1,500).



purchase and installation of a propane furnace (\$12,335) to replace the oil furnace which is inefficient and unreliable. A cost-share is recommended. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$6,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a replacement furnace.***

#### **46. Royal Canadian Legion: Valley Branch #147 – Upper Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

The Legion is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada and is also registered non-profit society under provincial legislation. The facility is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. Revenues are primarily from gaming and bar sales, membership dues, and donations. A capital grant of \$20,148.75 is requested towards the purchase and installation of four heat pumps for the legion hall (total \$21,418.75). The Legion's contribution is confirmed. As a registered Canadian charity, the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The project could be phased as funds permit. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of two heat pumps. The applicant will be referred to the provincial government's Legion Capital Fund.***

#### **47. Sackville Rivers Association – Sackville - Project Grant/Equipment**

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that works to protect the Sackville River Watershed. The group's primary source of revenues are government grants and operations are sustained by occupancy of HRM's Sackville Heights Community Centre. A grant of \$3,775 is requested to fully fund several items: (i) an art commission, (ii) banner, (iii) signage, and (iv) the purchase of fishing gear. The application lacked sufficient detail to conform the location of the artwork (property ownership, insurance, artist fees) or the purpose of the banner/signage. Therefore, a grant to fully fund the cost to purchase fishing rods and tackle boxes is recommended to enhance participation in recreational angling. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future application. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,320 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of fishing rods for an equipment loan program.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Environment category to Leisure to reflect the purpose and value of the recommended grant.

#### **48. Scotia XC Ski Club<sup>9</sup> – Meagher's Grant/Regional – Capital Grant/Equipment**

The Club is membership-based and facilitates access to public ski trails by grooming ski trails in the Annapolis Valley and HRM. Of the five sites located within HRM only Graves Oakley is an HRM-owned venue, two are provincial parks (Dollar Lake Provincial Park and MacDonald Provincial Sports Park), and two are private golf clubs. A capital grant of \$6,000 is requested towards the purchase of a new all-terrain vehicle and groomer attachment (total cost \$33,000). The equipment will be used in Dollar Lake Provincial Park. The Club's contribution of \$22,000 and a \$5,000 from Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage are confirmed. ***A grant of \$6,000 is recommended towards the purchase of trail grooming equipment for cross-country skiing. Holdback pending confirmation of equipment storage and insurance coverage.***

#### **49. St. Paul's Anglican Church/Anglican Parish of French Village – French Village/Lower Tantallon – Capital Grant/Construction**

The Parish of French Village is a registered Canadian charity supported by congregational giving and donations. The property owned by St. Paul's Anglican Church is a registered heritage site<sup>10</sup> that contains the church building, burial grounds, and woodland to the rear. As a place of worship, the church and

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<sup>9</sup> In 2021, the Halifax Nordic Ski Club changed its name. Operations are located in Annapolis Valley.

<sup>10</sup> The first Anglican church built in the St. Margaret's Bay area the original St. Paul's was built in c.1824. The present building replaced the original in c.1863.

burial grounds are exempt under the Assessment Act. The Parish propose the development of a walking loop in a wooded area to the rear of the site to encourage public use of the property. Grant requested \$25,000 towards grading and gravel, ditching, and tree removal to extend the existing driveway and parking lot to create an enclosed walking loop with exercise stations at an estimated combined cost of \$85,000. As a registered charity the Church may apply for a partial HST rebate. \$15,000 in funding from the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program is confirmed and the applicant will contribute \$10,000. Funding to match the owner's contribution is recommended and staff anticipate that the project may need to be phased based on unconfirmed fundraising. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future funding request. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards development of a walking trail.***

Tier 2

### **50. Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall - Oakfield – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

Incorporated in 1984, the society own and operate a former volunteer fire station. The fire station portion is occupied by HRM Fire & Emergency Services and the small annex is used as a community hall which supports its operations through bar sales and rentals. Because an active fire station operates at this location the property has been assessed as exempt under the Assessment Act. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the replacement of the fire station/hall annex septic system costing \$28,750. Application has not been made to any other funding source. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards a septic system replacement.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Environment category based on the largely passive type of leisure programming supported by the facility.

Tier 3

### **51. Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax – Regional/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade**

The Club is a registered Canadian charity that provides after school programming and camps for children and youth through six branch locations. Operations are dependent upon funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the Boys & Girls Club of Canada, and a municipal less than market value land lease. Self-generated revenue includes after-school programs and summer camps, and fundraising. A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested to fully fund the renovation of gender-neutral washrooms in two properties. The Club does not own the Spryfield property. Therefore, consideration has been given to only the Dartmouth North location<sup>11</sup>. As a registered charity the Club may apply for a partial HST rebate. The Club primarily serves children and youth in under-privileged neighbourhoods. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards washroom upgrades at the Dartmouth North Boys & Girls Club. Holdback pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from Diversity & Inclusion - the upgrades proposed are not adaptive but do recognize gender diversity.

## **Recreation**

Tier 1

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<sup>11</sup> The Boys & Girls Club own the building but sub-lease land from HRM. HRM leases the land from Nova Scotia Power, primarily for Farrell Park. The lease agreements are under review.

#### **52.FUNSports Association – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing**

Incorporated in 2019, the society's aim is to reduce barriers to sports participation in under-served communities through free programming. To date, programs have been funded through donations and in-kind corporate support. To broaden their appeal to potential sponsors and in-kind product donation a grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund professional fees to develop a social media campaign. ***A developmental grant of \$3,000 is recommended to fully fund the development of a social media campaign.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category based on the project's focus on sports.

#### **53.Halifax Rowing Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment Repair**

The Club offers seasonal adult and junior Learn to Row instructional programs, annual regattas, and winter fitness. Revenues are primarily from adult programming supplemented by grants and fundraising. The Club operates out HRM's St. Mary's Boat Club on the Northwest Arm. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards refurbishing twenty wooden oars (total \$6,635) which is cheaper than the purchase of new equipment. The Club's contribution is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards rowing equipment repairs.***

#### **54.Petpeswick Yacht Club – East Petpeswick – Project Grant/Building Upgrade**

The Club own and operate a sailing club of Petpeswick Inlet that includes a wharf, moorings, boat launch, and small beach area. Programming includes learn-to-sail lessons, kayak and paddleboard rentals. The clubhouse can also be booked for private functions. In addition to membership dues and program fees the Club is supported through the Musquodoboit Harbour Common Area rate and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$2,926.75 is requested to fully fund replace and upgrade the clubhouse electrical service to meet building code requirements. Funding is recommended to remedy a safety issue which requires qualified trades. ***A grant in the amount of \$2,900 is recommended for sailing club electrical upgrade to address building code compliance.***

#### **55.Prospect Peninsula Residents Association – Prospect – Capital Grant/Wharf Repair**

In 2002, the Association assumed ownership of the local government wharf to maintain public access. The society is entirely volunteer and self-funded through fundraising have maintained the wharf and abutting park through fundraising and small grants. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$22,540 is requested to fully fund to purchase and install replacement fender piles to stabilize the wharf. The technical nature of the work and specialized equipment is beyond the capacity of volunteers. ***A grant in the amount of \$22,000 is recommended to remedy the structural instability of the Prospect Village wharf.***

#### **56.Kiwanis Club: Cole Harbour-Westphal – Cole Harbour/Westphal - Project Grant/Equipment**

Located on Morris Lake the Kiwanis Club own and operate a park with a picnic area and beach area open to the public at no cost. The Club is volunteer sustained by fundraising, non-recurring grants and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of (i) lawn tractor for grass-cutting and (ii) a replacement steel door for a trailer used for meetings and storage. As a registered charity the Club may apply for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a lawn mower for Kiwanis Park.***

#### **57.Sheet Harbour Rockets – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade**

The Club is entirely volunteer and relies upon canteen and field rental fees to maintain the field and baseball diamonds, floodlights, and a small clubhouse. HRM provides annual tax relief. These amenities are used extensively for recreational and competitive baseball for children and adults, tournaments, community, and social events. A capital grant of \$12,650 is requested to fully fund an upgrade to the clubhouse electrical panel to 200-amp, electrical wiring, outlets, and fixtures to ensure code compliance

and restore functionality. Funding is recommended to address potential safety and fire safety issues. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$12,650 is recommended to replace the clubhouse electrical system.***

Tier 2

#### **58.Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp Middle Musquodoboit - Project Grant/Equipment**

The society is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate Camp Kidston located on 500 acres with waterfront access to Long Lake. The camp is sustained by registration fees, grants from the United Church of Canada Foundation, rentals and seasonal employment grants. HRM provides annual tax relief. A small donation program helps with access for those unable to afford full fees and the site hosts free open house events for the public. A grant of \$4,382 is requested towards the purchase of assorted paddling and lifeguard equipment totaling \$5,582. The applicant's contribution of \$1,200 is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended to purchase additional kayaks and paddles to expand water-based programming. ***A grant in the amount of \$3,690 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of six kayaks and paddles.***

#### **59.LWF Hardball Association/Grand Lake Oakfield Community Association – Grand Lake – Capital Grant/Equipment**

The Association organizes baseball teams, league competition, and manages some baseball fields. The primary source of revenue is from team/player registration fees. A capital grant of \$15,000 towards the purchase and installation of a batting cage and fencing on property owned by the Grand Lake Oakfield Community Association, a registered nonprofit society who have provided a letter of consent. The property owner is exempt from municipal tax. The baseball Association have committed \$3,452 towards the project which costs \$19,542. Funds will also be raised through the sale of advertising affixed to the cage. Partial funding is recommended based on the property ownership and prior funding for equipment to the LWF Hardball Association<sup>12</sup>. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$7,500 is recommended towards the purchase of a batting cage and fencing for the Grand Lake Oakfield Community Association's baseball field.***

Tier 3

#### **60.Maskwa Aquatic Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment**

The Club provides recreational and competitive paddling and is largely self-funded through membership and program fees, equipment and apparel sales supplemented by project-specific government grants. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a dragon boat costing \$15,000. Funding is recommended based on the applicant's confirmed cost-share and to enhance access to an entry-level program that is over-subscribed. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a dragon boat.***

#### **61.Sack-A-Wa Canoe Club – Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades**

The Club provides recreational and competitive canoe and kayaking on First Lake and is largely self-funded through membership and instructional fees, summer camps, off-season fitness training, and fundraising. HRM provides tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards assorted building repairs and upgrades (total \$30,550) resulting from poor workmanship on the Club's new \$1.2 million facility. Quote provided. Provincial funding of \$5,000 is unconfirmed and the Club have committed \$550. The work includes boat bay repairs, painting interior walls, and a replacement window and door. Funding is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a window and door costing \$3,000 to

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<sup>12</sup> In 2021, the LWF Hardball Association received a capital grant of \$8,480 towards the purchase of a mini tractor and accessories to be shared among five baseball fields, including Grand Lake.

prevent further water infiltration. **A grant in the amount of \$3,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a boathouse replacement door and window.**

### 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 ten years of data it was determined that limits should not be applied to either (i) the number of awards or (ii) the combined value of funding over a defined period to accommodate large capital projects that may need to be phased for practical or financial reasons<sup>13</sup>.

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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Other</b>
Abenaki Aquatic Club				\$15,500	HRM land lease. Tax Relief
Acadia Recreation Club	\$25,000			\$14,000	Not assessed tax
Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums Nova Scotia			\$4,983	\$5,000	
Canadian Mental Health Association			\$3,000		
Chezzetcook and District Lions Club		\$12,000	\$3,220	\$10,000	Tax Relief
Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society			\$5,000		Tax Relief
Friends of the Public Gardens				\$5,000	
Halifax Cycling Coalition			\$5,000		
Halifax Women's Housing Co-Operative Limited			\$9,929		Tax Relief
Kiwanis Club: Cole Harbour Westphal			\$3,875		Tax Relief
Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild	\$800	\$1,000		\$1,000	
LWF Hardball Association	\$11,270			\$8,480	
Mic Mac Aquatic Club	\$5,000				Tax Relief
Parish of St. George Anglican Church		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$5,500	Exempt tax by legislation
Petpeswick Yacht Club		\$5,000	\$2,097		Tax Relief
Prospect Peninsula Residents Association				\$4,418	Tax Relief
Scotia XC Ski Club (Halifax Nordic Ski Club)	\$13,000	\$10,000			
Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth		\$11,500			Tax Relief
Unicorn Theatre Society	\$4,000	\$4,000			HRM Facility Not assessed tax
Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax		\$5,000			Exempt tax by legislation
Waverley Amateur Athletic Association				\$5,000	Not assessed tax
Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000		Exempt tax by legislation (fire station)

<sup>13</sup> 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.

If approved, awards to the following sixteen organizations are 'new' to the program – meaning that the organization has not received a grant under the Community Grants Program or within the last seven (7) years.<sup>14</sup>

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia  
Cathedral of All Saints  
Charles Taylor Theatre & Media Arts Association  
Choirs for Change  
FUNsports Association  
Healthy Minds Network Co-operative Limited  
Immigrant Parents Network Association  
Life School House Co-operative Limited  
Musquodoboit Trailways Association  
North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre  
Porter's Lake Community Services Association  
Prescott Group Society  
Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia  
Sackville/Bedford Meals-on-Wheels Society  
Sheet Harbour Sexual Health Society  
Smartkidz Heritage Club

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<sup>14</sup> HRM Community Grants Program files are archived for 7 years.

## Not Recommended for Funding: 2022 Community Grants Program

### Arts & Crafts

Tier 3

#### **62.Zuppa Circus Theatre Society – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase a projector costing \$3,329. The applicant is a professional arts organization in receipt of municipal funding under the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program. As stated in the program guidebook, preference may be given to applicants not in receipt of federal, provincial, or municipal funding (Guidebook p.14).

### Diversity & Inclusion

Tier 1

#### **63.North Preston Medical Society – North Preston**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund building renovations to the Society's child-care facility. In general, the Community Grants Program does not fund child-care/preschool facilities<sup>1</sup>. The Society will be referred to staff for assistance with any future funding request and/or potential non-municipal funding sources. For example, "greening" the site, a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative project, or an interpretive/art project to create awareness of the site's cultural and historical significance.

#### **64.Saint George's Youthnet – Halifax**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of a passenger van costing \$32,500. The balance of funding was unconfirmed as of date of application and the sustainability cannot be demonstrated. Refer to staff for assistance – the project could be strengthened by a joint application for shared use.

Tier 3

#### **65.Dartmouth Day Care Centre – Dartmouth**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards furnishings and small equipment to establish a Snoezelen room for a day care facility. In general, the Community Grants Program does not fund child-care/preschool facilities.

#### **66.PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society – Provincial/Regional**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase unspecified equipment for an annually recurring summer camp. The application lacks sufficient information to gauge need and the financial position of the Society indicates an ability to self-fund. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future application to the program.

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<sup>1</sup> The only exception to date has been the Wee Care Developmental Day Care Centre which serves *exclusively* infants and children with a developmental disability requiring specialized professional services and a low teacher/child ratio. Adaptive playground equipment could be considered if the area is shared with the public – typically child-care playgrounds are enclosed for safety/owner's liability.

## **Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety**

Tier 1

### **67.Chezzetcook & District Lions Club – East Chezzetcook**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund assorted property maintenance and repairs (exterior power washing and painting, siding, and repairs to a storage shed) totaling \$31,625. These items are not required for an HRM EMO Comfort Centre and as such the project does not align with the funding category's priorities. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future application to the program.

### **68.Preston Area Board of Trade – East Preston**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to re-pave the parking lot of a strip mall owned and operated by the society. With one exception, tenancy is primarily government and businesses. The project is not a strong alignment with this category or the Community Grants Program.

### **69.Village Green Recreation Society – East Dover**

A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a propane generator. Although the community hall aspires to be a formal HRM EMO comfort centre there is no formal designation or rating (Guidebook, p. 15). The applicant will be referred to HRM's Fire & Emergency Services.

Tier 3

### **70.Chebucto Community Development Association – Spryfield/Sambro Loop**

A grant of \$4,967.91 is requested to fully fund the purchase of nine laptop computers for staff who deliver the Pathways to Education Program, a federally funded educational enrichment program. The project does not align with the Community Grants Program or the funding category (Guidebook, p.13 "...the program does not fund school-based or academic programs").

### **71.St. Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund volunteer recruitment. The proposed expenditures are vaguely described and include some ineligible costs (Guidebook, p.13). The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future application to the program.

## **Environment**

Tier 1

### **72.Birdland Community Garden Society – Halifax**

A capital grant of \$7,300 is requested to fund assorted garden upgrades, including the installation of fencing, completion of a storage shed, construction of water barrels, construction of four benches, and a bulletin board in an HRM-owned park. The financial information provided does not include insurance which is mandatory under HRM's Community Gardens program. The applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation for approval and confirmation of appropriate and sufficient insurance.

### **73.Nova Scotia Institute of Science – Provincial/Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund a membership campaign, website upgrades, and production of a bi-annual newsletter (a recurring operating cost). The society's focus on advancing scientific research and academic study is not well aligned with the purpose and funding priorities of the Community Grants Program.



#### **74. Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce – Sheet Harbour**

A capital grant of \$24,882.75 is requested to fully fund the purchase of: (1) professional fees for a bathymetric survey, (2) signage, (3) web site, and (4) logo design for the Sheet Harbour Marina Association. None of these items is considered a capital cost under the program guidelines. Further, the Chamber of Commerce is not the project lead as indicated by a funding request to the Municipality in January 2022 by the Sheet Harbour Marina Association which incorporated as a separate legal entity on August 31, 2022. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future funding requests.

Tier 2

#### **75. MusGo Rider Co-operative Limited – Porter’s Lake**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards unspecified costs in the construction of a garage for vehicle storage and assorted energy efficiency upgrades. The project relies on unconfirmed federal funding. Additional funds could be sought through application to energy efficiency incentive programs, including HRM’s Solar City Program, and a partial HST rebate.

Note: The Community Grants Program does not have a designated funding category for transit. Previous funding was issued under the Diversity & Inclusion category based on transportation for persons with a disability/lower income individuals and families.

#### **76. Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Dartmouth**

A capital grant of \$11,225.49 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted replacement surgical dental equipment for veterinary services offered under the SPCA HRM Animal Hospital Limited, a wholly owned “profit-oriented venture” established in relation to the Society. Professional veterinary services do not align with the program’s funding aims.<sup>2</sup>

## **History**

#### **77. Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society – Musquodoboit Harbour**

A capital grant of \$20,620 is requested for the installation of replacement shingles on the former train station building – a registered heritage property. Community museums eligible for consideration under the Interim Community Museums Grants Program should apply to the designated program. Further, this year the Society was awarded a capital grant in the amount of \$16,082.50 under the museum grants program for an interpretation project (approved by Regional Council in April 2022)<sup>3</sup>.

## **Leisure**

Tier 2

#### **78. St. Nicholas Anglican Church – Upper Tantallon**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of fencing, furniture, and toddler play equipment for participants in the church’s weekly play group. The financial information indicates an ability to self-fund.

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<sup>2</sup> The recommendation to decline is consistent with previous decisions with respect to similar requests from Hope for Wildlife and the SPCA.

<sup>3</sup> The recommendation to decline is consistent with applications from museums declined in 2019 (NS Sports Hall for Fame) and 2021 (Sheet Harbour & Area Heritage Society, Africville Trust, Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum, and the Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society).

Tier 3

**79.Lake District Recreation Association – Lower Sackville**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards roof repairs to the leisure building used for bingo, hourly rentals, and a lease with the Taiso Gymnastics Club. The estimated total cost is \$118,421.25 but the balance of funding was not identified or confirmed in the application. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future funding requests.

**Recreation**

Tier 1

**80.Black Point & Area Community Centre – Black Point**

A capital grant of \$12,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a replacement bar fridge and convection oven. The property is an HRM-owned facility - the applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation.

**81.Portland Estates and Colby Scouts Group – National/Dartmouth**

A capital grant of \$10,780 is requested towards the purchase of assorted camping equipment at a combined cost of \$12,280. This is not a capital grant – the cost is a function of multiple items. The group will be referred to Grants staff for assistance with any future funding submission<sup>4</sup>.

**82.Rockingham Recreation Society – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the construction of a storage shed and to purchase “maintenance materials” (a tarpaulin) for an outdoor rink located on HRM property. The applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation for approval for an on-site equipment storage unit and proof of appropriate and sufficient insurance.

Tier 2

**83.Abenaki Aquatic Club - Dartmouth**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement of the clubhouse building (total \$514,800). Application has been made to ACOA (\$200,000), Nova Scotia Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage (\$150,000), HRM’s District Capital Fund (\$10,000) and \$84,000 is committed by the Club. The clubhouse is located on land leased from the Municipality<sup>5</sup> at less than market value and receives municipal tax relief. The expansion of the facility requires the approval of HRM Parks & Recreation. The project could be phased as funds permit. Feedback will be provided and the Club referred to the 2023 program.

**84.Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club – Dartmouth**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase three sets of portable bleachers to accommodate spectators at competitive swimming events at the HRM-owned Zatzman Sportsplex. The project is not a strong alignment with the Recreation category’s funding priorities which emphasize active participation (not spectatorship or events) and there is no indication that the facility has (a) insufficient seating and (b)

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<sup>4</sup> In 2021 a capital grant of \$8,000 was awarded to the Portland Hills & Estates Residents Association towards the purchase of a shipping container to establish a “dedicated Scout base of operations” for equipment storage.

<sup>5</sup> In 2021, the Club received a grant of \$15,500 towards the construction of new floating docks.

HRM's approval for on-site equipment storage with proof of insurance. The applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation.

**85. Halifax Cycling Coalition - Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of cycle bags, camping equipment and repair kits to start a rental program for overnight bike trips. The application lacks sufficient information to gauge the feasibility of this concept. The society will be referred to staff for assistance with any future funding application.

**86. Waverley Amateur Athletic Association – Waverley**

A capital grant of \$12,000 is requested towards the purchase of two replacement shipping containers that will be adapted with the addition of a fixed roof and deck (total cost \$18,420). The Association's current lease agreement with the provincial government is under review and should be completed prior to any funding commitment.

Tier 3

**87. Northwoodcare Halifax Incorporated – Halifax**

A grant of \$4,898.72 is requested to fully fund the purchase of two defibrillators, accessories, and staff/volunteer training. The nature of the request would be more appropriately covered under the applicant's operating budget or the local provincial health agency.

**88. Terence Bay Community Hall Association – Terence Bay**

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the remodeling the kitchen and bar area and the purchase of appliances and equipment totaling \$143,856.72<sup>6</sup>. Although receipt of any provincial funding is pending an amount of \$68,856.72 is confirmed which suggests the project can proceed and could be phased as funds permit. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future application.

**89. Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards a recurring annual summer camp for day outings. The application did not identify any individual costs aligned with a municipal grant other than unspecified "supplies" and "activities". The costs for staff and "salaries" are ineligible for consideration under the Community Grants Program (Guidebook, p. 13).

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<sup>6</sup> The property was donated to the society in 2018 for \$1.00 and a capital grant in the amount of \$75,000 was awarded under a Contribution Agreement. These funds were for a replacement septic system, driveway/parking repairs, roof repairs, exterior windows and doors, and washroom accessibility.

## Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2022 Community Grants Program

### Arts & Crafts

Tier 2

#### **90.Independent Living Nova Scotia - Halifax**

A grant of \$3,000 is requested towards hosting the annual Art of Disability Festival. The Community Grants Program does not fund events (Guidebook, p.13). The society will be made aware of the HRM Regional Events Grants Program should they make application to the events funding program at some future date.

### Diversity & Inclusion

#### **91.Africentric Learning Institute – Provincial**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the development of a mathematics curriculum for public schools across Nova Scotia. The application was incomplete – no financial information was included. The Community Grants Program does not fund school-based programs (Guidebook, p. 13).

### Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety

Tier 1

#### **92.Helping Hands: Helping Families Society – Middle Musquodoboit**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase and delivery of food. The application is incomplete, and the Society incorporated May 6, 2021 which does not meet the program's 12-month registration requirement as of March 31<sup>st</sup> (Guidebook, p.3).

Tier 2

#### **93.Carroll's Corner Community Centre – Carroll's Corner**

A grant of \$4,525 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a propane generator for the HRM-owned facility which is a designated HRM EMO Comfort Centre. Electrical upgrades to the building will also be required. The applicant is not the property owner and will be referred to HRM staff for consideration under a departmental capital plan for the fit-up of an HRM-owned asset.

### Environment

Tier 1

#### **94.Tangier River Association – Tangier**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted nesting boxes, signage, promotion, office supplies and unspecified miscellaneous. The application is incomplete – no financial information was included. The society will be referred to staff for assistance.

Tier 2

#### **95.Sackville Business Association – Lower Sackville**

A grant of \$1,750 is requested to fully fund the purchase of tree lights and marketing for a two-week Adopt-a-Tree fundraiser for the Sackville Rivers Association. The Community Grants Program does not fund generic fundraising or events (Guidebook, p.13).

Tier 3

**96.Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax – Regional/Cole Harbour**

The Boys & Girls Club submitted two separate applications – only one application will be accepted per year (Guidebook, p.2). The request for \$5,000 towards unspecified “program supplies” and garden building materials for a garden located at HRM’s Cole Harbour Place was incomplete – no financial information was included. The applicant will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation for approval and to confirm insurance coverage.

**History**

**97.Rockingham Heritage Society – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fund a web site. The application is incomplete – no financial information was included.

**98.PLANifax Production Co-operative Limited – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund production of a video regarding the former St. Patrick Alexander School. The application is incomplete – a financial statement was not included.

**Leisure**

Tier 2

**99.Deanery Project Co-operative Limited – Lower Ship Harbour**

A capital grant of \$13,000 is requested towards assorted kitchen repairs, two exit decks, electrical upgrades, and the purchase of a commercial dishwasher. The cooperative is in default of reporting for a grant of \$5,000 issued in 2021.

**100.Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards several small repair projects. The applicant is in default of reporting for a grant of \$5,000 issued in 2021.

**Recreation**

**101.Adaptive Paddling Solutions – Terence Bay**

A grant of \$4,000 is requested for web site development and administrative costs. The applicant is not a registered society and the application is incomplete – no financial information was included. Recurring operating costs are not funded under the Community Grants Program (Guidebook, p. 13).

**102.Friends of Taylor Head Park – Spry Bay**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to add QR codes to existing park signage and additional signage to interpret features along a walking trail in the Taylor Head Provincial Park. The application is incomplete – no financial information was included.

**103.Sheet Harbour Lions Club – Sheet Harbour**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards playground equipment for an HRM-owned playground. The applicant does not own the property or asset and the Community Grants Program does not fund fundraising (Guidebook, p. 13). This playground is not due for replacement and additions could impact annual maintenance or future re-capitalization - the Club will be referred to HRM Parks & Recreation.

Tier 1

**104.Pilolo Multicultural Playtime Society – Halifax**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards hosting a recurring one-day event on the Halifax waterfront. The Community Grants Program does not fund events (Guidebook, p.13). The Society will be notified of the HRM Regional Events Grants Program should they make application to the events funding program at some future date.

**105.Sheet Harbour Radio Society – Sheet Harbour**

In 2021, the Society received a capital grant of \$8,000 to fully fund the purchase of the shipping container<sup>1</sup>. In 2022, a capital grant of \$15,000 is requested to adapt the container with the addition of a roof, deck, lighting, heat/ventilation system, and exterior door. These upgrades suggest the shipping container will be adapted with fixed infrastructure on land they do not own: a fire inspection/approval might also be warranted to ensure egress and safety. The applicant will be referred to the 2023 Community Grants Program.

Tier 2

**106.Roots & Boots Forest School Society – Fall River**

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of assorted equipment. The Society is in default of reporting for a grant of \$3,635 issued in 2021. The Society will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

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<sup>1</sup> The capital grant was issued under Arts & Crafts category because broadcasting is recognized as a cultural industry and included in statistical surveys on investment in cultural practices or the arts.