

Recommended Awards 2025

COMMUNITY ARTS

Tier 1

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

The society is sustained by membership dues and fundraising through an annual *Quilt Show and Sale*; the Lawrencetown Community Centre, a nonprofit society, supports the Guild by providing storage space and display opportunities. Members meet bi-weekly for sewing sessions and collaborate on quilts and sewing projects to donate or sell to raise money for charity – for example, pillowcases and baby blankets for the IWK and quilts for the national veterans Quilts of Valor program. A grant of \$750 is requested for the construction of a custom storage box for materials and equipment. Funding is recommended to support the preservation and presentation of traditional and contemporary sewing skills and the work of volunteers in producing items donated to local charities. ***A grant of \$750 is recommended to fully fund the construction of a custom storage container to expand the capacity to store donated quilting materials and small equipment.***

2. Newcomer Choir Association - Canada – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

The Association incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation with Industry Canada in 2023. The Halifax branch operates out of the St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, and participation in the choir is free. The Association's focus is on developing language proficiency and social connections for newcomers through singing. As a relatively new organization, revenues are primarily self-generated through donations, performance honoraria, and workshop fees. A grant of \$4,500 is requested towards professional fees to (i) upgrade the website, (ii) creation of digital learning resources (rehearsal recordings, pronunciation guide), (iii) social media outreach, (iv) graphic design, and (v) project administration. The total project cost is \$5,500. The applicant has confirmed \$500 and has applied to Arts Nova Scotia for \$500. The recommended award excludes wages for project management. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended to fully fund professional services for website upgrades, digital learning resources, and graphic design.***

3. Second Chances Community Music Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2013, the Society provides music education for adults in bands, string, percussion, and choral music. Revenues are primarily registration fees, net proceeds from an annual Band Fest event, and fundraising. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to purchase assorted percussion band instruments, only one of which costs over \$5,000 [Policy, Section 4 (b)]. Therefore, a grant toward the purchase of orchestra bells (\$5,299) is recommended. The Society's contribution of \$5,802.75 is confirmed. If the value of HRM's grant is approved, the Society's contribution can be directed toward the purchase of other instruments. The band equipment is stored at the Aurora Community Church, Halifax, and the Society carries insurance for any damage or loss. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,299 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a set of orchestra bells for the Second Chances Community Music Society.***

4. Sheet Harbour Radio Society – Sheet Harbour – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrades

The Society incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 2016 and operated out of donated space in a local hardware store before acquiring land and purchasing a transport trailer to convert into a small, designated broadcast studio. The group relies on volunteers, in-kind donations, project-specific grant, and municipal

tax relief. A grant of \$17,734 is requested to fully fund assorted projects: (i) exterior grading to enclose space beneath the trailer to reduce heat loss, (ii) construct an access ramp, and (iii) refurbishment of an abandoned community garden that once operated on-site. Funding is recommended only in relation to the broadcast studio. Specifically, enclosure of the trailer and construction of a replacement front entry. ***A grant in the amount of \$9,500 is recommended towards upgrades to the 94.7 FM community radio station. Excludes funding for the community garden. The grant is conditional upon proof of applicable building permit approval.***

Note: This application was reassigned from Recreation to Community Arts because broadcasting is typically included in data on cultural industries and most community radio programming focuses on music/entertainment.

Tier 2

5. Halifax Art and Performance Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated as a nonprofit society in 2023, the Association has a partial lease of the former First Baptist Church in downtown Dartmouth that has been partially renovated to host professional and non-professional performing arts and small events. The main floor is wheelchair-accessible, and the property is located on a public transit route. Operations rely on volunteers, venue rentals, and fundraising. A grant of \$24,992.84 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of a professional-grade sound system. As a start-up operation, the applicant has limited ability to fully fund the acquisition and this equipment should enhance the venue's appeal, presentation quality and audience experience. ***A grant in the amount of \$24,000 is recommended toward the purchase of a professional-grade sound system for the Sanctuary Arts Centre venue.***

6. Halifax Gay Men's Choir – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2019, the Society presents choral music performed by members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The organization is volunteer and sustained by membership dues, ticket sales, and fundraising. Membership is not auditioned, and bursaries are available to enhance inclusion. A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is requested toward the purchase of a wireless headset and a laptop computer to enable online access to live-stream rehearsals. The applicant's contribution of \$350 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is recommended toward the purchase of a wireless headset and laptop computer for the Halifax Gay Men's Choir.***

7. Nova Scotia Choral Federation – Halifax/Provincial – Project Grant/Marketing

The Federation incorporated as a society in 1976 and as a registered Canadian charity in 1980 (Community Benefit/Arts) for the purpose of supporting choral music in Nova Scotia. The Federation is sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage supplemented by revenues from instructional camps, non-recurring grants, and membership dues. In addition, the Federation occupies shared office rent free except for any operating deficit. The property is leased from the federal government by the Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia, a collective of eight professional arts umbrella organizations, and receives annual municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards assorted website upgrades costing \$8,000. The applicant's contribution of \$3,000 is confirmed. Although the Federation fosters professional development, including online webinars, there is programming for aspiring children and youth through the Children's Chorus of Nova Scotia (ages 5-9), Nova Scotia Youth Choir (ages 6-25), Sing Summer Choir Camps, and a school outreach program. Partial funding is recommended based on the extent of public support received by the Federation from three levels of

government. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees to upgrade the Choral Federation's website.***

Tier 3

8. Seaside Broadcasting Corporation – Eastern Passage - Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

Incorporated in 2000, the community radio station 105.9 FM provides music programming, news, and local events. Operations rely on an online lottery, fundraising, advertising sales, seasonal government employment grants, and municipal tax relief. The society acquired ownership of the former residential property in 2020, assisted by a mortgage, and commenced renovations. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund (i) the purchase of new sound mixing equipment and (ii) the installation of upgraded/replacement electrical wiring throughout the building. The Community Grants Program does not fund retroactive expenses [Policy, Section 25 (m)]. Therefore, only the electrical upgrade is eligible for consideration. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application. ***A grant in the amount of \$14,000 is recommended to fully fund electrical upgrades to the Seaside FM radio station.***

COMMUNITY HISTORIES

Tier 1

9. Friends of St. James UC Heritage Society – Spry Bay – Capital Grant/Building Restoration (Registered Heritage Property)

The Society is a registered Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Public Amenities) whose purpose is to protect and preserve the former church property, a registered heritage building (c.1872) parts of which were constructed from wood salvaged from shipwrecks and hand-hewn wood harvested from around Grand Lake. The Society is entirely volunteer and relies on fundraising and project-specific grants. In 2024, the Society completed the first phase of a 3-year restoration project to address wood rot. Phase II requires replacement of the bell tower roof, reinforcement of bell tower railings, and associated exterior painting at a cost of \$16,388. Due to the height of the steeple the work requires rental of a boom truck. Heritage Planner approval confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$16,388 is recommended to fully fund restoration of the St. James Church steeple, a registered heritage property.***

10. Hammonds Plains Historical Society – Hammonds Plains – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 2010 the Society's volunteers collect and preserve the history of the Hammonds Plains community's settlement and development much of which was related to forestry (sawmills, barrel and box making, ship building). Operations are sustained by the St. Margaret's Bay Lottery, membership dues, and project-specific grants. A grant of \$1,190 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a laptop computer and software to scan photographs, maintain a digital archive, and produce a limited number of albums to loan to local schools. The Society's contribution of \$600 is confirmed. ***A grant of \$1,190 is recommended towards the purchase of a laptop computer and software for a digital archive of photographs.***

11. Middle Musquodoboit Cemeteries Committee – Middle Musquodoboit – Project Grant/Equipment

The Society was established in 2022 to preserve the history and genealogical significance of the Pioneer Cemetery and Hillside Cemetery located in Middle Musquodoboit which were founded in mid-1800's and exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act. Both became independent from the Middleton United Church to accommodate non-denominational burials. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the

development of a website to publicize the location, marked and unmarked graves, and related stories of settlers and notable contributions to the community. The goal is to establish and update an interactive website with a link for online donations. The applicant's contribution of \$2,500 is confirmed and they aim to raise an additional \$2,500. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for professional fees to develop a website for the Middle Musquodoboit Cemeteries Committee.***

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

Established in 1999 the Society is a registered Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Public Amenities) whose purpose is to preserve the building known as the McMann House (c.1870). The premises are used for meetings, small events, and static displays depicting the history of the village of Moser River. Operations are entirely volunteer except for seasonal employment grants, and sustained by fundraising, project-specific grants, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$10,600 is requested to fully fund the purchase of thirteen replacement vinyl windows and two vinyl-clad exterior doors. The applicant will provide volunteer labour to complete the installation. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial rebate on HST. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,600 is recommended for the purchase of replacement windows for the McMann House.***

Note: Although the property has historical significance to the community it is not a registered heritage building. The use of vinyl and metal fixtures may compromise any future application for heritage designation and access to government funding for heritage conservation.

13. Polish Emigration Memorial Society – Provincial – Project Grant/Monument

The Society was established in 2018 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Poland's independence with a monument at Pier 21 and an acknowledgement of the cultural, social, and military contribution of immigrants to Nova Scotia. The Society provides stewardship of the monument and the graves of notable citizens. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production and installation of a monument costing \$61,175 recognizing the role played by the Polish Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic during WWII (1939-1945). Polish personnel and ships served in protecting Canadian Navy convoys, transporting military personnel, and the safe passage of artefacts of historical significance from England to Halifax for safekeeping during WWII. The project has strong endorsement and financial support from the Institute of National Remembrance (Poland), Halifax Port Authority, individuals and organizations affiliated with the Polish diaspora. The Society's contribution of \$8,975 is confirmed and application has been made to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (pending). ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended toward the construction and installation of a monument on the Halifax waterfront commemorating the role of the Polish Navy in the WWII Battle of the Atlantic.***

14. St. Paul's Church – Anglican Parish of French Village – French Village – Capital Grant/Restoration (Registered Heritage Property)

The Anglican Parish of French Village is a registered Canadian charity (Advancement of Religion/Christianity) that encompasses four churches, including St. Paul's, a registered heritage property (c.1832) located in French Village. As a place of worship, the property is exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$14,580 is requested to fund professional services to restore six stained glass windows at a cost of \$14,580 + HST. The church's contribution of \$2,187 is confirmed, but as a registered charity the owner may apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial rebate. Further, the applicant acknowledges that they have an ability to cost share but that these funds are to be used to reconfigure the church interior to expand its utility for events hosting and interpretation. Although full funding

is recommended, the applicant will be encouraged to secure non-municipal funds¹ or a designated capital fundraising campaign. ***A grant in the amount of \$14,580 is recommended toward the professional restoration of select stained glass windows in the St. Paul's Church, French Village, a registered heritage property.***

Tier 2

15. William Black Memorial United Church – Glen Margaret – Capital Grant/Building Restoration (Registered Heritage Property)

The William Black Memorial United Church is a registered Canadian charity (Advancement of Religion/Christianity) sustained by congregational offerings, facility rentals, and fundraising. Built in 1821, the church is a registered heritage property. A grant in the amount of \$50,866.50 is requested towards several property-related projects: (i) exterior painting (\$13,225), (ii) replacement of the wooden walkway to the church (\$2,575), (iii) the purchase and installation of a new digital sign (\$10,120), and (iv) paving the church/church hall parking lot (\$37,892.50). The maximum funding threshold for a Capital Grant is \$25,000 [Policy, 5 (b)] and only the exterior painting is directly related to heritage preservation. Heritage Planner approval confirmed. The applicant will be referred to staff for assistance with any future grant application. ***A grant in the amount of \$13,225 is recommended for exterior painting of the William Black Memorial United Church, a registered heritage property.***

Tier 3

16. Canadian Naval Memorial Trust – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment (National Historic Site)

The Trust is a registered Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Community Amenities) formed for the purpose of providing stewardship of HMCS Sackville, Canada's oldest warship, a Naval memorial, and a National Historic Site. The Trust raises funds towards the preservation and interpretation of both the ship and its role in Canadian naval history. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward enhancing awareness of the vessel's significance and visitor experience through the purchase of updated signage (pier and ship banners), print advertising and rack cards, and the purchase of podcaster handsets and docking stations for onboard guided tours. ***A grant of \$4,700 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of podcast recording equipment to enhance self-guided tours aboard the HMCS Sackville.***

DIVERSITY & ACCESSIBILITY

Tier 1

17. NS Resettlement Society – Bedford – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2023, the Society's volunteers assist displaced individuals and families. The organization is sustained by donations and donated office space which is open two days a week. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a filing cabinet, laptop computer and printer, and professional fees for a website. The applicant is not eligible to apply for federal or provincial immigrant settlement funding in 2025 because the next multi-year intake will not open until fiscal 2026. Although the development of a website will add to annual operating costs (license, internet, updates) it may enhance access to information for individuals with limited language proficiency or socially isolated. ***A developmental grant of \$3,250 is***

¹ For example, the provincial government provides a partial rebate on provincial sales tax for materials (not labour) for materials purchased for the restoration of registered heritage property.

recommended to fully fund professional fees for the development of a website for the NS Resettlement Society.

18. St. James Hall Renovations Committee – Head of Jeddore – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

Incorporated in 1996, the society operate a church hall affiliated with and abutting St. James Anglican Church. Volunteers raise funds through rentals and fundraising to pay utilities and minor upkeep. The church hall is assessed exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$11,000 is requested to consolidate two existing washrooms into a single wheelchair-accessible washroom. The work includes interior renovations, new fixtures, and plumbing at a total cost of \$12,000. The applicant's contribution of \$1,000 is confirmed and as a registered charity may apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. The church hall serves as a rural area with limited public facilities. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended toward construction of an accessible washroom in St. James Church Hall.***

Tier 2

19. Acadia Recreation Club Society – Lower Sackville – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

Incorporated in 1932, the Club gained registered Canadian charity status in 2012 (Community Benefit/Public Amenities) and operates a community hall and park open to the public. Operations are primarily sustained by earned revenues and fundraising, supplemented by project-specific grants. The property is not assessed as taxable. A grant of \$25,000 is requested for assorted building repairs and upgrades (exterior doors, ramp, electrical, signage) and equipment (a computer and software). Funding is recommended towards the cost of an exterior wheelchair ramp and accessible steel door. The project is estimated to cost \$30,000. As a registered charity the Club could apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant in the amount of \$25,000 is recommended toward the purchase and installation of a replacement main door with accessibility hardware and a wheelchair ramp for Acadia Hall. Excludes funding toward computer equipment, general repairs, or digital signage.***

20. Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Firemen's Association – Fall River – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

Incorporated in 1965, the Association owns two properties accessible to the public for a variety of leisure activities supported by bar sales and hall rentals revenues, grants, and municipal tax relief. The larger of the two properties (843 Fall River Road) has operated as a community hall for many years while the smaller property located on Highway 2, a former fire station, accommodated a collection of firefighting artefacts and memorabilia owned by a separate nonprofit entity who have vacated the site. This building is equipped with a small kitchen, washroom, and meeting rooms suited to small meetings and events. As proposed, the Association will renovate the vacant building in two phases, starting with a replacement wheelchair-accessible front entrance at a cost of \$11,212.50. The Association's contribution of \$3,212.50 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$8,000 is recommended toward the purchase and installation of a wheelchair-accessible main entrance to the LWF Fireman's Association property located at 3214 Highway Two, Fall River.***

Tier 3

21. Canadian National Institute for the Blind (Nova Scotia Branch) – National/Toronto (Provincial/Halifax) – Capital Grant/Equipment (Accessibility)

Founded in 1918² the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (“CNIB”) is a national charity (Relief of Poverty/Organizations Relieving Poverty) with headquarters in Toronto and branches throughout Canada. The organization advocates and provides specialized services for the blind, visually impaired, and deafblind communities. The operation of the Halifax branch relies primarily upon donations and fundraising. A grant of \$18,991.10 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of two (2) enclosed workstations. The booth is soundproof, which will enable volunteers to make weekly telephone calls to clients unable to use, or have limited access to, email, social media, and website communications. In addition to providing information verbally, the call service also addresses the social isolation experienced by some clients, many of whom are seniors. As a registered Canadian charity, the CNIB could apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. Funding for only one workstation is recommended. ***A grant in the amount of \$9,000 is recommended toward the purchase of equipment for the CNIB Nova Scotia Branch client contact service.***

22. LEARNINGO: Community Recreation and Education Society – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 2016, the Society gained status as a registered Canadian charity in 2019 (Community Benefit/Core Health Care) to provide community-based recreation, leisure, and educational opportunities for neurodiverse children, youth and young adults. Revenue is primarily from program fees, grants and fundraising. HRM Parks and Recreation also has an agreement with the Society to provide space at no cost³ in the Captain William Spry Centre and the Sackville Sports Centre in lieu of recreational programming and training for recreation leaders. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward establishing a sensory room through the purchase of assorted small sensory, tactile, and play equipment. The applicant’s contribution of \$1,500 is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended. The remaining costs in the project budget are made up of multiple small items (e.g. fidget kits, blankets, bean bags, etc.). Financial statements indicate the ability to purchase the remaining items; purchases could also be phased. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,500 is recommended toward the purchase of small play equipment for a sensory room serving neurodiverse individuals.***

23. Royal Canadian Legion (Dieppe Branch #90) – National/Ottawa (Waverley Branch) – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

The Royal Canadian Legion is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada. The Waverley Branch’s operations are sustained by bar sales, video lottery machine proceeds, hall rentals, and fundraising. The property is exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of 18,847.82 is requested toward the purchase and installation of a replacement entry doorway with automated door opening device and associated electrical work at a total cost of \$21,847.82 included. Partial funding is recommended based on an ability to increase cost share and efforts to access funding under the provincial

² The CNIB was initially incorporated under the Companies Amendment Act of 1917, a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) in 1967, and under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (2013).

³ According to the financial information provided by the applicant the estimated cost of HRM’s in-kind facility contribution is ~\$40,000 in 2025.

*Legion Capital Assistance Fund*⁴. **A grant in the amount of \$8,000 is recommended toward the purchase and installation of a replacement entry doorway with accessibility features for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #90 in Waverley. Holdback funds pending confirmation of an ability to proceed.**

24. YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment (Accessibility)

Incorporated under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth is a registered Canadian charity (Advancement of Religion/Support of Religion). Revenues are primarily from membership dues, program registration fees, interest earnings, and government grants. Property owned by the YMCA is exempt from property tax under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature. A grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of assorted equipment (i) a shower bench, (ii) two resistance exercise machines, and (iii) a specialized mobile transfer hoist to assist clients. The YMCA's contribution of \$2,270.25 is confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada Agency for a partial HST rebate. Funding to purchase only the transfer lift is recommended because the item is adaptive and an important safety feature in relation to transfer in and out of the indoor swimming pool area. The financial information provided indicates an ability for the applicant to cost-share or purchases could be phased as funds permit. **A grant of \$4,954 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of a mobile transfer lift for the YMCA swimming pool.**

25. Ummah Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade (Accessibility)

The Society was registered as a Canadian Society in 1999. Currently the Society manages four independent entities in Nova Scotia: a licensed daycare, a private school Primary to twelve years of age, a community center, and a mosque. The community centre contains a mosque as well as a gymnasium and various rooms that are available to rent for the broader community. A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 towards the cost of replacing a sidewalk and accessibility ramp to the main entrance shared by the centre and the mosque. A grant in the amount of \$25,000 requested towards replacing the sidewalk and wheelchair accessibility ramp. **A grant in the amount of \$10,000 recommended towards the cost of replacing the wheelchair ramp.**

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Tier 2

26. Cobequid Food Security Network – Lower Sackville and Area – Project Grant/Marketing (Food)

Incorporated as a nonprofit society in 2023, the Network is a coalition of organizations⁵ and individuals collaborating in their efforts to reduce or eliminate food insecurity. Member organizations are primarily located in Sackville, Beaver Bank, Bedford, and surrounding areas including Hammonds Plains, Lucasville, Waverley, Windsor Junction, Wellington, and Stillwater Lake. Although a relative start-up the organization has received funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage and operations are coordinated from the Beacon House facility in Lower Sackville. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards professional fees to upgrade the Network's website. A grant in the amount of \$2,340 from the Nova Scotia Department of Opportunities and Social Development is confirmed. The existing website helps

⁴ The Legion Capital Assistance 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.

⁵ An extensive list of organizations was provided with the application but for brevity are not listed in this report.

individuals and groups seeking information and/or assistance locating a food program such as a food bank, feeding program, or food delivery service. The enhancements are intended to add features such as online payment to enhance sponsorship, a platform for volunteer recruitment, and expanded listings. Municipal funding recognizes the collaborative nature of operations and the need to establish self-generated revenues. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees to upgrade the Cobequid Food Security Network website.***

27. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Service – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment (Food)

Established in 1969, the society incorporated in 1972 as a registered Canadian charity (Relief of Poverty/Organizations Relieving Poverty). Operations are sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, full or partial meal recovery costs, and donations. The organization is collaborative and works with Northwood, Shelter Nova Scotia, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. With two part-time staff, the service relies on 45 volunteers to deliver an estimated 25,000 meals annually. Demand is growing but the ability to expand routes and serve more clients requires additional equipment. A grant of \$3,953 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a commercial freezer and small delivery equipment (thermal bags and utility carts). As a registered charity the society can apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$3,900 is recommended for the purchase of a commercial freezer and small delivery equipment for the Halifax Meals on Wheels service.***

Tier 3

28. Community Care Network Society – Halifax – Capital Grant/ Facility Upgrade (Food/Household)

The Society is a registered Canadian charity (Relief of Poverty/Organizations Relieving Poverty) that provides food, household items, computer equipment, clothing, and emergency funds to lower income individuals and families. Operations are sustained by fundraising, thrift store sales, the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, municipal tax relief (for two properties) and project-specific grants. A grant of \$22,938.70⁶ is requested to fully fund (i) electrical upgrades to the facility at a cost of \$11,206.75 and (ii) the purchase of a portable freezer costing \$13,200 HST included. As a registered charity the Society is eligible to apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial HST rebate. The electrical upgrade is seen as a funding priority to ensure safety and capacity in advance of adding any additional large-scale appliances. ***A grant of \$20,000 is recommended toward an electrical system upgrade and the purchase of a free-standing industrial freezer for facility known as the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.***

29. Dartmouth Senior Citizens Service Centre Commission – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment (Food)

In 1982 the Commission incorporated as a registered Canadian charity (Relief of Poverty/Organizations Relieving Poverty) in 1982 and a registered society in 1990. The Centre's operations are sustained by a less than market value lease for premises owned by the Government of Nova Scotia in downtown Dartmouth, funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, and strong fundraising revenues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase and installation of stainless-steel racks costing \$5,821.91 (including shipping, HST, and installation) for a new walk-in freezer acquired in 2024. The cooler expands the society's capacity to store donated food and to expand Meals on Wheels service to include frozen prepared meals for clients. As a registered charity the society may apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial rebate on HST. The society's contribution of \$1,000 is confirmed. The applicant will be provided with written feedback and referred to staff for assistance with any future funding request. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of small equipment for a walk-in freezer to expand food***

⁶ In 2024 the Society received a capital grant of \$25,000 towards the purchase of a delivery truck.

storage and home delivery for community feeding programs coordinated by the Dartmouth Senior Citizens Centre.

Note: This application was reassigned from Diversity & Accessibility to Emergency Assistance & Public Safety because the grant expenditure is directly linked to the provision of a community feeding program.

30. Souls Harbour Rescue Mission – Regional/Provincial – Project Grant/Equipment (Food/Household)

The Mission is a registered Canadian charity (Relief of Poverty/Organizations Relieving Poverty) that operates drop-in centres and supportive housing facilities in Halifax, Lower Sackville, Eastern Shore, Truro, Bridgewater, Amherst, and /Sydney Mines/New Waterford. The Mission is sustained by thrift store sales, donations, and government grants/financing. HRM provides tax relief for three (3) properties and capital funding under Affordable Housing Grants Program. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward the purchase of a commercial food processor for the Halifax drop-in centre to increase meal production and address demand. The Mission's contribution of \$1,200 is confirmed. As a registered charity the society may apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial rebate on HST. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended toward the purchase of a commercial-grade kitchen appliance for the community meal program located at the Souls Harbour Mission drop-in centre in Halifax.***

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Tier 1

31. Nova Scotia Environmental Network – Halifax/Provincial – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1991, the society supports a network of approximately 40 community-based organization⁷s to foster capacity building and public participation. Revenues are primarily government grants and fundraising. Funding is recommended to fully fund the purchase of film/audio equipment (\$1,000), two portable point-of-sale terminals (\$500), and a laptop computer (\$500) to be made available on loan to member organizations. Subscriptions to online services are a recurring operating expense and ineligible for consideration [Policy, S.17]. ***A grant of \$2,500 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of point-of-sale terminals, a laptop, and small audio-visual equipment.***

32. Urban Farm Museum Society – Spryfield – Project Grant/Site Improvement

Incorporated in 1998 as the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield the society registered as a Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Public Amenities) the following year⁸. Operations are sustained by government summer employment and project-specific grants, and municipal tax relief. The Society's original goal was to establish a museum to preserve the history of farming in Spryfield, notably Kidston Farm, but recently decided not to pursue accreditation as a museum and an artefact collection. Instead, the Society will focus on their community garden. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to (i) hire an arborist to remove/prune selected trees and chip debris, the purchase of (ii) wood mulch for tree roots and pathways, (iii) six picnic tables, and (iv) a replacement lawn mower. The Society's contribution of \$202.72 is confirmed. As a registered charity the applicant is eligible to apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of***

⁷ Member organizations located in HRM include the Back to the Sea Society, Halifax Cycling, Deanery Project Co-operative, Friends of Sable Island, Halifax Northwest Trails, Eastern Shore Forest Watch, Hope for Wildlife, Sandy Lake Conservation Association, and Ecology Action Centre.

⁸ The charity name is abbreviated as Urban Farm Museum Society.

\$2,329 is recommended for professional arborist fees and the purchase of a heavy-duty lawn mower.

Note: Although the Society plan to develop a relationship with a local food bank operated by the St. Paul's Family Resource Centre this application was reassigned from the Emergency Assistance and Public Safety category to align the proposed grant expenditures with the appropriate funding category.

Tier 2

33. Local Council of Women – Halifax – Project Grant/Site Improvement

Established in 1894, the Local Council of Women has played a pivotal role in advancing the interests of women and children in numerous spheres (for example, the right to vote, children's playgrounds, health, employment). The property known as the George Wright House (c.1903) was bequeathed to the Council by local philanthropist George Wright who died when the Titanic sank in 1912. The Council is sustained by earned revenues from monthly rentals and project-specific grants – notably for capital repairs and upgrades to the premises. The property is tax exempt under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward improvements to the garden which include the removal of grass and invasive species and the addition of shade, pollinator, and "historic" garden beds, pathways, and educational signage at a total cost of \$12,600. The Council's contribution is confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for landscaping services to remove lawn and invasive species from the grounds of the George Wright House, a registered heritage property.***

Note: Although the George Wright residence is a registered heritage property this application was reassigned from Community Histories to Environment & Climate Change because the project is to remediate the grounds and install a pollinator garden; it is not a project to restore the gardens to their original design and plant species, hardscaping or decorative features.

34. Federation of Nova Scotia Naturalists – Halifax/Provincial – Project Grant/Public Education

Incorporated in 1990 the Federation is a registered Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Environment) and acts as a coalition of environmental professionals and nonprofit organizations under the name of Nature Nova Scotia. The Federation's aim is to protect the natural environment (woodlands, wetlands, wilderness and habitat preservation, and species at risk). Operations are supported by charitable donations, membership dues, and grants. A grant of \$3,500 is requested towards an existing program, Bird Friendly Halifax, aimed at achieving certification as a Bird Friendly City, a national program managed by Nature Canada. The goal is to reduce the decline in the native bird population. The funding requested is for 150 window strike kits, a website update, two public education events at demonstration gardens in Halifax, and to re-print educational pamphlets. The decal kits are considered consumables [Policy, s.17] and because this is an established, recurring program partial funding is recommended to fully fund website update and public education materials. Any re-prints are the responsibility of the Federation. ***A grant in the amount of \$600 is recommended toward a public education program to encourage the prevention of bird population decline due to window strikes. Excludes funding for the "widows strike kits" for private property owners.***

35. Sackville Rivers Association – Middle Sackville – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 1998, the Society achieved status as a registered charity in 1992 (Community Benefit/Public Amenities) and relies on volunteers to provide stewardship of the Sackville Watershed and the Sackville River. With an established local profile, the group has strong fundraising revenues supplemented by project-specific grants. HRM provides leased premises at less than market value in the Sackville Heights Community Centre and municipal tax relief (pending 2025). A grant of \$4,000 is requested to fully fund the

purchase of small safety equipment (hip waders/safety gloves). As a registered charity the applicant is eligible to apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of small safety gear for community clean-ups on the Sackville River and Watershed.***

Tier 3

36. East Coast Environmental Law Association – Halifax/Atlantic Canada – Project Grant/Public Education

Incorporated in 2011 the Association is a registered Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Community Resources) that provides public-interest environmental law services that include advocacy for progressive environmental laws, public education, and support to environmental networks. The Association receives core funding from the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, in-kind and financial support from foundations, institutions, businesses, and undertakes collaborative projects with other nonprofit organizations. Government funding is primarily through seasonal employment grants or project-specific initiatives. A grant of \$3,000 is requested to fully fund production of two promotional pamphlets: (1) a general overview of the Association's purpose and services, and (2) a rack card explaining the Association's environmental law inquiry service which is free to the public. As a registered charity, the Association is eligible to apply to Canada Revenue Agency for a partial HST rebate. Funding is recommended based on niche programming and services, but any re-prints will be the Association's responsibility. ***A one-time grant in the amount of \$3,500 is recommended for production of print materials to raise public awareness of the East Coast Environmental Law Association's resources and services.***

37. Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House – Wellington – Capital Grant/Energy Efficiency

The Society owns and operates a former volunteer fire station, a portion of which is leased to HRM Fire & Emergency Services. The annex is now used as a community hall which supports its operations through bar and food sales and rentals. Because an active HRM Fire Station operates at this location under a lease agreement the property has been assessed exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. A grant of \$19,492.50 is requested to fully fund insulation of the facility. Partial funding is recommended based on previous site improvements paid for by HRM in relation to the lease agreement and prior capital grants under the HRM Community Grants Program. Because full funding was requested any approved grant will be held pending confirmation of the society's ability to complete the project in accordance with the scope and cost identified in their grant application. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended toward insulation. Funds will be held back pending confirmation that the project can proceed in terms of scope and cost as described in the society's grant application.***

LEISURE

Tier 1

38. Eastern Shore Wildlife Association – East River – Capital Grant/Building Repairs

Incorporated in 1978, the Association's volunteers work to preserve wildlife habitat in the Eastern Shore area, notably bird and fish habitat. Operations are sustained by revenues from East River Lodge Campground and Trailer Park, a seasonal and overnight campground owned by the Association, and municipal tax relief. In addition to services RV and camping sites, the location provides access to nearby hiking trails and the East River for water sports. The Lodge is used extensively for meetings, low or no cost rentals to local nonprofit organizations, social events, and a weekly seasonal farmers market. A grant of \$16,445 is requested to replace the roof and vinyl siding of the small outbuilding that serves as the

campground office. ***A grant in the amount of \$16,445 is recommended for the roof and siding replacement to the East River Lodge Campground administration building.***

39. Waverley Community Association – Waverley – Project Grant/Building Repair

Incorporated in 1995 the Association own the former St. John the Baptist Anglican church (c 1862) which is used by local groups for meetings and hosts a small museum operated by the Waverley Heritage Society. Operations are supported by an area rate, fundraising, project grants, and municipal tax relief. In 2024 the Association received provincial funding towards re-shingling the roof, minor exterior repairs and painting but the required two thirds contribution from the Association depleted their funds and new guttering had to be deferred. A grant of \$2,445 is requested towards replacement guttering and downspouts. Although the building is a registered heritage property, work is not considered a significant capital improvement and Heritage Planner approval is confirmed. The Association's contribution of \$1,000 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$2,445 is recommended towards replacement guttering for the former St. John the Baptist Anglican Church.***

Tier 2

40. Musquodoboit Harbour Lions Club – Musquodoboit Harbour – Capital Grant/Building Repair

Incorporated in 1988, the club has been a member of the Club of Lions for forty-three (43) years. Club revenues are derived primarily from fundraising and donations. The Club provides direct financial assistance to individuals in need, nonprofit and charitable organizations, and indirectly through the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, the Lions Foundation of Canada (Guide Dog Program), and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The facility is fully accessible and frequently used by the community for a variety of social and leisure activities. A grant of \$18,515 is requested to fully fund the re-shingling of the clubhouse roof. The quotes provided include removal of the existing shingles, replacement sheathing *if required*⁹, and new shingles. Because the condition of the wood cladding cannot be confirmed until the shingles are removed, the scope of work and actual cost could be lower. Therefore, as a condition of funding any balance remaining in the grant is to be returned to HRM. ***A grant in the amount of \$18,500 is recommended toward roof repairs to the Lions Hall in Musquodoboit Harbour.***

Note: This application was reassigned from Emergency Assistance & Public Safety to Leisure because although the Eastern Shore Volunteer Food Bank is accommodated at this location their use of the facility is not exclusive.

Tier 3

41. Eastern Shore Family Resource Association – Chezzetcook – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 1994, the Association is a registered Canadian charity (Community Benefit/Community Resource) that provides programs and services to support parents, children and youth. Operations rely on funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the Nova Scotia District Health Authority, and fundraising. A grant of \$1,098.96 is requested toward a program for teenagers at the HRM Grand Desert West Chezzetcook Community Centre¹⁰. The application indicates that the Centre will provide access to the facility at no cost and the grant requested is for small equipment and art materials. Some of the items listed are consumables and ineligible for consideration. Partial funding is recommended to fund

⁹ Sheathing refers to the wooden cladding attached to the roof trusses upon which the outer covering is applied.

¹⁰ The facility (also known as the St. Therese Community Centre) is operated under agreement by the West Chezzetcook and Grand Desert Recreation Society.

the purchase of yoga mats and a small portable sound system. ***A grant in the amount of \$700 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of small sound and exercise equipment for the Eastern Shore Family Centre youth program.***

42. Herring Cove Community Association – Herring Cove – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association incorporated in 2017 for the purpose of acquiring ownership of the former volunteer fire station and operating the premises as a community hall. In 2018, HRM subdivided and consolidated a portion of the parent parcel of land to enable the less than market value sale and provided funds to demolish a derelict portion of the premises. HRM Regional Council also approved \$225,800 from the Herring Cove Treatment Plant Community Integration Fund toward capital improvements and amended zoning to reduce on-site parking requirements. The Association subsequently secured \$2.2M in federal funding and \$465,000 in provincial funds for facility enhancements such as energy efficiency and accessibility. HRM provides tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase of tables and chairs costing \$6,164. The community hall is due to open in 2025. ***A one-time grant in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended for the purchase of furniture.***

43. North End Parent Resource Centre – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Centre is a registered Canadian charity sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the former Metropolitan Regional 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, a food bank and various food programs, and access to a fully equipped laundromat. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to purchase small play equipment and storage for a small outdoor play area for children under 6 years of age. The Centre's contribution of \$1,000 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,500 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of outdoor play equipment for the North End Parent Resource Centre.***

44. Porter's Lake Community Services Association – Porter's Lake – Project Grant/Building Repair

Established in 1975, the Association has a long-standing role in operating the former school property, initially under a lease agreement with the former Halifax County. Following the opening of the Lake & Shore Community Centre, HRM transferred title to the Association in 2012 and provides annual tax relief. The facility offers assorted leisure activities and events, pickleball and tennis, and rentals are available. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested toward assorted interior and exterior building repairs and upgrades including refinishing interior flooring, replacement basement flooring, replacement carpeting, replacement entry railings, and digital sign. Of the items listed the exterior entry handrails (\$3,675) are considered a safety hazard and full funding is recommended with an additional \$3,075 toward replacement basement flooring. The scope of work can be phased as cash-flow permits. ***A grant of \$10,425 is recommended toward the cost of replacing exterior entry handrails (\$3,675) and toward the purchase and installation of replacement basement flooring for the Porter's Lake Community Hall.***

45. Royal Canadian Legion (Centennial Branch #160) – National/Ottawa (Westphal) – Project Grant/Equipment

The Royal Canadian Legion was incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada. The Legion's Hall is exempt from property tax under the Assessment Act. Operations are self-sustained through bar sales, bingo, fundraising, and project-specific grants. In addition to veterans, service personnel, and their relatives, membership is open to individuals who support the Legion's aims. A grant of \$2,052 is requested to fully fund the purchase of four (4) commercial-grade change tables. The financial information provided indicates

an ability to cost-share. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is recommended toward the purchase of commercial-grade change stations for the Legion Hall.***

46. Veith House – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The property known as Veith House is owned by the Halifax Children's Foundation (Community Benefit/Foundation) and leased to the nonprofit society which incorporated in 1974 to provide programs serving marginalized members of the community. In 1979 the society attained status as a registered Canadian charity (Relief of Poverty/Organizations Relieving Poverty) and have expanded the scope of services in response to emerging needs. Operations are sustained by core funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, Halifax Children's Foundation, United Way, and strong fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the purchase of replacement furniture for program meeting spaces. As a registered charity the applicant may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,500 is recommended toward the purchase of replacement furniture for Veith House.***

RECREATION

Tier 1

47. HRM Junior Roller Derby Club – Halifax Region – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2023, the Club provides roller skating (flat track roller derby) for youth aged 8 to 17. Operations are volunteer and largely self-funded through registration fees and fundraising. A grant of \$4,000 requested to develop a website (\$1,000), the purchase of signage and banners (\$2,000) and printing (\$1,000). Although relatively new, participation rates are growing, but access to information is limited to social media. Full funding for professional fees to design a basic website is recommended to encourage active participation. ***A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is recommended to fully fund the creation of a website.***

48. Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour Westphal – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Site Maintenance

The Cole Harbour/Westphal branch of Kiwanis was formed in 1979 and is part of an international network of service clubs with a focus on child development. In addition to raising funds for community causes, club members own a public park located on Morris Lake which is maintained through fundraising, project grants, and municipal tax relief. The park has a sandy beach with floating docks for swimming, fishing, and canoeing. The grounds include walking trails and a picnic area. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase of topsoil to prevent erosion in areas where the lake drains through the park. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended to prevent erosion in the Kiwanis Centre Park.***

49. Twin Dragon Martial Arts Club – Beaver Bank – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2019, the Club provides youth (14+) and adults martial arts instruction, primarily Jiu Jitsu and Karate, and circuit training. Operating out of the HRM-owned Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre the program sustained by membership fees (\$100/month for instruction and circuit training). A grant of \$2,800 is requested to fully fund the purchase of landing mats, focus mitts, and a remote-control gym timer. ***A developmental grant in the amount of \$2,300 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of landing mats and martial arts safety mitts***

50. St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated 2002, the Club is entirely volunteer and has operated out of an HRM-owned lawn bowls facility adjacent to the St. Mary's Boat Club. In 2020, the Club entered into a less than market value lease agreement with HRM and receives municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward the development of a website to promote membership, enable online registration, encourage bookings, and publicize events to generate revenues. The service provider will also instruct volunteers how to maintain the site. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended for the development of a website for the St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club.***

51. Lucasville Community Association – Lucasville – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2014, the volunteer-run Association operate the HRM-owned Wallace Lucas Community Centre under agreement with the Municipality and engage residents in a variety of social and community-building activities such as restoring the original boundaries of the Lucasville and its historical roots as a predominantly Black community, heritage designation for a cemetery dating back to original settlers, social events, and wellness programs. As a municipal facility the property is exempt from property tax. A grant of \$2,000 is requested towards the purchase of softball equipment (bases, safety helmets, catcher's safety gear) to enable participation in a new league with other African Nova Scotian communities. The equipment will be loaned to participants, and the Association will raise funds for team uniforms and annual league registration fees. ***A grant in the amount of \$2,000 is recommended toward the cost of a softball equipment lending program.***

Tier 2

52. Bedford Beavers Parents Association – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1986, the Association operates the Bedford Beavers Swim Team that provides introductory swimming programs for children and youth aged 5-18 at HRM's Bedford Outdoor Pool (July/August) operated in association with the HRM LeBrun Recreation Centre. In 2024, the program had over 100 participants from a catchment area that includes Bedford, Sackville, Hammonds Plains, Fairview, and Clayton Park. Operations are sustained primarily from registration fees and seasonal government employment grants. A grant in the amount of \$3,575 requested to fully fund (i) 16 replacement stopwatches used to monitor progress and introductory time trials, (ii) a replacement starter system used to introduce participants to competitive swimming, (iii) and a laptop computer for coaching/administration. Full funding for the timing equipment (stopwatches and starter system), including HST and delivery is recommended; excludes laptop. ***A one-time grant in the amount of \$3,000 is recommended toward the purchase of timing equipment***

53. Dartmouth She Devils Softball Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 2023, the Association promotes the sport of softball children and youth at the recreational and competitive level. The Club's primary source of revenue is registration fees and fundraising but has been assisted by HRM through a non-exclusive license agreement for a portion of Woodlawn Park. The Club subsequently secured a grant from Nova Scotia department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage and the HRM District capital Fund to install and batting cage and a storage container. A grant of \$8,084.47 is requested to fully fund the purchase of a pitching machine and balls. Full funding is

recommended for the purchase of the pitching machine. ***A grant in the amount of \$6,450 toward the cost of the purchase of a pitching machine for a new softball facility in Dartmouth.***

54. Halifax Rowing Club – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

The Club operates out of HRM's St. Mary's Boat Club on the Northwest Arm and offers seasonal adult and junior Learn to Row instructional programs, annual regattas, and off-season fitness. Operations are sustained by municipal support, registration fees and membership dues. A grant of \$2,575.10 is requested to fund the purchase of 12 waterproof transmitter radios, dry bags, and a megaphone. ***A grant in the amount of \$2,500 is recommended toward small communications equipment used for paddling instruction and competition.***

Note: This application was reassigned from the Diversity & Accessibility category to Recreation because the nature of the equipment is standard for water-based instructional sport programs and not specifically adaptive for individuals who are hearing impaired.

55. Halifax Ultimate Recreational League Society – Halifax Region – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2004, the Society consists entirely of volunteers and revenue is self-generated through league and membership fees, and fundraising. The Society organizes year-round, indoor and outdoor, disc sport (also known as "Ultimate Frisbee") that is accessible and affordable for various skills levels. Current membership is approximately 400, a decrease due to disruption caused by Covid 19. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward a website upgrade to improve site navigation and assist in the recruitment of new members, volunteers, data collection, merchandise sales, and overall administration (total cost \$8,000-\$10,000). The Society's contribution of \$3,000 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees for website redesign.***

56. Petpeswick Yacht Club – East Petpeswick – Capital Grant/Outdoor Amenity (Docks)

Founded in 1966, the Club owns and operates a sailing club on Petpeswick Inlet to offer mooring, learn-to-sail lessons, kayaking, and paddle boarding. The facility has a clubhouse, boat shed and launch, and a small beach. Membership fees are modest and include a social category. Operations are sustained by membership dues, facility rentals, program fees, and municipal tax relief. A grant in the amount of \$15,625.92 towards the cost of three (3) new docks and associated installation hardware. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$45,958.60. An application has been made to the province to cover the remaining costs of the project. ***A grant in the amount of \$15,000 is recommended towards the cost to purchase three new docks and associated hardware. Given that a provincial grant is required to complete the project, a holdback of municipal funds is recommended pending confirmation.***

57. Three Brooks Homeowners' Association – Hubley – Project Grant/Outdoor Amenity (Playground)

Incorporated in 1993, the Association collectively own 18 properties within the catchment area of the Three Brooks Subdivision in Hubley. Included in their portfolio is a vacant parcel of land adjacent to an extensive public trail system and a community playground constructed by the Association. Both amenities, the trail and the playground, are also used by the public. A grant of \$4,900 is requested to purchase materials to construct a gazebo-style structure to serve as a gathering/resting space for trail and playground users. The Association has obtained the required development permit. ***A grant in the amount of \$4,900 is***

recommended for the purchase of building materials for the construction of a gazebo for trail and playground users.

58. LWF Hardball Association – Windsor Junction, Fall River, Grand Lake, and Waverley – Capital Grant/Equipment

The Association organizes baseball teams, league competitions, and manages several baseball fields, one of which is a multi-sport field for softball, football, and soccer. The group is also undertaking the development of four additional baseball fields. The Association's primary source of revenue is team/player registration fees. Given the scale of their operations the Association has acquired ride-on grass-cutting equipment, all-terrain vehicles to move equipment and materials, storage containers, and assorted tools and small equipment. A grant of \$6,000 is requested toward the purchase of a trailer costing \$7,179.45 HST included. The applicant's contribution of \$1,179.95 is confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$6,000 is recommended toward the purchase of a utility trailer.***

Tier 3

59. Dartmouth Yacht Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Outdoor Amenity (Boat Launch)

Incorporated in 1962, the Club operates a sailing facility and marina located on the Bedford Basin. Operations are largely self-sustaining through marina fees and associated hauling and storage fees, membership dues, instructional fees for children, youth, and adults, and municipal tax. A grant of \$25,000 is requested toward relocation and construction of a new concrete pad and boat ramp, storage container, and small equipment to serve instructional and competitive programs for children and youth (ages 5-18). The aim is to provide direct access from the clubhouse to a designated launch area and reduce the risk associated with the current access through a parking lot and mechanical service area. At a total projected cost of \$78,308 +HST. The Club's application indicates a confirmed commitment of \$78,308. The value of grant requested exceeds the total HST payable, therefore partial funding is recommended. ***A grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended toward construction of new amenities for junior sailing programs.***

60. Emanuel Baptist Church – Upper Hammonds Plains – Capital Grant/Outdoor Amenity (Sports Field)

Founded in 1812 by Black refugees of the War of 1812, the Upper Hammonds Plains community has an extensive history, including the Hammonds Plains Second Baptist Church established in 1822 and the Hammonds Plains Baptist Church in 1845. These two congregations amalgamated in 1939 to form the Emmanuel Baptist Church, a registered Canadian charity, that plays a prominent role in community capacity-building. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the development of a new, regulation-sized, ballfield for softball and baseball located behind the local community centre. The entire site comprises 5.3 acres but has been under-utilized due to poor drainage. The project design and land survey have been completed, and work is to commence on clearing brush, site grading, drainage, an infield, fencing, and basic amenities such as seating for players and spectators at an estimated total cost of \$632,000. To date, \$25,000 has been secured from HRM's Anti-Black Racism Grants Program (\$10,000), the Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Association (\$5,000), and the Upper Hammonds Plains Community Land Trust (\$10,000). Applications have been submitted to municipal, provincial, and federal government grant programs for the balance. The goal is to encourage the active participation of children and youth, whose access to organized sport may be limited by a lack of public transit, foster community

pride, and host tournaments. The application demonstrates good planning, tangible progress, and the facility will provide affordable access to residents. ***A grant in the amount of \$25,000 is recommended towards the construction of a new ballfield for Upper Hammonds Plains.***

61. Maskwa Aquatic Club – Halifax – Capital Grant/Outdoor Amenity (Docks)

Incorporated in 1974, The Club provides recreational and competitive paddling and is largely self-funded through membership and program fees, equipment and apparel sales supplemented by project-specific government grants. HRM provides tax relief. Some of the clubs' programming includes an under ten and under fourteen years of age programs, master's program for older adults, and paracanoe, as well as Special Olympics membership. In 2024, the Club had approximately 300 youth attend their summer paddling programs. A grant of \$25,000 is requested toward the cost of replacing and repairs to their docks. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$60,000 with the Club's contribution of \$35,000 confirmed. ***A grant in the amount of \$25,000 recommended towards the cost of replacing and repairing the Maskwa Club docks.***

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

The Society was established under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1909 and is exempt from property tax. The organization's purpose is to preserve and promote the area's agricultural Heritage. Membership dues are nominal (\$5 youth/\$25 adult) and revenues are primarily events-related, facility rentals, and project-specific grants including an annual HRM grant for the Halifax County Exhibition. A grant of \$5,000 is requested toward electrical upgrades to the horse and cattle barn costing \$20,991.60 HST included. Located on the Exhibition Grounds, this large-scale barn is the most frequently used amenity and can accommodate up to 70 horses and supplies. An upgrade to the barn's electrical system is required for safety and to maintain or improve operational capacity. The Society's contribution of \$15,991.61 is confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended toward electrical upgrades to the Middle Musquodoboit Exhibition Grounds horse/cattle barn.***

63. Purcell's Cove Social Club – Halifax – Capital Grant/Outdoor Amenity (Wharf)

The Club was incorporated in 1965 and has operated as a social club since its inception. Revenues are derived primarily from bar and food sales, video gaming, membership fees, and fundraising. HRM provides annual tax relief. In addition to the clubhouse the society owns a small wharf located adjacent to the facility which is available to non-members for kayaking, small sailboats or watercraft, and swimming. The wharf was damaged during Hurricane Dorian and needs replacement at an estimated total cost of \$31,917. A grant of \$14,917 is requested towards capital costs. A \$15,000 grant from the HRM District Capital Fund is confirmed. The Club has confirmed they will contribute \$2,000 and fund any cost overruns. ***A grant in the amount of \$14,000 is recommended for the construction of a new wharf and associated floating dock for the Purcell's Cove Social Club.***