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Grants Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

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SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program: Fiscal 2023 – Recommended Awards

ORIGIN

The Community Grants Program is an annual program of project-specific cash grants for eligible non-profit and charitable organizations located within the geographic boundary of HRM. The 2023 program opened for applications in January and the submission deadline was March 31, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

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;

...

Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM, the Community Grants Program

3. The aim of the Community Grants Program is to support the volunteer participation of residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality in local nonprofit and charitable organizations that develop or deliver a project, program, service, or amenity to the benefit of members of the public and that aligns with elements of the Municipality's 5-Year Strategic Priorities Plan.

27. The following criteria shall be used by staff to evaluate applications for consideration by the Grants Committee for recommendation to Council:

- (a) the way in which a project addresses a program funding priority;
- (b) the applicant's demonstrated financial capacity and the incremental impact of a municipal grant;

- (c) the applicant’s reliance on volunteers and self-generated revenues – preference may be given to organizations not in receipt of recurring municipal, provincial, or federal government funding; and
- (d) the type and scope of public benefit in terms of one or more of the following: accessibility, diversity, affordability, or inclusivity.

28. Preference may be given to:

- (a) applicants’ ineligible for consideration under another municipal program;
- (b) geographic or interest-based communities with limited access to public amenities; or
- (c) amenities open to the public at no or low cost.

HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference.

The duties of the HRM Grants Committee are to:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve sixty (60) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report for a combined total of \$473,275 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Community Grants Program received a total of 117 applications of which 26 are ineligible for consideration. From the 91 eligible submissions a total of 60 awards are recommended at a combined total cost of \$473,275. The distribution of applications and awards by funding category is summarized below in Table 1.

Table 1. Program Applications and Distribution by Funding Category: Fiscal 2023¹				
Category	Total # of Applications	Combined Value of Requests	Total # of Proposed Awards	Total Value Proposed Awards
Affordable Housing	5	\$92,255.12	3	\$31,725
Community Arts	19	\$164,033.75	10	\$60,470
Community Histories	10	\$125,631.00	8	\$104,162
Diversity & Inclusion	20	\$148,885.64	7	\$48,950
Emergency Assistance & Public Safety	15	\$161,448.09	6	\$38,268
Environment & Climate Change	17	\$189,804.55	10	\$78,900
Leisure	15	\$168,723.21	8	\$62,950

Recreation	16	\$206,895.74	8	\$47,850
Total	117	\$1,257,677.10	60	\$473,275

Total Budget				\$500,000
Balance				\$26,725

1. Some applications were reassigned to other funding categories based on the type of project. Therefore, the number of awards varies from the number of initial applications per category.

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 award categories: (1) a Project Grant up to \$5,000 or (2) a Capital Grant up to \$25,000. An organization can apply for only one grant in any given year but may elect to make successive application. Multi-year awards are not issued under the Community Grants Program; awards are project-specific (not operating grants).

DISCUSSION

The 2023 Community Grants Program received a total of 117 applications by or post-marked March 31, 2023, for a combined total of \$1,257,677.10 in requests. Of these submissions 26 are ineligible for consideration leaving 91 eligible applications with a combined value of \$1,040,548.09.

Although the 2023/24 program uptake is higher than last year's 106 applications the combined value of requests was lower. An increase in uptake may be indicative of a post-COVID 19 resumption in operations within the non-profit and charitable sector and/or a result of the expanded communications plan implemented for the 2023 program. The communications reach might also have contributed to an increase in the number of ineligible applicants which includes groups with limited experience in grant-writing, organizations located outside the region, or generic fundraising submissions. In contrast, the lower combined dollar value of requests could be a result of expanded municipal funding options, most notably the HRM Affordable Housing Grants Program, or access to non-municipal funding from other levels of government.

Development of Key Performance Indicators ("KPI"): The development of a new Administrative Order for the program that includes a clear statement of purpose and revised evaluation criteria will enable the establishment of baseline data from which trends can be monitored using "key performance indicators". These measurements are simply a way to gauge how well the program's intended "outcomes" are being met. The measures used for monitoring should be efficient to collect on an annual basis and easy for readers to understand.

For example, targeting an applicant organization's financial capacity could be measured using the number of "Tier 1" grant recipients; this descriptor identifies those organizations whose prior year gross revenues are \$50,000 or below (which is a proxy for "smaller" groups). Typically, these organizations are run by volunteers, largely self-funded, and smaller in terms of membership/participation rates. These groups might also be less likely to own real property resulting in fewer higher value property-related capital grant requests (up to \$25,000)¹. For demonstration purposes, the distribution of this year's proposed awards by Tier is shown below in Table 2.

¹ There are exceptions with respect to property ownership by groups with modest earned revenues and small groups could also apply for capital grants in relation to, for example, the purchase of expensive equipment, energy efficiency, or a public art commission.

Table 2. Distribution of Proposed Awards by Tier: Fiscal 2023						
Category	Tier 1 (<\$50,000)		Tier 2 (\$50,001-\$250,000)		Tier 3 (>\$250,000)	
	Proposed Value of Grants	# of Grants	Proposed Value of Grants	# of Grants	Proposed Value of Grants	# of Grants
Affordable Housing		0	\$25,000	1	\$6,725	2
Community Arts	\$24,970	6	\$35,000	4		0
Community Histories	\$40,162	4	\$5,000	1	\$59,000	3
Diversity & Inclusion	\$13,950	4	\$15,000	2	\$20,000	1
Emergency Assistance & Public Safety	\$10,468	1	\$6,800	2	\$21,000	3
Environment & Climate Change	\$21,400	3	\$17,500	4	\$40,000	3
Leisure	\$50,350	5	\$11,000	2	\$1,600	1
Recreation	\$15,350	3	\$11,500	2	\$21,000	3
Total: 60 Awards	\$176,650	26	\$127,300	18	\$169,325	16

If the number and combined dollar value of awards to Tier 1 organizations is an accepted outcome measure, this sub-group represents 43% this year's proposed awards and 37% of the total dollar value of grants as shown below in Table 3².

Table 3. Tier 1 Organizations Represent 43% of Proposed Awards in 2023				
	Combined \$-Value of Grants	% of Combined Cost of Grants	# of Grants by Tier	% of Proposed Grants
Tier 1	\$176,650	37%	26	43%
Tier 2	\$127,300	27%	18	30%
Tier 3	\$169,325	36%	16	27%
Total	\$473,275	100%	60	100%

Staff will engage members of the Grants Committee in confirming outcome measures for the program so that data can be collected in a cost-effective and timely manner in 2024. Committee members will also be asked to provide input on how this information should be presented for ease of understanding. This exercise has no impact on the program's policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program 2023 Budget M311-8004	\$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (60)	<u>(\$473,275)</u>
Balance	\$ 26,725

² Of the 91 eligible applications 31 were from Tier 1 organizations. This number may be a slight under-representation because five organizations declined or ineligible for consideration could not be identified by tier due to incomplete or missing financial information.

RISK CONSIDERATION

The primary risks associated with 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:

- proposed grant recipients 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 grant issued in a prior year;
- 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
- 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 web site under the respective committee or Regional Council meeting agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

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

A referral allows for reconsideration in relation to any balance remaining in the 2023 Community Grants Program budget. Given that all applications have been evaluated using the information provided by an applicant and any additional due diligence on the part of a reviewers, referrals are strengthened if a rationale is provided.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Overview of Review Methodology
2. Recommended Awards: 2023 Community Grants Program
 - (i) Award Recommendations
 - (ii) Table 1. Award Recommendations in Relation to Prior Year Awards (2019-2022)
3. Not Recommended for Funding: 2023 Community Grants Program

4. Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2023 Community Grants Program

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

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Overview of Review Methodology

As stated in Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM, the purpose of the Community Grants Program is to support the volunteer participation of residents of HRM in local nonprofit and charitable organizations that develop or deliver a project, program, or service to benefit members of the public and align with elements of HRM's 5-Year Strategic Priorities Plan.

The Community Grants Program comprises eight (8) funding categories each with its own funding priorities and provides two types of cash 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. An organization¹ 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. Due to the difference in maximum funding threshold for project as compared to capital grants the combined value of awards will vary year-to-year and by funding category.

Presentation of Information: The staff recommendations with respect to awards, declined or ineligible applications uses a "narrative" description, in preference to simply a name and dollar value, to heighten decision-making transparency. Hence, all applications are listed the Attachments to the staff report to the Grants Committee.

The information in support of proposed awards includes the following:

- 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.

Identification of Applicants by "Tier": 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:

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

Evaluation Criteria and Process: Submissions are reviewed in stages as described below:

- (1) Ineligible applications are identified and are not scored.
- (2) Eligible applications are evaluated within each funding category using standardized weighting of scores. 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.

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

- (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.

Evaluation Scoring		
Criteria	Description	Weight
Sector Priority	Does the project directly address a funding priority for this category?	/5
Financial Needs	Demonstrated inability to self-fund. Limited access to government or other funding.	/5
Public Benefit	Accessible, affordable, inclusive.	/5
Volunteer Support	Support volunteers in the development and/or delivery of a program or service serving residents.	/5
Total		/20

The evaluation score does not correspond to the value of any award recommended, meaning that a higher score does not translate into a higher cash grant.

If a reviewer declares a conflict of interest² 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.

Program Guidebook: Prospective applicants are assisted in understanding the program’s eligibility criteria in a guidebook. Assistance is also available through a designated email address and by telephone.

² 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 2023

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tier 2

1.Halifax Peninsula Housing Co-operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1979, the cooperative owns and operates a portfolio of six properties with a total of 13 rental units. Operations are sustained by rental revenues and HRM provides annual tax relief. In 2021 the cooperative received funding from the Housing Nova Scotia: Community Housing Capacity Building Program for building assessments and strategic planning provided by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada. The project was completed in 2022. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement roofing for three (3) properties containing a combined total of six dwelling units. The combined cost is \$46,503.13 and the cooperative's contribution of \$21,503.13 is confirmed. Quotes provided. The applicant has prioritized capital work based on an independent assessment of building condition and risk. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards roof replacements for the Halifax Peninsula Housing Cooperative.***

Note: This application encompasses three buildings and as such could be considered “bundled” but the intake to the Housing category is lower in 2023 than in prior years. This reduction in the number of housing-related applications is attributed to the implementation of HRM's Affordable Housing Grants Program and its higher funding threshold.

Tier 3

2.Akoma Family Centre Incorporated – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Centre incorporated as a nonprofit society in 2013 and the following year registered as a Canadian charity. Initially, the Centre provided transitional housing and support services for children and youth in the care of the Minister of Community Services but in 2016 their mandate changed to accommodate children 5-10 years of age with special needs referred by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services which funds operations. HRM provides tax relief. Additional revenues are generated through fundraising and project-specific grants. A grant of \$14,437.14 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted toys, furniture, furnishings, and small equipment for a “sensory room” in the basement of premises leased from Akoma Holdings Incorporated. The request does not meet the criteria for a capital grant: cost is a function of the volume of items, none of which costs more than \$5,000 (Policy, Section 5) and some are consumables (Policy, Section 25). A project grant is recommended to fully fund the purchase of small equipment (climbing wall, exercise mats, and small obstacle course). ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of play equipment for the Akoma Family Centre residence.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Recreation category to Affordable Housing because the Family Centre provides transitional housing for children with special needs. The application states that play amenities will also be made available to families living in the newly constructed townhouses located on-site funded under the federal Rapid Housing Initiatives Program.

3.Habitat for Humanity Nova Scotia – Provincial (Dartmouth) – Project Grant/Marketing

Habitat for Humanity is an international movement that promotes affordable home ownership for lower income families through waiver of a down payment on mortgages geared to an applicant's household income. The Nova Scotia branch incorporated as a registered Canadian charity in 1994 and undertakes

construction projects throughout the province. Revenues are primarily donations, government financing/grants, and fundraising that includes a retail thrift store for building supplies and fixtures. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees to (1) develop a digital marketing strategy and (2) the cost of a 4-month training program for staff at a total cost of \$6,095. The applicant's cost-share of \$1,095 is confirmed but as a registered Canadian charity the applicant could apply for a partial HST rebate. The Community Grants Program does not fund housing for private ownership but has supported Habitat for Humanity projects through grants towards equipment (delivery truck, a large wood planer machine for the Restore retail operation, and safety equipment for volunteers). Partial funding is recommended which excludes staff training but fully funds the development of a marketing plan. ***A grant of \$1,725 is recommended to fully fund professional fees to develop a digital marketing plan.***

COMMUNITY ARTS

Tier 1

4.Coastal Voices Mens Choir Association – Eastern Shore – Project Grant/Equipment (Music)

Formed in 2011 to promote male choral singing the Association draws its members primarily from the Eastern Shore area and performs in local community venues. The society comprises volunteers and is self-sustained through membership dues, ticket sales, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase small, portable sound and video equipment, and music stands/folders (\$5,271) to enhance the quality of rehearsals and performances for singers and accompanists. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of small equipment.***

5.Eastern Shore Players – Lake Charlotte – Project Grant/Equipment (Theatre)

Established in 2015, the Society is a community-based non-professional theatre group administered by volunteers and sustained primarily by ticket sales and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of portable lighting equipment (\$7,796.93). Although based at the Memory Lane Heritage Village in Lake Charlotte, the group has staged small productions in Sheet Harbour, East Chezzetcook, and Middle Musquodoboit. The Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society has agreed to store the equipment (the Clam Factory building hosts special events, concerts, exhibitions, weddings, and workshops) and will contribute \$500 towards the purchase. The equipment will be made available to other groups. Ownership of portable lighting equipment enhances the ability to perform in small venues that do not have technical equipment and shared access adds to the incremental impact of a grant. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for the purchase of portable lighting equipment.***

6.L'Association Les Voix d'Acadie – Regional (Dartmouth) – Project Grant/Production (Music)

The Association is a registered Canadian charity sustained by membership fees, concert ticket sales and occasional project-specific grants. This francophone community choir promotes “the culture of choral and francophone singing” including individuals seeking to improve their proficiency in the French language and exposure to Acadian and francophone culture. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production of a concert with an enhanced program to recognize the Association's 50th Anniversary with a broader repertoire of French popular songs that requires a full band accompaniment, choreography, and visual presentation. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for professional fees for musicians and a choreographer. The total production cost is estimated to be \$13,800 of which only \$500 was confirmed at the time of application. The Association has applied to Affaires Acadiennes Nouvelle-Ecosse for funding (\$3,300) and their share is to be from projected ticket sales. However, the scope of production could be reduced as funds permit. The presentation of cultural identity and language through the arts aligns with the category's funding priorities. ***A one-time grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees for musical accompaniment and choreography for a “50 ans et toujours vivant” concert.***

7.Lawrencetown Sew-Society Guild – Lawrencetown – Project Grant/Equipment (Crafts)

The Society is self-sustained by volunteers, membership dues, and fundraising through an annual *Quilt Show and Sale*. Members are primarily seniors who meet for monthly group sewing sessions. Participants also create quilts to donate or sell to raise money for charity. A grant of \$600 is requested towards the purchase of small equipment (portable workstations, storage cubes, quilting pattern templates). The Society's contribution of \$600 is confirmed. Quilting and sewing have traditionally been regarded as an adjunct to women's domestic role: the preservation of these skills and their application in support of charitable causes is supported through modest municipal funding. ***A grant of \$600 is recommended towards the purchase of small sewing and storage equipment.***

8.Passage Players Society – Eastern Passage – Project Grant/Equipment (Theatre)

Established in 2015 the Society is entirely volunteer and sustains operations through ticket sales and fundraising. This non-professional arts group performs in local community venues, most of which do not have a stage. A grant of \$1,250 is requested to fully fund the purchase of materials for the construction of a small portable stage. ***A grant of \$1,250 is recommended for the purchase of materials to construct a small, portable stage.***

9.Sheet Harbour Radio Society – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Equipment (Broadcasting)

Established in 2016, the Society is exclusively volunteer-led and operates a community radio station funded by paid advertising/sponsorship, fundraising, and in-kind contributions. In 2021, the Society received a capital grant of \$8,000 to fully fund the purchase of a shipping container to be adapted for use as a broadcast studio. In 2022, title to the land upon which the container was installed was conveyed to the Society which will enable electrical and Internet hook-up. A grant of \$16,020.75 is requested to fully fund assorted costs for the interior fit-up (doors, electrical, lighting, heat pump, roof, and deck). ***A grant of \$8,120 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a heat pump (\$6,700) and associated electrical hook-up (\$1,420) to assist in the establishment of a venue for 94.7FM community radio.***

Tier 2

10.Aeolian Singers – Halifax – Project Grant/Production (Music)

Formed in 1976 and incorporated in 1990 the choir focuses on female singers, composers, and artistic direction. The society is entirely volunteer and sustained by ticket sales, program advertising, donations, and project-specific grants. In response to a study by Choral Canada on the impact of COVID 19 that recommended choirs invest in youth initiatives to aid recovery the society would like to launch a new program to mentor youth singers and women-identified conductors and accompanists. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to support this project (total costs \$20,562). At the time of application only \$3,200 was confirmed and the scope of project relies on funding under Arts Nova Scotia: Artists in Communities Program (\$10,362). Funding is recommended based on the ability to reduce the scope of the project or phase implementation as funds permit. Initiatives to address the under-representation of women in professional arts leadership is also encouraged. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to support the launch of a mentorship project for youth.***

11.Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre and Cultural Centre – Middle Musquodoboit – Project Grant/Equipment (Theatre)

Incorporated in 1983, the society operates a municipally owned registered heritage property serving small villages in the Musquodoboit Valley area. The property is exempt from property tax. Operations are sustained by HRM supplemented by non-recurring project grants and rental income from meetings, small events, concerts, and theatre performances. A capital grant of \$7,935 is requested towards the purchase

of small sound equipment (\$10,135). None of the purchases qualify as a capital grant, therefore the maximum permitted under a project grant is \$5,000. The applicant is contributing \$1,587 and has secured a corporate donation of \$613. Purchases could be phased as funds permit or by application to non-municipal sources. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of small portable sound equipment for the Bicentennial community theatre.***

12.South End Baptist Church – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment Repair (Craft)

South End Baptist Church is a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, donations, and fundraising. As a place of worship, the property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. For the past six years the church has donated space to host free weekly *Learn-to-Sew* classes for adults and children (grades 5-8) with instruction provided by a volunteer from the congregation. A grant of \$1,000 is requested fully-fund the cost of servicing ten electric sewing machines. The Church has committed \$50. Partial funding is recommended to encourage fundraising efforts. ***A one-time grant of \$500 is recommended towards sewing equipment repairs.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Leisure category to Community Arts because the program is exclusively sewing.

13.Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Association – Upper Hammonds Plains – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Association is entirely volunteer and own and operate the former volunteer fire station that served as the first Black volunteer fire department in Canada. Operations are sustained by a local area rate, program fees, and project-specific grants. The property is partially tax exempt under HRM's tax relief program. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the final stage of retrofitting the building to serve youth who have limited access to programming and amenities. Although the facility's focus is on African Nova Scotia youth the catchment area envisaged includes subdivisions in the area (Pockwock Estates, White Birch Hills, Maplewood on the Hills). The building is constructed of cement blocks with no insulation and the four large bay doors of the former garage contribute to heat loss. The project has two elements: (1) the purchase and installation of modified bay doors and (2) exterior wall insulation and metal cladding at a combined total cost \$141,317.75. The Association's commitment of \$29,211.83 and a contribution of \$20,000 from the Upper Hammonds Plains Windfarm Committee are confirmed. Application has also been made to the Nova Scotia Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage: Recreation Facility Development Grant Program (\$47,105.92) and the HRM District Capital Fund (\$20,000). To date, the Association has sufficient funds to complete the door replacements, but the exterior cladding relies on unconfirmed municipal and provincial grants. Therefore, a holdback on issuing payment is recommended pending confirmation of an ability to proceed. The project furthers the funding category's priorities in terms of cultural self-representation and arts-related community amenities. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards exterior building insulation and cladding for the Elizabeth Mantley Arts and Recreation Centre for Youth. Holdback pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.***

Note: This application was reassigned from Recreation to Community Arts based on anticipated culturally relevant arts programming for youth, but once the facility is operational and the type and scope of programming established it will be easier to gauge if the facility is specialized in relation to arts. However, all grants are project-specific so categories can and do change to reflect the type of program

COMMUNITY HISTORIES

Tier 1

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

Incorporated in 2011 the Society's volunteers rely on membership fees and non-recurring project grants to support efforts to preserve the history of Fall River, Windsor Junction, and small communities in the area. A grant of \$3,931 is requested to fully fund the purchase of computer equipment/software and web site upgrade to expand the Society's public profile and enable online access to digital records. ***A grant of \$3,931 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of small computer equipment and a web site upgrade.***

15. St. Paul's Anglican Church/Anglican Parish of French Village – French Village/Lower Tantallon – Capital Grant/Building Repair (Registered Heritage Property)

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 site¹ that contains the church building, burial grounds, and woodland to the rear. As a place of worship, the church and burial grounds are tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund (1) minor exterior repairs and painting (\$31,775 + HST) and (2) masonry repairs to the foundation and removal of the existing chimney (\$17,231). Heritage planner approval confirmed. As a registered charity the Church may apply for a partial HST rebate and eligible to make application for a provincial sales tax rebate from Service Nova Scotia². The structural integrity of the property takes priority over exterior painting, hence the recommendation to fully fund the masonry components. Exterior painting could be self-funded or phased as funds permit. ***A grant of \$17,231 is recommended to fully fund the masonry repairs to the foundation and chimney removal for the St. Paul's Anglican Church, a registered heritage property.***

16. Mainland South Heritage Society - Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 1992 as a nonprofit society and a registered Canadian charity in 2003 the Society's volunteers rely on membership fees and non-recurring project grants to support their efforts to preserve the history of approximately twenty small communities from Armdale to Pennant. A grant of \$3,000 is requested towards professional fees to upgrade the group's existing web site to enable digital upload of archival materials such as photographs, maps, and documents (total \$3,500). The applicant's contribution of \$500 is confirmed. ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended towards web site upgrades to enhance public access to archival materials.***

17. Moser River and Area Historical Society – Moser River – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Society own and operate the former residence known as McMann House (c. late 1870's) which is used for community events and a small collection of artefacts and memorabilia. The Society is entirely volunteer and sustained by fundraising and non-recurring project grants. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$16,000 is requested to fully fund the replacement of the building's shingle roof. Despite its age the building is not a registered heritage property. Consequently, heritage planner approval is not required, but the group may be limited in accessing funds from designated provincial or federal heritage grant programs. ***A grant of \$16,000 is recommended for the replacement of the McMann House roof.***

¹ 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.

² The Heritage Property Program is administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage and the provincial sales tax (8%) rebates are processed by Service Nova Scotia. The rebate applies only to materials used to restore the exterior of a heritage property. Labour costs are ineligible for a rebate.

Tier 2

18.St. James Anglican Church – Boutilier’s Point – Capital Grant/Building Repair and Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)

Construction of a chapel on land donated by residents John and Mary Boutilier was completed in 1846 and is now a registered heritage property. The building is also known as “The Yellow Church” because of its distinctive yellow painted exterior which served as a landmark for local fishermen. As a place of worship, the property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards minor repairs and exterior painting of the church steeple (total \$10,690.37). As of the date of application the Church’s contribution of \$3,000 is confirmed and a balance of \$7,690.37 in fundraising is unconfirmed. As a registered Canadian charity, the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate and to the provincial sales tax rebate program administered by Service Nova Scotia. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards minor repairs and exterior painting of St. James Church steeple, a registered heritage property.***

Tier 3

19.Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Registered Heritage Property)

The Society is a registered Canadian charity formed for the purpose of preserving and presenting Cole Harbour’s agricultural past and operates the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm, a community museum that houses a collection and interpretive activities using registered heritage buildings. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a replacement roof for the Cole Harbour Meeting House (c.1830-31), a former church and registered heritage property acquired by the Society in 1996 from the Cole Harbour United Church. Built in 1830-31, the small wooden church was built on land that was once part of a 500-acre holding purchased in 1797 by the Jamaican government to resettle Maroons. The property was later sold, and a portion donated in 1830 for the meeting house. The subject property includes a burial site and is not assessed taxable. The total cost is \$47,725 (partial HST rebate deducted) and the Society’s contribution of \$12,725 is confirmed. Application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage: Heritage Development Fund for \$10,000. This property is not part of the society’s museum operations and is located on Cole Harbour Road, Dartmouth. Funding is recommended based on the national historical significance of the property and the building’s poor condition. Heritage planner approval confirmed. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards roof replacement for the Cole Harbour Meeting House, a registered heritage property. Holdback pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.***

20.Trustees of Woodlawn United Church – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Building Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)

The original Woodlawn United Church was built in 1884-85 and is a registered heritage property. Operations are sustained by congregational giving, donations, and project-specific grants. As a place of worship, the property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$10,000 is requested towards exterior painting costing \$26,000. The church’s contribution of \$16,000 is confirmed. As a registered Canadian charity, the applicant could apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate and to the provincial sales tax rebate program administered by Service Nova Scotia. Although exterior painting is of lower funding priority compared to structural integrity, funding is recommended based on high community use/access to the property and the applicant’s confirmed cost-share. ***A grant of \$9,000 is recommended towards painting the exterior of the Woodlawn United Church, a registered heritage property.***

Note: This application was reassigned from Diversity & Inclusion to the Community Histories category because the Community Grants Program does not fund repairs or upgrades to church buildings, except registered heritage properties³.

21.Parish of St. George Anglican Church - Halifax – Capital Grant/Site Maintenance (Registered Heritage Property)

St. George's Anglican Church is a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, rental income, and project-specific grants. As a place of worship, the property is exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the second phase of a project to restore the stone walls surrounding the Little Dutch Church, a National Heritage Site. Of the projected \$350,534⁴ the only confirmed source of funds is \$122,936 (35%) from the applicant. At the time of application funding had been requested from Parks Canada: National Cost-Sharing Program for Historic Sites (\$175,430), Halifax Foundation (\$15,000), Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia (\$2,500), and the HRM District Capital Fund (\$10,000). As a place of worship, the property is exempt tax under the Assessment Act and as a registered Canadian charity the Church can make application to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. Application might also be considered under the tax rebate program for heritage properties administered by Service Nova Scotia⁵. It should be noted that this project has received a combined total of \$60,000 towards the same project under the Community Grants Program. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards restoration of the Little Dutch Church retaining walls.***

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Tier 1

22.Theatre Arts Guild – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

Founded in 1931 the society is one of Canada's oldest community theatre organizations. The Guild is a registered Canadian charity that owns and operate the Pond Playhouse. The organization is entirely volunteer and self-supported through ticket sales and fundraising. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$3,990.50 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of an automatic door opener for the building's main entrance (total \$3,990.50 HST included). The value of award has been moderated to account for the charity's eligibility for a partial HST rebate from Revenue Canada Agency. ***A grant of \$3,690 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of an automated door opening device for the Pond Playhouse.***

23.Walking Soccer Association of Nova Scotia - Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing (Inclusion)

Incorporated in 2017 the society deliver an adaptive soccer program for adults aged 55+, including those with cognitive or physical challenges that is delivered at the BMO Soccer Centre. The organization is entirely volunteer and sustained by program membership fees. Sessions are attended by a certified

³ Exceptions may apply, for example a church hall in a rural or remote community that does not have public or alternate meeting space, food banks serving the general public, and the restoration of registered heritage cemeteries.

⁴ Construction costs \$305,534; archaeological, architectural, and conservator professional fees \$38,205, and site clean-up \$7,000.

⁵ A partial rebate may be granted on the provincial portion of HST applied to the purchase of building materials used to restore the exterior of a registered heritage property. The rebate applies to approved materials and excludes labour.

therapeutic recreation specialist to ensure appropriate programming and safety. A grant of \$1,820 is requested to fully fund marketing efforts to encourage the participation of newcomers (ISANS, ARAISA, YMCA⁶). The value of award has been moderated to remove ineligible expenditures (refreshments and travel). **A grant of \$870 is recommended towards marketing an adaptive soccer program for seniors, immigrants, and newcomers.**

24. Royal Canadian Legion: Branch #147 – Upper Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

The Royal Canadian Legion is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada and the Upper Musquodoboit Branch is also provincially registered as a nonprofit society. The Legion's operations are supported by fundraising and donations. A grant of \$9,612.58 is requested towards (1) a replacement wheelchair ramp and deck for the hall's main entrance and (2) replacement deck and railings at the rear of the premises (total \$10,612.58 HST included). The applicant's contribution of \$1,000 is confirmed. A grant towards only the accessibility element is recommended. The financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund upgrades to the rear entry and as a registered charity the Legion can make application to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate and/or apply to the Legion Capital Assistance Program⁷. **A grant of \$7,990 is recommended to fully fund a replacement wheelchair access ramp to the Upper Musquodoboit Legion.**

Note: This application was reassigned from the Emergency Assistance & Public Safety category because the primary expense addressed wheelchair accessibility.

25. St. Margaret's Bay and Area Association for Community Living – Tantallon – Project Grant/Equipment (Accessibility)

Established in 1987, the Association is a registered Canadian charity serving persons with a cognitive disability. Operations are supported by donations and the St. Margaret's Bay Treasure Chest lottery. A grant of \$4,100 is requested towards small exercise equipment and art supplies for an established life skills and exercise program delivered at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Tantallon. The value of grant has been moderated to exclude recurring operating costs (instructor and art supplies). **A grant of \$1,400 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of small exercise equipment for a leisure program serving persons with a cognitive disability.**

Tier 2

26. Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment (Accessibility)

Incorporated in 2016, the Club offers recreational and competitive speed skating instruction and competition, including para speed skating, using program registration fees, fundraising, and project grants. The Club recently expanded programming to encompass a pilot youth sledge hockey team with the Bedford Minor Hockey Association, sledge racing in partnership with Easter Seals, and a *Learn to Sledge* program. Access to the current program is limited to those participants who own a sledge. To address this barrier the Club is requesting a grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of ten sledges that will

⁶ Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, Atlantic Region Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies, YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs.

⁷ The program is administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage. Funding of up to 50% to a maximum of \$10,000 is available but the review process prioritizes applicants who have not received funding over the previous five years – past recipients may be considered subject to budget capacity, but the program is heavily over-subscribed.

be loaned to program participants (total \$10,000+HST). ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of ice sledges for loan to para sledge racing and para hockey program participants.***

27. Diman Association Canada – Bedford – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

Incorporated in 1976, the Association is one of three community facilities⁸ serving the local Lebanese community in HRM and is entirely volunteer. Operations are self-funded through events hosting, donations, and membership dues. HRM provides partial tax relief. The facility's lack of adequate kitchen amenities has created a reliance on catering services and limits the society's ability to prepare food representative of Lebanese heritage and culture. To address this barrier the Association proposes a major kitchen renovation project (total \$50,000 HST included) and have requested a capital grant of \$25,000. Elements of the interior fit-up (flooring, cabinetry, and small appliances) are of lower priority compared to commercial grade appliances and compliance with public health regulations. Therefore, funding is recommended for the purchase of large, commercial grade, kitchen appliances. The Association's commitment of \$22,000 and a corporate in-kind donation of flooring valued at \$5,000 are confirmed. Funding is recommended to support cultural practices and expanded programming opportunities. ***A grant of \$10,000 recommended towards the purchase of commercial grade kitchen appliances for the Diman Centre.***

Note: Although community halls are funded under the Leisure category the project has been funded under Diversity & Inclusion because the project is to address an inability to prepare food that is traditional to Lebanese culture. In addition to group social activities which foster social connection the Centre provides peer support for newcomers to HRM.

Tier 3

28. Club Inclusion – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment (Accessibility)

The Club is a registered Canadian charity primarily serving persons with a cognitive, physical, or learning disability and mental health consumers through various recreational and social programs. Fees are nominal and financial assistance is available for those unable to pay. The Club's operations are funded through provincial government funding, the United Way of Halifax, program fees, donations, and fundraising. A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards the purchase of a fully accessible passenger van for program participants (\$142,982.90). The applicants cost share of \$120,982.90 is confirmed as is a \$2,000 grant from the United Way. ***A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a fully accessible passenger van to support access to recreational and social programming for persons with a disability.***

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Tier 1

29. Village Green Recreation Society – East Dover – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The society is entirely volunteer and operates a community hall serving small rural villages including West Dover, McGrath's Cove, and Big Lake. The facility is largely self-funded through rentals, donations, project-specific grants, and municipal tax relief. In 2022, HRM Fire & Emergency Services approved the community hall's inclusion as a designated comfort centre and the Society has received a grant of \$14,779 under the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Culture: Community Generator Program with which to purchase a propane generator. A capital grant of \$12,413.85 is

⁸ Canadian Lebanese Society of Halifax (Bedford Highway, Halifax), St. Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church (Hunter Street, Halifax) which owns the Olympic Centre that hosts the annual Lebanese Festival.

requested to fully-fund the purchase and installation of four propane gas tanks, gas pipeline hook-up, and propane gas. The propane fill-up is considered a consumable and ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25). **A capital grant in the amount of \$10,468 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of propane tanks and gas pipeline installation for an HRM comfort centre.**

Tier 2

30. Deanery Project Co-operative Limited – Lower Ship Harbour – Project Grant/Building Maintenance

The cooperative own and operate an environmental learning centre that derives its revenues primarily from project-specific grants, workshop fees, facility rentals, and donations. HRM provides annual tax relief. A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards (1) extensive renovations to the kitchen and main hall, (2) the purchase and installation of a replacement commercial grade dishwasher (3) assorted electrical and lighting upgrades, and (4) replacement emergency exits at a combined total cost of \$22,700 that includes a 10% contingency. The cooperative's cash contribution of \$500 is the only confirmed funding and the project appears to rely on a federal summer employment grant and full municipal funding. The financial statement provided suggests an ability to self-fund from retained earnings. Therefore, full funding is recommended for only the replacement fire exits, a public safety element, at a quoted cost of \$2,300. **A grant of \$2,300 is recommended to fully fund the replacement of two emergency fire exits for the Deanery centre. Refer to staff for assistance with any future grant application.**

Note: This application was reassigned from Leisure to Emergency Assistance & Public Safety to align with the purpose of the recommended grant (fire exit replacement).

31. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Service - Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 1969, Meals on Wheels is a registered Canadian charity that delivers meals to clients, most of whom are seniors, on a cost recovery basis (with pay-as-you-can for lower income individuals). The society operates out of Trinity Anglican Church's kitchen and provides 1,200 meals per month to approximately 110 clients and relies upon the participation of 50 volunteers. The program provides additional benefits for those clients experiencing social isolation and serves as a form of wellness check. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of replacement computer equipment. As a registered charity the society is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial rebate. **A grant in the amount of \$4,500 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of computer equipment for a mobile meals program serving seniors and persons with a disability.**

Tier 3

32. Brunswick Street Mission – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Mission is an outreach of the Brunswick Street United Church that delivers a hot breakfast program 6 days a week to homeless and lower income individuals, operates a clothing bank, and serves as trustee for persons unable to manage their income or do not have a bank account. The Mission is sustained by the Church, donations, and fundraising. As a place of worship, the building is exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act. In 2020, the charity started a major refurbishment project estimated to cost approximately \$200,000. In 2021, HRM funded laundry appliances. A grant of \$7,550 is requested to fully fund the purchase, delivery, and installation of a replacement commercial grade dishwasher (\$7,504.27) for the Mission's breakfast program (~50 people per day). Quotes provided. Partial funding is recommended based on an ability to contribute and as a registered Canadian charity the Mission could apply for a partial HST rebate from Revenue Canada Agency. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a dishwasher for a community feeding program serving individuals experiencing poverty.**

33.North End Parent Centre Association – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Centre is a registered Canadian charity sustained by the Nova Scotia government (Community Services, Housing Authority) and the Public Health Agency of Canada. An extensive array of free programming is offered for children, parents/caregivers, and families including trusteeship, budgeting, child development, the loan of small electronic equipment, books and toys, peer support groups, support to newcomers, and access to a fully equipped laundromat. The Association has also delivered various food-related programs including a food bank, lunch-and-learn sessions, a monthly family meal prepared by volunteers and supported by food donations, emergency food gift cards, small cooking classes, and special occasion meals. To increase their programming capacity, including the addition of preparing food that is traditional to newcomers such as Halal or vegetarian cooking, and to address food insecurity the Association is undertaking a major renovation to enlarge and equip the existing kitchen at a projected cost of \$78,000. The project relies on funding from the United Way: Neighbourhood Kitchen Project Program which has been confirmed in the amount of \$60,000 and \$8,000 in donations is confirmed. As a registered charity the Association is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. A grant of \$10,000 from HRM would secure the balance of funds required to complete the project as envisioned. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended for the purchase of kitchen appliances for expanded community feeding programs serving lower income households and newcomer support services.***

34.Shelter Movers – Toronto (Ontario) – Capital Grant/Equipment

Registered as a registered Canadian charity in 2016 Shelter Movers is a national organization sustained by donations and government grants that is looking to expand into Nova Scotia. The organization serves victims of violence by providing free moving and short-term storage of personal belongings while clients secure a new place of residence. A capital grant of \$24,495 is requested to fully fund the purchase of four (4) used shipping containers, including delivery and HST. As a registered Canadian charity, the organization is eligible to apply for a partial HST rebate. The value of the grant requested is due to the number of identical items. Although a temporary location for the container was identified in Cow Bay, zoning and permits are unconfirmed. Full funding for one container is recommended based on the lack of any contribution from the national charity, other funding sources were not sought, and local operations appear to be in a formative stage. The application would have been strengthened by demonstrated collaborative relationships with established shelter service providers, confirmed locations/permitted use, and a financial plan for sustainability. ***A developmental grant of \$6,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a shipping container. Holdback pending confirmation of by-law compliance and applicable permits.***

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Tier 1

35.Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2020, the Society is entirely volunteer supported by government project grants, donations, and the St. Margaret's Bay Treasure Chest lottery. Members provide trail stewardship, guided hikes, public education, and advocate for the protection of this designated wilderness area. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund web site upgrades (\$1,700), marketing materials (\$700), and "hike leader training" (\$2,500). The project budget indicates that \$2,400 will be sought from unspecified private foundations and an application to the Pope Foundation for \$2,600. The recommended grant is for professional services and excludes training. ***A grant of \$2,400 is recommended to fully fund web site upgrades.***

36. Harbour Lites New Horizons Seniors Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Club is a registered Canadian charity that owns a building serving seniors. The Club is entirely volunteer and self-funded. HRM provides annual tax relief. A grant of \$19,000 HST included is requested towards two projects: (1) the replacement of an oil furnace heating system with heat pumps (\$18,000) and (2) exterior motion-activated lighting for the parking lot (\$3,721). Quotes provided. As a registered charity the Club may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The value of the recommended award corresponds to the cost to replace the oil furnace with heat pumps and excludes exterior lighting, a separate and unrelated enhancement to the building. Full funding towards an energy retrofit is recommended to reduce annual operating costs. ***A grant of \$18,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of heat pumps for the New Horizons Seniors Club.***

37. Williams Lake Conservation Company – Spryfield – Project Grant/Marketing

Formed in 1968 to provide stewardship for Williams Lake and associated watershed the society is entirely volunteer and relies on membership dues, donations, and small project grants. A grant of \$1,000 is requested towards marketing (web site, banner, brochures) to raise the organization's public profile. The total cost is \$1,420. The applicant's contribution of \$200 is confirmed and application has been made to Halifax Public Libraries (pending). ***A grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards marketing materials to broaden the Society's public profile and conservation efforts.***

Tier 2

38. Federation of Nova Scotia Naturalists – Provincial (Halifax) – Project Grant/Equipment

The Federation is a registered Canadian charity that comprises organizations⁹ that undertake the protection of wilderness areas, wildlife and species at risk, urban nature, and sustainable forestry in Nova Scotia. The Federation provides networking, research, education, and conservation advocacy. A grant of \$3,000 is requested towards the purchase of 20 motion-activated cameras to collect data on Mainland Moose, an endangered species, in the Ingram River and Terence Bay area (total \$4,000). The videos will then be used for educational purposes to encourage government protection. \$1,000 from the applicant is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended based on the applicant's ability to cost share. ***A grant of \$3,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of motion-activated trail cameras for wildlife monitoring.***

39. Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit – Project Grant/Site Repairs

Established in 1909 under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature the Society promotes the agricultural heritage of the area. The property is not assessed under the Assessment Act. Revenues are primarily events-related, facility rentals, and project-specific grants. Membership dues are nominal (\$5 for youth/\$25 adults). By its nature the Society's programming generates livestock manure which requires storage and environmentally responsible disposal. Hence, a request for funding in the amount of \$5,000 to repair an on-site concrete manure holding pad. A contribution of \$1,257.15 from the Society is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards minor repairs to the Musquodoboit Agricultural Grounds.***

⁹ Member organizations located in HRM include Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association, Friends of McNab's Island, Halifax Field Naturalists, St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association, Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes, and Hope for Wildlife.

40. St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association – St. Margaret's Bay – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that provides community stewardship of Micou's Island, the Bluff Wilderness Trail, and the proposed Ingram River Wilderness Area. Operations are sustained by the St. Margaret's Bay Treasure Chest lottery with seasonal employment and project-specific grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of two canoes (\$5,678.70 HST included). As a registered charity the Association is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. **A grant of \$4,500 is recommended towards the purchase of canoes for community environmental stewardship.**

41. Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield – Spryfield – Project Grant/Site Repairs

Founded in 1966, the Society's purpose is to restore a portion of the former Kidston Farm to preserve its historical connection to Spryfield and food production. In 2004, the Society established a family gardening program (*Come Grow With Us*) for children, youth and adults to cultivate vegetables and fruit. The recent donation of land has enabled expansion of the program to include a forest school and walking trail. Programming is inclusive of age and abilities, hosts youth organizations and local schools, and gardening materials have been translated to encourage the participation of immigrant residents. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards assorted garden repairs (raised beds, fencing, and trellises) at a total cost of \$6,866.97. The Society has committed \$1,366.97 and will recruit military personnel to assist, and application has been made to Friends of Agriculture in Nova Scotia (\$500 pending). As a registered Canadian charity, the Society can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. **A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fund structural repairs to the Urban Farm's community gardens in Spryfield.**

Tier 3

42. Delmore Buddy Daye Learning Institute Incorporated – Provincial (Halifax) – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Institute is a registered Canadian charity that works in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Education to improve educational opportunities for African Nova Scotia and African Canadian learners. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the final phase of a heating and ventilation system replacement (\$173,117 HST included). The Institute's commitment of \$98,117 is confirmed and application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage: Community Facilities Improvement Grant Program (\$50,000). As a registered charity the Institute is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate and could also establish if they are eligible for funding from Efficiency Nova Scotia. **A grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of energy efficient heating system.**

Note: This application was reassigned from the Diversity & Inclusion to Environment & Climate Change. As per the program guidebook (p.15) energy conservation is funded under the Environment & Climate Change category.

43. Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty – Provincial (Dartmouth) – Project Grant/Facility Study

The Society is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to prevent cruelty to animals. Operations are sustained by strong donations and fundraising, shelter fees, service fees, and government contracts including municipal. HRM also provides tax relief for two (2) properties owned by the Society. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees for design and construction estimates for redevelopment of the animal shelter owned and operated by the Society (\$15,000+HST). Although a balance of \$10,000 is unconfirmed the financial information provided indicates an ability to self-fund and as a registered Canadian charity, the Society could apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. Funding for project design and planning does not infer any future municipal funding obligation should the project

proceed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees towards design and planning for potential expansion and/or upgrades to the SPCA animal shelter.***

44.Old School Gathering Place – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The society is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a former school property used to host an array of arts, youth employment, and wellness programs, social events, and a community garden. The society is sustained by grants with modest earned revenues from rentals. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a retrofit project based on an energy audit .The project encompasses several distinct elements: (1) the purchase and installation of seven mini heat pumps, (2) the purchase and installation of a heat recovery ventilation system, (3) electrical upgrades related to items #1 and #2, (4) LED replacement lighting throughout the facility, and (4) attic insulation for a combined total of \$92,024.15. Quotes provided. \$67,024.15 in funding is confirmed, including an \$11,000 bank loan secured by the applicant and \$46,544 in funding from Efficiency Nova Scotia. The lighting and insulation elements could be phased as funds permit. As stated in the program guidebook (p.15) preference may be given to projects that have completed an energy audit. The application also demonstrates a strong cost-share (cash and bank loan) and funding from Efficiency Nova Scotia demonstrates effort in securing non-municipal assistance. As recommended, HRM funding would be directed to only one element – the purchase of heat pumps and associated electrical upgrade. ***A grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of energy efficient heating system in the community hall, a registered heritage property. Holdback pending Heritage Planner approval.***

LEISURE

Tier 1

45.Ketch Harbour Area Residents Association – Duncan’s Cove – Capital Grant/Site Upgrade

The Association acquired a former fire station from the government of Nova Scotia and have converted the premises to use as a small community hall. The society is entirely volunteer-run and sustained by an area rate, donations, and project-specific grants. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$20,930 is requested to fully fund two projects: (1) the purchase and installation of an on-site septic system to replace an old and undersized holding tank and (2) the purchase of a reverse osmosis water system. Full funding for the septic replacement is recommended and the applicant referred to non-municipal sources for the water purifier costing \$1,380. ***A grant of \$19,550 is recommended to fully fund the installation of a sand filter septic field system for the Ketch Harbour and Area Community Hall.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Environment & Climate Change category because the building upgrade is not an energy efficiency project.

46.Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour-Westphal – Cole Harbour – Project Grant/Site Maintenance

The Kiwanis Club own and operate a small public park located on Morris Lake. The site has a sand beach and floating dock for swimming, fishing, and canoeing, and the grounds include walking trails and a picnic area. The Club is run entirely by volunteers and relies on fundraising, membership fees, and project grants to maintain the park. HRM provides tax relief. Public access is free, and the park is located on a transit route. A grant of \$4,800 is requested to fully fund the purchase of soil and gravel for minor site maintenance. Club volunteers will provide the labour to repair lawn areas, walking trails, and the beach. ***A grant of \$4,800 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of materials for the maintenance of the Kiwanis Park beach and walking trails.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Recreation category to Leisure. As per the program guidebook (p.16) parks and playgrounds are funded under Leisure (unstructured play).

47.Seaforth Community Society – Seaforth – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1961, the Society owns and operates a small community hall. The venue is run entirely by volunteers and used primarily for social functions, community events, and private rentals. HRM provides tax relief. The Society want to complete upgrades to the hall that include the washrooms and deck. A grant of \$11,391.25 is requested towards a larger, code compliant replacement deck costing \$13,391.25. Quotes included. The Society's contribution of \$2,000 is unconfirmed but the financial information provided indicates an ability to cost share. ***A grant of \$11,000 is recommended towards a replacement deck for the Seaforth community hall.***

48.St. Andrews-St. Marks United Church – Ingramport – Project Grant/Building Upgrade

St. Andrew's and St. Mark's United Church is a faith-based registered Canadian charity that own and operate a place of worship and church hall located in Ingramport. The hall serves small villages between Black Point and Head of St. Margaret's Bay. As a place of worship, the property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. Operations are sustained by fundraising and by-donation monthly lunches. The hall is available for small social events and exercise classes. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards replacing the asphalt roof with a metal roof (\$35,000 HST included). The applicant's contribution of \$10,000 is confirmed and application has been made to the HRM District Capital Fund. As a registered charity the Church can apply for a partial HST rebate. Funding is recommended based on limited access to amenities in the rural area served by the church hall. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards a replacement roof for the Ingramport church hall.***

49.Upper Musquodoboit Playground Society – Upper Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/Site Maintenance

In 2020, community volunteers constructed a unique, large-scale wooden playground on 1.2 acres of land owned by the St. James United Church. In 2021, a registered Canadian charity was formed, and the land acquired to ensure the playground's continued operation. The playground is wheelchair accessible and includes an adapted swing-set. The Society is entirely volunteer and has relied on donations to support the construction of a picnic shelter and portable toilet shelter. A grant of \$10,293 is requested towards the purchase of lumber to replace the play area's wooden perimeter (\$15,439). Volunteers will construct the perimeter timbers and application will be made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage: Recreation Capital Grant Program (\$5,146 unconfirmed). Access to the amenity is free and the playground is widely used by residents from neighbouring communities. ***A grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards refurbishment of the Big Wooden Playground in Upper Musquodoboit.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Recreation category to Leisure. As per the program guidebook (p. 16) parks and playgrounds are funded under Leisure (unstructured play).

Tier 2

50.Fairview United Church - Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Church is a registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings. As a place of worship, the property is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$4,600 is requested towards the cost of an established lunch program for seniors. The only eligible expenditure is the purchase of a refurbished refrigerator costing \$1,000 (Policy, Section 25 consumables are ineligible grant expenditures). As a registered Canadian charity, the applicant is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$1,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a refrigerator for a seniors' lunch program.***

51.Royal Canadian Legion: Centennial Branch #160 – Westphal – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Royal Canadian Legion is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada and the Centennial Branch is also registered as a not-for-profit corporation (Industry Canada). The Legion's operations are

supported by bar sales, gaming, memberships, and donations. A grant of \$20,000 is requested towards replacement vinyl flooring for the Legion's main hall (total \$24,886 HST included). Although Legion branches throughout Nova Scotia have access to designated funding under the Legion Capital Assistance Program¹⁰ the Centennial Branch received a grant in 2021. The applicant's contribution of \$4,886 is confirmed. Interior finishes are not considered a funding priority for capital grants, but partial funding is recommended based on (1) the Legion's extensive *Project 100* refurbishment campaign over the past eight years and (2) the current flooring contains asbestos and must be removed by an experienced abatement contractor at additional cost, including safe disposal. ***A grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards asbestos abatement and replacement flooring for Westphal Legion.***

Tier 3

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

The Association is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to promote mental health. Programming comprises social and leisure activities for adults with mental illness and digital literacy for seniors to reduce isolation. The Association leases premises from Housing Nova Scotia which is to be extensively renovated by the owner to remediate deficiencies. As a result, the leased space will include in a new kitchenette. A grant of \$3,019.85 is requested to fully fund kitchen appliances (microwave, electric range, and side-by-side refrigerator). Given the extent of government funding and the Association's year-end cash balance, partial funding is recommended. As a registered Canadian charity, the Association can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$1,600 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a refrigerator to support social programming for adults with a mental illness.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Diversity and Inclusion category to Leisure; none of the equipment is adaptive and the primary use is in relation to strengthening social connection for adults vulnerable to social isolation.

RECREATION

Tier 1

53.Cole Harbour Comets Minor Softball Association – Cole Harbour – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2000, the Association provides girls aged 8 to 17 an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of softball and participate in structured (house league) competition. Families unable to pay fees (\$200) are referred to Kidsport Nova Scotia or the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities program. A grant of \$4,163.44 is requested towards the purchase of small equipment items for a *Learn to Play* program for children and recreational level teams (\$5,163.44). The cost is a function of multiple items. The Community Grants Program does not fund items for personal use such as uniforms or footwear but can support an equipment loan program for participants – for example, large-scale specialized equipment and/or safety equipment. The value of the recommended award targets eligible grant expenditures for only safety equipment (catcher's equipment/pitching safety screen). ***A grant of \$3,350 is recommended towards the purchase of safety equipment for Cole Harbour Comets girls' junior softball programs.***

¹⁰ The program is administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage. Funding of up to 50% to a maximum of \$10,000 is available but the review process prioritizes applicants who have not received funding over the previous five years – past recipients may be considered subject to budget capacity, but the program is heavily over-subscribed.

54.Elderbank Recreation Club – Elderbank – Capital Grant/Equipment

Originally formed in 1977 the Club ceased operations in 2000. In 2022, a community meeting was called to gauge interest in resurrecting the Club and volunteers have since established a small seasonal outdoor rink, hosted a *Winter Carnival* event, and have entered into a license agreement with HRM to maintain a municipal ballfield. To date, activities have been supported by donations and the HRM District Capital Fund. A grant of \$10,000 is requested to fully fund the construction of a storage shed (\$10,364 HST included). The asset is not fixed and can be removed or relocated as applicable. The Club will pay the insurance which is required under the license agreement and the shed will be erected by volunteers. Funding is recommended to support the provision of recreational and social activities in a rural community with limited access to amenities. ***A grant of \$10,000 is recommended to fully fund an equipment storage shed. Holdback payment pending execution of signed license agreement with HRM Parks & Recreation.***

55.Sheet Harbour Marina Association – Sheet Harbour – Project Grant/Marketing

The Association was established to develop and deliver a marina in Sheet Harbour. To date, revenues have been derived from the Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce and project-specific government grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards assorted items. The web site hosting fee and annual web camera service fee are recurring operating expenses are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25). The remaining eligible expenses total \$4,407 and include professional fees to update the Association's web site for facility bookings/reservations/product sales/fundraising (\$2,208) and the purchase and installation of a web camera (\$2,199). In 2022, the Association received a one-time grant of \$50,000 from HRM under a Contribution Agreement to engage professional services to evaluate the project feasibility and develop a business plan. As such the site is vacant and the timing of any development cannot be confirmed. In the interim, the Association needs to raise its public profile and generate earned revenues. ***A grant of \$2,000 is recommended to fully fund professional fees to upgrade the Association's web site.***

Tier 2

56.Halifax Rowing Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment Repair

The Club operates out of the HRM St. Mary's Boat Club and offers recreational and competitive rowing, regattas, and *Learn to Row* programs. To encourage the participation of under-represented individuals the Club has developed a pilot program to encourage girls, non-binary, and gender diverse youth but the appropriate 8-person boat requires extensive repairs costing \$8,000 and a specialized contractor to do the work. A grant of \$5,000 is requested and the Club will provide the balance. Funding is recommended in support of enhancing access for girls/youth in the sport of rowing. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards specialized boat repairs.***

57.LWF Minor Baseball Association – Fall River – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Association organizes baseball teams, league competition, and manages several baseball fields. The primary source of revenue is from team/player registration fees. In 2014 the Fall River Minor Football Association entered into a land lease agreement with a private property owner for the development of a football field. The initial terms seven-year lease term was renewed for an additional three, but prior to the expiry the lease was amended to add the LWF Minor Baseball Association as an additional tenant. The term of the land lease was extended for 25 years (2049). The two sports groups have executed a mutual agreement for shared use of the land which is to be developed for a football field, two baseball diamonds, and storage for "equipment such as 20-foot steel containers, ride-on mowers and an ATV with trailer".

A grant of \$13,000 is requested towards the purchase of two (2) new shipping containers for equipment storage costing \$13,745. The Association's contribution of \$754 is confirmed. Although the Association's financial statement shows a cash balance and an ability to cost share, the applicant states that these

funds are to be used in relation to an ACOA grant request for \$125,000 towards to build the sports fields. Application has also been made to the Province of Nova Scotia for the cost of fencing the site. While acknowledging the development of the site is capital intensive, funding for one shipping container is recommended. ***A grant of \$6,500 is recommended towards the purchase of a shipping container for equipment storage.***

Tier 3

58.Halifax Curling Club – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Founded in 1824, the Halifax Curling Club was incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1872 and is also a registered non-profit society. Revenues are from memberships, bar sales, events, and non-recurring grants. HRM provides partial tax relief. The Club provides recreational and competitive curling, hosts tournaments, and has expanded opportunities through a *Learn to Curl* introductory program, a pilot project for visually and hearing-impaired youth in collaboration with the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority, and hosted the *Black Rock Curling Initiative* for Black students. A grant of \$25,000 towards the completion of three projects: (1) replacement light fixtures (\$7,800+HST), (2) repair of refrigeration compressor (\$10,712.80+HST), and (3) sprinkler head replacement (\$6,950+HST) totaling \$29,282.22. Funding to complete the repairs to refrigeration equipment is recommended; the condenser was replaced last year assisted by a grant from Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage: Recreation Facility Development Program. The provincial grant covered 33% of the total \$60,900 project. In addition to grants, the financial statements provided demonstrate the Club's prior year investment in facility capital improvements from retained earnings. ***A grant of \$11,000 is recommended to complete refurbishment of the refrigeration system for the Halifax Curling Club facility.***

59.Metro West Female Hockey Association – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association provides recreational and competitive ice hockey instruction and competition for female participants at different age and ability levels. The Association is sustained by player registration fees supplemented by fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of hockey goaltending equipment. Funding is recommended to support the Club's established equipment loan program with a focus on safety equipment that may be cost prohibitive for individuals and families. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of safety goaltending equipment for loan to program participants.***

60.Sack-A-Wa Canoe Club – Lower Sackville – Project Grant/Building Repairs

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. In 2021 the Club completed an extensive redevelopment of their facility costing approximately \$1.2 million dollars. The following year construction deficiencies were noted (poor workmanship, materials, or incompleteness) and a municipal capital grant was requested towards remediation¹¹. Issues remain unresolved and the cost of remediation has increased. The Club is requesting funding in the amount of \$25,000 to rectify deficiencies totaling \$69,335.25. These costs include repairs to roof and window flashing, a replacement entrance door, and finishings to boat storage area walls. This facility project has received a total of \$31,000 under the Community Grants Program in addition to tax relief the value of which increased, in part, due to the scale of capital investment. The

¹¹ A grant of \$3,000 was awarded to fully fund a replacement door and window in the boathouse to prevent further water infiltration. Of that amount \$1,690 was spent on a building inspection report which confirmed the type and extent of construction deficiencies and \$1,931 was returned to HRM in advance of the 2023 program deadline.

balance of funding representing approximately \$44,000 is unconfirmed. Given issues with project management, a modest grant is recommended to remedy minor deficiencies. **A one-time grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards a replacement entrance door and minor repairs. Refer to staff for assistance with any future grant application.**

Prior Funding

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

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

Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Proposed)	Other
Aeolian Singers	\$4,000				\$5,000	
Akoma Family Centre	\$16,000		\$20,000		\$5,000	Tax Relief
Anglican Parish of French Village				\$10,000	\$17,231	Tax Exempt
Brunswick Street Mission		\$5,000	\$4,777		\$5,000	Tax Exempt
Canadian Mental Health Association Halifax Dartmouth				\$1,000	\$1,600	
Coastal Voices Mens Choir Association			\$4,500		\$5,000	
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society	\$4,000				\$25,000	Tax Relief. Museum Operating Grant
Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club	\$4,000		\$3,000		\$5,000	
Deanery Project Co-operative Limited	\$10,000		\$5,000		\$2,300	Tax Relief
Habitat for Humanity				\$5,000	\$1,725	
Halifax Curling Club					\$11,000	Tax Relief
Halifax Peninsula Housing Co-operative Limited		\$25,000			\$25,000	Tax Relief
Halifax Rowing Club				\$5,000	\$5,000	Lease HRM
Harbour Lites New Horizons Seniors Club					\$18,000	Tax Relief
Historical Society of Fall River and Windsor Junction		\$1,414			\$3,931	Indirect Tax Relief (LWF Rate Payers
Ketch Harbour Area Residents Association					\$19,550	Tax Relief
Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour – Westphal		\$3,875		\$4,000	\$4,800	Tax Relief
L 'Association Les Voix d 'Acadie			\$5,000		\$5,000	
Lawrencetown Sew-Society Guild	\$1,000		\$5,000	\$500	\$600	
LWF Hardball (Minor) Association			\$8,480	\$7,500	\$6,500	

Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society		\$25,000	\$5,000		\$5,000	Tax Exempt, Event Grant
Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre and Cultural Centre				\$21,400	\$5,000	HRM Facility
Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,800		\$5,000	Tax Relief
Old School Community Gathering Place	\$10,000		\$5,000		\$25,000	Tax Relief
Parish of St. George Anglican Church	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$5,500	\$10,000	\$25,000	Tax Exempt
Passage Players Society			\$1,500		\$1,250	
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147				\$10,000	\$7,990	Tax Exempt
Sack-A-WA Canoe Club				\$3,000	\$5,000	Tax Relief
Seaforth Community Society	\$3,000				\$11,000	Tax Relief
Sheet Harbour Marina Association					\$2,000	\$50,000 for Marina Feasibility Study
Sheet Harbour Radio Society			\$8,000		\$8,120	
St. James Anglican Church	\$18,000				\$5,000	Tax Exempt
The Club Inclusion	\$3,500				\$20,000	
Theatre Arts Guild					\$3,690	Tax Relief
Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Association			\$25,000		\$25,000	Tax Relief, AO 50 Sale
Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield	\$5,000	\$5,000			\$5,000	Tax Relief
Village Green Recreational Society					\$10,468	Tax Relief
Williams Lake Conservation Company			\$2,060	\$1,000	\$1,000	

Notes to Table 1.

If approved, awards to the following twenty-three (223) organizations are considered 'new' – meaning that the organization has not applied previously or has not received funding under the Community Grants Program within the last four years (2019 -2022):

Cole Harbour Comets Minor Softball Association
 Delmore Buddy Daye Learning Institute
 Diman Association Canada
 Eastern Shore Players
 Elderbank Recreation Club
 Fairview United Church
 Federation of Nova Scotia Naturalists (Nature Nova Scotia)
 Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove
 Mainland South Heritage Society
 Meals on Wheels Volunteer Service: Halifax
 Metro West Female Hockey Association
 Moser River and Area Historical Society
 North End Parent Centre Association
 Royal Canadian Legion: Centennial Legion Branch 160
 Shelter Movers
 St. Andrews and St. Marks United Church
 St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association
 South End Baptist Church
 St. Margret's Bay & Area Association for Community Living
 Upper Musquodoboit Playground Society
 Walking Soccer Association of Nova Scotia
 Woodlawn United Church

Not Recommended for Funding: 2023 Community Grants Program

Note to Readers: where financial information was not included, or unavailable, and the applicant cannot be assigned by tier they are listed first within each category, in alphabetical order.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tier 2

61.Margeurite Centre Society of Nova Scotia - Timberlea

A capital grant in the amount of \$22,817.98 is requested to fully fund the construction of a large (14'x12') storage shed, HST, a security floodlight/camera, and "project administration". Although a storage shed for unspecified recreation equipment could increase programming space within the residence the project does not address the Housing category's funding priority outcomes.

Tier 3

62.Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax – Spryfield

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards professional fees for a housing needs assessment and financial feasibility report (\$35,500) for six (6) properties which include the site of St. Michael's Church. The applicant anticipates the future development of a portion of these lands for affordable housing. The project does not qualify for a capital grant (Policy, Section 5)¹ and a project grant has a maximum funding threshold of up to \$5,000 which would result in a shortfall of \$20,000. The financial information provided indicates an ability to self-fund and as a registered Canadian charity the applicant is eligible for a partial HST rebate from Revenue Canada Agency. Applications to the Community Housing Transformation Centre: Community Housing Growth Fund (\$9,500) and HRM's Affordable Housing Grants Program (\$66,621) for other elements of the same project are pending.

COMMUNITY ARTS

Tier 1

63.MaDE – Make a Dream Endure Organization – Dartmouth

Incorporated in 2018, the society has requested a grant of \$5,000 to offer a free workshop for youth to introduce opportunities in various creative industries. The application lacks sufficient detail to evaluate access, location, and sustainability. Total expenses are \$10,000 and the project relies on "fundraising" for a balance of \$5,000. The financial information provided indicates no earned revenues and a small deficit..

Tier 2

64.Sackville Business Association – Sackville

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards hosting two *Moonlight Markets* featuring vendors from local farmer's markets, static art displays, and musical entertainment (\$17,000). The Association has made application to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage: Festival and Community Grants Program for \$10,000 which is unconfirmed. The Community Grants Program does not fund events (Policy, s.25) or economic development. Application could have been made under the

¹ Capital grants support large-scale property-related projects or expensive or specialized equipment: (i) property purchase, (ii) construction, repairs, renovation, upgrade, or improvements to real property owned by the applicant, (iii) the purchase of a large or specialized item of equipment, including vehicles, costing over \$5,000, (iv) a public art commission or purchase, a monument, or installation.

designated Business Improvement District Fund, Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, Section 7(d) which includes grants to support “public events hosting”.

Tier 3

65.African Nova Scotia Music Association – Provincial (Dartmouth)

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of professional recording equipment costing \$25,026.01. The Association’s contribution of \$26.01 is confirmed. The value of request encompasses two items each of which costs over \$5,000. The applicant is a professional arts organization comprising music industry professionals and has received funding under HRM’s Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program. The applicant will be referred to the municipal professional arts grant program² as noted in the 2023 Community Grants Program guidebook (p.11). Preference may be given to applicants’ ineligible for consideration under another municipal grant program (Policy, Section 28).

66.Bedford Baptist Church – Bedford

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the temporary removal and restoration of the organ from the church sanctuary which is inoperable due to water damage and faulty installation (\$47,198). The church’s contribution of \$16,000 is confirmed. Funding is not recommended based on the largely institutional use of the musical instrument.

67.Halifax Dance Association - Halifax

A capital grant of \$15,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of twenty (20) acoustic panels. The total cash expenditure is \$13,348.50 due to a corporate in-kind donation of installation costs valued at \$5,000. The request does not qualify as a capital grant – the cost is a function of the volume of individual units none of which cost \$5,000 or above (Policy, Section 5). The Association has committed (\$350.77) but as a registered charity is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. Based on the financial information provided the applicant could phase the project as funds permit.

68.Unity Charity – Toronto (Ontario)

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards four 10-week virtual Hip Hop arts-based workshops for fifty African Nova Scotia youth in Halifax and Dartmouth. Participants receive free devices and subsidized internet access “in their homes” which they can keep “beyond the virtual program’s conclusion”. The content has been developed by the charity’s central office and scaled for distribution across Canada. The total cost is \$264,023 of which \$237,205 is confirmed; \$218,855 from Economic and Social Development Canada and \$18,350 from a corporate sponsor. Application has been also made to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia (\$21,818). The expenditures to be supported by a municipal contribution are unspecified and as such this appears to be a generic fundraising request. Most of the expenses listed are for professional artist fees, consultants, program staff, and administration. Overall, the project lacks sufficient detail to establish a clear alignment with the Community Grants Program’s priorities as compared to a professional arts funding program. Further consultation may be warranted in conjunction with staff from HRM’s Grants to Professional Arts Organizations³ and HRM’s Office of Diversity &

² Section 5 of Administrative Order 2014-007-ADM includes Project Grants of up to \$25,000 to “support public access to professional arts activities on a project-specific basis” but does not define these terms. Hence, there is no explicit exclusion of equipment or facility-related initiatives serving professional artists or professional arts organizations.

³ Organizations and individuals referred to in the submission as partners and consultants are predominantly professional arts and economic development organizations (including the Halifax Partnership, Develop NS) and HRCE.

Inclusion. A meeting, or detailed written feedback, would be advisable prior to any future funding application – the submission might be a better alignment with another government program.

COMMUNITY HISTORIES

69.Africville Heritage Trust - Halifax

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards painting the exterior of the Seaview United Baptist Church (total \$9,000). Community museums are eligible for operating, capital, and project grants under HRM's designated Community Museums Grants Program: the 2023 application deadline was January 31, 2023. In accordance with the Community Grants Program policy, preference may be given to applicants' ineligible for consideration under another municipal grant program (Section 28).

Tier 2

70.Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society – Musquodoboit Harbour

A grant of \$7,700 is requested to purchase and install a 20' shipping container and signage. Community museums are eligible for operating, capital, and project grants under HRM's designated Community Museums Grants Program; the 2023 application deadline was January 31, 2023. In accordance with the Community Grants Program policy, preference may be given to applicants' ineligible for consideration under another municipal grant program (Section 28).

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Tier 1

71.Friends of the Public Gardens - Halifax

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the design and fabrication of replacement map signage located at two entrances to the Halifax Public Gardens. The new signage would incorporate accessibility features: height of installation for wheelchair users, tactile information for the visually impaired, and identify the location of on-site accessibility features. Accessibility accommodations for HRM-owned amenities are the responsibility of the Municipality. The applicant will be referred to Parks & Recreation and the Office of Diversity & Inclusion (Accessibility Advisor).

72.Fusion Halifax Networking Association - Halifax

The Association uses internet-based social media to connect peers with similar interests and build social networks. Operations are sustained by hosting paid events with sponsorship support. A grant of \$4,976.63 is requested to fully fund a web site upgrade to enhance membership-related services (for example a members' portal, directory, integrated payment system, event registration). A review of events posted to the web site suggests an emphasis on employment-related networking opportunities⁴. Although there has been some effort demonstrated to integrate diversity and inclusion and encourage alliances this is not the focus of the grant application.

73.Halifax Tool Library - Halifax

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund instructional workshops on the safe use of tools/home improvements/artistic expression targeting the 2SLGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities (\$5,000). Although an equipment lending program is of benefit to residents and local groups most of the project expenses

⁴ For example, digital or in-persons events featuring professional networking, small business start-up, digital personal branding, resume writing, stress management, open house, and an annual community leadership forum.

are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25) or vaguely described. The society will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

Tier 2

74.Association of Nigerians in Nova Scotia - Provincial

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards development of an educational website for children and adults with learning disabilities. The Community Grants Program does not fund academic or educational programs (Policy, Section 25) and the financial information provided was incomplete.

Tier 3

75.St. Paul's Church - Halifax

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards unspecified costs associated with a proposed 275th Anniversary project in 2024/25 to repair and enhance the grounds of St. Paul's Church. The scope of project includes: (1) repairs to a retaining stone wall, (2) the development of a garden to include traditional, medicinal, and ceremonial plants of significance to the Indigenous community, (3) hard and soft landscaping for accessibility and aesthetic beautification. The projected total cost is \$262,242. The ability to proceed with the project cannot be confirmed and relies on unconfirmed fundraising, provincial and federal grants. The financial information provided was incomplete. Although elements of the project align with several of the Community Grants Program's funding categories, for example, restoration of a registered heritage property (stone wall) would fall under Community Histories and community gardens are funded under the Environment & Climate Change category, a municipal grant needs to be directed towards a specific capital expenditure; in the absence of this detail the request may be perceived as generic fundraising and the ability to proceed cannot be established. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Tier 3

76.Rockingham Pastoral Care - Halifax

A capital grant of \$7,819.24 is requested to fully fund a replacement fire door and minor interior wall repairs in the Rockingham United Church. As a place of worship, the church is exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act and as a registered Canadian charity is eligible to apply for a partial HST rebate from Revenue Canada Agency. The financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund using investments. The property is not a registered heritage building and the project does not align with the funding priorities of the category/program.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Tier 1

77.Birdland Community Garden Society – Rockingham

A grant of \$7,500 is requested to fully fund (1) the purchase and installation of fencing costing \$6,670 and (2) assorted garden materials (plants, soil, wood) at a cost of \$830. Application has also been made to the Capital District Fund for \$7,500 which is unconfirmed. The garden is located on municipal land. Although the land use agreement notes that the Society has permission to include fencing under 6.5 ft in height around the garden beds "The group will be responsible for the costs of the fence". Refer to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

78. Transition Bay St. Margaret's Association – St. Margaret's Bay

A capital grant of \$30,000 is requested towards (1) the purchase of 150 container kits (\$15,000), (2) soil and seed (\$7,500), (3) "stewardship roles" (\$15,000), and (4) "administrative needs" (\$5,000). The applicant's contribution of \$2,500 is confirmed and application has also been made to the HRM District Capital Fund (\$5,000 unconfirmed) and the Chebucto-West Community Health Board (\$3,000-\$5,000). The request does not qualify as a capital grant – cost is a function of the volume of individual units and unspecified program "administrative" costs are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25). The application does not identify the location of the community garden. Therefore, the staff review cannot confirm public access. The Association will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

Tier 2

79. Rocky Road Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of solar panels on two properties owned by the cooperative (\$439,884). Although the cooperative's contribution of \$50,000 is confirmed the project relies on a loan in the amount of \$364,884 which is unconfirmed. No energy rebate was noted in the project or explained if the project is ineligible for consideration. The ability to proceed cannot be confirmed. Application could be made to the 2024/25 Community Grants Program once financing is confirmed. The project could also be phased as funds permit – the only urgency appears to be the potential operating savings. The cooperative will be referred to the HRM Solar City Program which might be an alternate source of partial financing if interest rates are comparable to a loan from a commercial lender.

80. Roots and Boots Forest School Society - Fall River

A grant of \$4,500 is requested towards the purchase of an enclosed composting toilet (\$6,999.15). The applicant is not the property owner, and the review is unable to confirm if the use is permitted under zoning, permit approvals etc. The Society's contribution of \$2,500 is confirmed and the financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund.

81. Terence Bay Community Hall Association – Terence Bay

A grant of \$2,224.55 is requested to fully fund the purchase of small garden equipment for an on-site community garden. The recommendation to decline is based on prior municipal assistance⁵ and the society's year-end cash position. The project could be phased as funds permit.

Tier 3

82. Alliance Francaise Halifax Dartmouth - Halifax

A grant of \$2,580 is requested towards marketing a 120th Anniversary project that includes two community clean ups in the Hydrostone area, free film screenings, a workshop on seed germination and planting to create a pollinator garden, and \$8,000 for "project coordination" (total \$11,920). 78% of funding is confirmed (\$9,340) and the financial information provided indicates an ability to self-fund.

83. MusGo Rider Co-Operative Limited – Porter's Lake

⁵ In 2018, the former fire station property was donated to the Society along with a \$75,000 capital grants towards septic system upgrades, roof repairs, windows, and doors; in 2022 the Society received a capital grant of \$15,000 towards the purchase and installation of a kitchen range hood and fire suppression system. HRM provides annual tax relief.

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards construction of a 4-bay garage equipped with electric charging stations (\$247,268.81 including partial HST and a 30% contingency). Partial funding for the project has been received from the federal Rural Transit Solution Fund; the total amount of federal funding is \$349,738.36 of which 80% can be used for the garage up to a maximum of \$197,815.05. The balance of the federal grant will be used in relation to a parking lot, the purchase of two vehicles with branding at a total cost of \$189,904.13 including a 20% contingency. The cooperative's contribution of \$26,259.96 towards the garage is confirmed. The cooperative receives annual operating funds under the HRM Rural Transit Grants Program and municipal tax relief. Elements of the project could be phased as funds permit or the applicant's retained earnings.

LEISURE

Tier 2

84.Halifax Community Chaplaincy Society - Halifax

A grant of \$193.83 is requested to fully fund the purchase of six (6) copies of a self-help book for a proposed book club for ex-offenders. The financial information provided indicates an ability to self-fund.

85.Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall - Oakfield

A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a digital sign costing \$26,392.50. The financial information provided is incomplete. The society has received consecutive grants under the Community Grants Program⁶ and signage is considered lower priority relative to other funding requests received in this year's program.

Tier 3

86.Home of the Guardian Angel - Halifax

A grant of \$2,000 is requested to fund the purchase of craft and art supplies and ten (10) jigsaw puzzles for parent/child crafts and play sessions commencing May 2023. Most of the items listed are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25) and the sustainability of the program cannot be demonstrated. The financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund. The society will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

RECREATION

87.Fall River Minor Football Association – Fall River

A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a ride-on lawnmower (\$6,093.85 HST included). The financial information provided was incomplete and the presentation appears to be a duplicate of the LWF Hardball Association in preference to a joint application (identical text but different items requested). Once the playing field has been established application could be made to the 2024/25 Community Grants Program. The Association will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application.

Tier 1

88.Kinap Athletic Club – Porter's Lake

⁶ \$5,000 roof repair (2018); \$5,000 siding/insulation (2019); \$10,000 window replacement (2020); and \$10,000 towards septic field replacement (2022) which was also partially funded by HRM Fire & Emergency Services in relation to the execution of a 5-year lease for a portion of the premises.

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of seven inflatable paddle boards and paddles to launch a stand-up paddle board yoga program costing \$4,668.30. The Club's prior year revenues suggest that a resumption of regular operations might be prudent in advance of additional programming. In the interim yoga classes could be delivered on-site to confirm participant uptake without the expense of watercraft.

Tier 2

89.Lakeshore Curling Club – Lower Sackville

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase of 96 curling stones imported from Scotland, including travel and accommodations for after sales service regarding ice surface preparation best suited to product performance. The request does not meet the criteria for a capital grant: the cost is a function of volume and none of the items cost more than \$5,000 each (Policy, Section 5). The rationale for importing the equipment at additional cost (shipping, currency exchange rate) was not clearly demonstrated. Equipment purchases could be phased as funds permit.

Tier 3

90.Cheema Aquatic Club – Waverley

A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the replacement of the clubhouse deck used for outdoor summer camps, spectator viewing, and for monitoring participants in relation to watercraft or hazards at a cost of \$41,745 (this total includes in-kind assistance of \$14,000). Cheema's contribution of \$5,245 is confirmed. The financial information provided indicates an ability to self-fund: "As of September the Club has received \$1,232,431 which directly offset the cost of construction. The Club has also secured future commitments from donors of \$131,100 which will be available, via NSSTF⁷, between 2023 and 2027". As a public service body, the Club is also eligible and has received partial HST rebates.

91.Nova Scotia Sea School – Provincial

A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of small camping equipment for an existing outdoor education program for immigrant youth delivered in partnership with Immigrant Settlement Services of Nova Scotia⁸ and to loan to other programs "for personal pursuits". The applicant's contribution is in-kind, but the financial information provided suggests an ability to self-fund or phase purchases as funds permit.

⁷ NSSTF is the Sport Nova Scotia Trust Fund which provides charitable donation receipts for contributions to the Club's Phase II Capital Campaign.

⁸ In 2021 the Sea School received a one-time \$5,000 grant towards launching this outdoor education program which has now operated for three consecutive years.

Applications Ineligible for Consideration: 2023 Community Grants Program

Note to Readers: where financial information was not included, or available, and the applicant cannot be assigned by tier they are listed first within each category, in alphabetical order.

COMMUNITY ARTS

92.Preston Arts Dream Centre Society – East Preston

\$5,000 is requested to fully fund an art project. The application lacked sufficient detail to confirm program access and insufficient financial information to gauge sustainability. The Society will be provided detailed feedback on their application.

Tier 1

93.Maritime Modern Quilt Guild – Provincial

\$2,228 is requested towards small equipment and hosting an inaugural quilt show in Dartmouth (April 2024). The applicant registered as a nonprofit society in August 2022, and does not meet the program's eligibility criteria: an applicant must be incorporated for a minimum of one year prior to the deadline for applications (Policy, Section 14).

Tier 3

94.Lake City Employment Services Association - Dartmouth

\$5,000 is requested to fully fund the establishment of an art club for the Association's clients. Consumables such as art supplies and "outings" are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25) and the review was unable to determine program sustainability. The application was incomplete – no financial statement was included (Policy, Section 17).

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

95.Halifax Helpers - Halifax

\$5,000 is requested towards an established academic tutoring program. The Community Grants Program does not fund academic or school-based projects or educational programs (Policy, Section 25). The financial information included with the application was incomplete (Policy, Section 17).

96.Sex[M]ed/[M]edSexe – Pierrefonds (Quebec)

\$5,000 is requested to fully fund to produce or select sexual health articles and social media content on sexual health care. The organization is based in Quebec and the application is incomplete – no financial statement was included (Policy, Section 17).

97.Somali Association in Nova Scotia – Provincial (Halifax)

\$4,300 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a computer and printer (\$1,600) and "website" (\$2,700). The application is incomplete – no financial information was provided (Policy, Section 17).

98.Welcoming Intercultural Newcomers Association - Halifax

\$5,000 is requested towards hosting the annual *Newcomers' BBQ* event. The application was submitted to Culture & Events staff (April 3) and forwarded to Grants & Contributions (April 4). The application is incomplete – a financial statement was not included, the application was late (March 31 deadline), and the Community Grants Program does not fund events (Policy, Section 25).

Tier 1

99.Cultural Society and School of Serbian Language Nikola Tesla - Halifax

\$3,585.73 is requested to fully fund the purchase of five (5) laptop computers, a laser jet printer, and a Bluetooth speaker for a language program. The organization does not meet the program's registration requirement (Policy, Section 14).

100.Everyone Settles Canada Organization – Halifax

The organization's activities are primarily employment-related through mentorship of professional newcomers (for example engineering or accounting). \$1,500 is requested towards fees to upgrade the society's website. The financial information provided with the application was incomplete (Policy, Section 17).

Tier 2

101.Black Law Students' Association of Canada

\$5,000 is requested towards costs of Black Law Students' Association of Canada national conference in Halifax, February 16-19, 2023. The Community Grants Program does not fund events or pre-paid expenses (Policy, Section 25).

Tier 3

102.Diabetes Canada – Toronto (Ontario)

The applicant organization is based in Ontario and raises funds for its charitable beneficiaries, namely the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Canada Incorporated and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada. \$5,000 is requested towards hosting a fashion show to raise funds for summer camps. The Community Grants Program does not fund events (Policy, Section 25).

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC SAFETY

103.Open Hearts and Minds Life Coaching - Dartmouth

\$4,500 is requested for assorted operating costs. The applicant is a business (sole proprietorship) registered March 1, 2023, and ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 14).

Tier 2

104.Healing Opportunities for People Everywhere Counselling Services Society - Dartmouth

\$8,965 is requested to fully fund pilot counselling groups for victims of domestic violence; costs include therapist fees, print materials, advertising, and refreshments. The Community Grants Program does not fund medical/health programming (Policy, Section 25) and the sustainability of the program cannot be established. The applicant will be referred to the Nova Scotia Mental Health Foundation.

105.Independent Living Nova Scotia - Provincial

\$4,850 is requested to fully fund ineligible program costs including food, food delivery, and gift cards (Policy, Section 25).

106.St. Margaret's Bay Shambhala Centre – Upper Tantallon

\$5,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a replacement heat pump in a building owned by the Shambhala Canada Society. The applicant is not the property owner (Policy, Section 5) but could consider a joint application with the owner to the 2024/25 Community Grants Program that includes a financial statement for both organizations.

Tier 3

107.Together We Stand Military Families Foundation – Toronto (Ontario)

\$5,000 requested to distribute to military families of the Canadian Armed Forces. The Community Grants Program does not fund financial gifts (Policy, Section 25).

Tier 3

108.Community Care Network Society - Halifax

\$25,000 capital grant requested to pay ineligible recurring operating expenses (power, heating oil, water, and unspecified “medical expenses”) and the application is incomplete – a financial statement was not included. The organization is in default of final reporting for a \$25,000 capital grant issued in 2022 towards the purchase of a replacement refrigerated food truck. The final report was due March 31, 2023.

109.Elizabeth Fry Society of Mainland Nova Scotia – Provincial

\$4,870 requested to fully fund the purchase of ineligible program costs including gift cards, travel, and personal toiletries (Policy, Section 25). The applicant is also in default of reporting for a \$5,000 grant received in 2021 and carried forward to 2022. The final report was due March 31, 2023.

110.Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax - Halifax

A capital grant of \$10,000 requested towards the on-going operation of a *Daily Bread Outreach Program* located at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica. The Community Grants Program does not fund salaries, food, or operating expenses such as utilities or garbage removal (Policy, Section 25). The on-going sustainability of the \$2,000 listed under “Other Activities” (port-a-potty rental, training, client seminars, or an “interior service”) cannot be determined. The financial information provided was incomplete (Policy, Section 17).

LEISURE

111.St. George’s Youthnet - Halifax

\$5,000 is requested for the purchase of assorted small sports equipment, furniture, storage equipment, and computer/web-related expenditures. The application is incomplete – a financial statement was not included (Policy, Section 17).

112.St. James Hall Renovations Committee – Head of Jeddore

\$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of heat pumps and associated electrical upgrades for the St.James Anglican Church hall. The applicant is not the property owner (Policy, Section 5). The St. James Hall Renovations Committee could make joint application to the 2024/25 Community Grants Program with the Anglican Church of Canada (owner) and include a financial statement for both organizations.

Tier 2

113.Meagher’s Grant Volunteer Fire Department – Meagher’s Grant

A grant of \$13,000 is requested towards the purchase of 35 folding tables and 160 stackable chairs at a total cost of \$19,032.62. The request does not qualify as a capital grant – the combined total cost is a function of multiple items none of which costs \$5,000 or above (Policy, Section 5). The society is in default of their reporting obligations for a \$10,000 capital grant towards the purchase of a shipping container for storage issued in 2021 and carried forward to 2022. The final report was due March 31, 2023.

Tier 3

114.Young Women’s Christian Association of Halifax - Spryfield

\$18,495.28 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of new siding on a building used for administration, childcare, and employment-related programming. The application is incomplete: a financial statement was not included (Policy, Section 17).

RECREATION

Tier 1

115.Porter’s Lake Community Services Association – Porter’s Lake

\$25,000 is requested towards replacement tennis courts costing \$120,000 of which only \$25,500 (20%) was confirmed at the time of application. The Association is in default of their reporting obligations for a \$15,000 capital grant issued in 2022 towards a roof replacement. The final report was due March 31, 2023.

Tier 2

116.Diamond Dawgs Baseball Club - Dartmouth

\$22,000 is requested towards the construction of replacement dugouts (\$24,000) on the Dartmouth Common, an HRM-owned property. Capital improvements to municipal property are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 5).

Tier 3

117.I Challenge Diabetes – North York (Ontario)

The organization is based in Ontario and raises funds for educational workshops and family camps. A grant of \$1,500 is requested towards hosting a one-time event (indoor rock climbing) in Halifax. Most of the expenditures listed including administration, staff wages, diabetes supplies, and food are ineligible for consideration (Policy, Section 25). The sustainability of the program cannot be confirmed.