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**Item No. 9.1.1**  
**Grants Committee**  
**May 22, 2024**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** -Original Signed-  
Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** March 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Regional Special Events Grants Report 2024

### **ORIGIN**

Applications received pursuant to Administrative Order Number 2014-021-GOV – *Respecting Regional Special Events Grants*.

### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

#### **Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, S.N.S. 2008, c. 39 as amended**

**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;
- (b) the expenditure is in respect of an emergency under the Emergency Management Act; or
- (c) the expenditure is legally required to be paid.

#### **Administrative Order Number 2014-021-GOV; Respecting Regional Special Events Grants**

#### **Administrative Order Number One, The Procedure of The Council Administrative Order**

Schedule 2 Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms Of Reference

14. The following Committees shall be advisory committee to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee: Grants

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve 13 Event Grants (12 Community Celebrations and 1 Significant Anniversary) for a total of \$12,975 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2024/25 Operating Budget – C760 Events; and
2. Approve a supplementary grant withdrawal from the Community and Events Reserve (Q621) in the amount of \$13,000 to be allocated to "Open Streets HFX".

**BACKGROUND**

This report outlines the recommended Regional Special Events Grants awards for the 2024/25 funding intake. All Regional Special Events Grants recommendations are governed by Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV *Respecting Regional Special Events Grants* (AO). Staff undertakes the grant application and evaluation process as outlined in the AO. This Regional Special Events Grants report is reviewed by the Grants Committee for recommendation to Regional Council.

**There are four established funding programs governed by the Regional Special Events Grants AO:**

- 1) **Community Celebrations:** provides support for small scale community events that are organized primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of residents, coincides with a community gathering or civic holiday, and are free to the public to attend.
- 2) **Established Community Events:** provides support for existing community events that are organized primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of residents, are accessible to the public with free or low-cost activities, have been in existence for a minimum of three consecutive years, and have a minimum budget of \$10,000.
- 3) **Significant Anniversaries:** provides support for community events organized around major quarterly anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, etc.) that celebrate HRM's heritage and community and have a minimum budget of \$7,500.
- 4) **Cultural Events & Showcases:** provides support for arts and culture festivals that program strong cultural content, further the disciplines of literary, media, performing and visual arts, are accessible to the public with free or low-cost activities, have a minimum budget of \$50,000, and further the principles and objectives of the HRM Cultural Plan.

**Program Allocations**

The maximum grant amounts and total allocation for each of the programs are outlined below in Table 1:

<b>Table 1: Regional Special Events Grants Program Maximum Grants and Allocation</b>		
<b>Program</b>	<b>Maximum Grant</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>
Community Celebrations	\$1,000	\$215,000
Established Community Events	\$25,000	
Significant Anniversaries	\$10,000	
Cultural Events & Showcases	\$60,000	\$200,000

**Three-year Sustainable Funding**

The Regional Special Events Grants AO provides the ability to award up to three-year sustainable funding to organizations under the Established Community Events and Cultural Events & Showcases programs. On May 17, 2022, Regional Council approved funding for these two programs awarding the full allocated budget for the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 fiscal years preventing any public calls for application until the fall of 2024 to fund events happening in the next three-year funding cycle (2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28). Events that receive multiyear funding are dependent on the approval of HRM's annual Operating budget and Community and Events Reserve.

The May 2022 Regional Special Events Grants staff report also noted the intent for the \$13,000 grant to Open Streets HFX from Community and Events Reserve (Q621) to be recurring subject to the continuation of this event.

### Post Event Reporting

Events that receive Regional Special Events Grants are required to submit a final event report as part of the funding process within 120 days of the conclusion of the event describing the impact of the funding received from the Municipality. A final report form is provided by staff and is included with the awarding email, along with HRM Event Grant Agreement. The final event reporting provides information on the success and challenges associated with the event.

This is a key deliverable for Established Community Events and Cultural Events & Showcases that receive multiyear sustainable funding to ensure criteria are met and no significant changes have occurred. Any concerns are noted and will be brought forward to the Grants Committee for discussion. Failure to submit a final report within 120 days of the conclusion of the event will result in forfeiture of any remaining grant amount and ineligibility to receive future grants from the municipality. Upon receipt of final reporting, the organization will be eligible to receive future grants.

### DISCUSSION

#### 2024/25 Intake

There were 13 applications in total submitted during the 2024/25 only intake. These applications include: 12 Community Celebrations and one Significant Anniversaries. Information on the applications can be found in Attachment 1.

#### Eligibility

All 13 applications were deemed eligible and recommended for funding.

#### Evaluation

As per the Regional Special Events Grants AO, all applications are evaluated on:

- **Community Engagement:** evaluated based on volunteer involvement, diversity, accessibility, attendance and programming;
- **Community Cultural Development:** based on the provision of arts and cultural programming and experiences;
- **Demonstrated Financial Need:** evaluated on access to potential sponsorship, as well as the ability to self-fund; and
- **Demonstrated Added Value to the Community:** evaluated on the impact of the experience that would have otherwise not been available to the community in which the event is held.

The proposed Regional Special Events Grants funding amounts for the 2024/25 year are outlined in Table 2 below.

<b>Table 2: 2024/25 Summary of Proposed Funding Recommendations for Community Celebrations and Significant Anniversaries</b>				
		<b>2023/24 Grant</b>	<b>2024/25 Request</b>	<b>2024/25 Proposed</b>
<b>Community Celebrations</b>				
1	Agricola Street Holiday Market	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
2	Canada Day Celebration*	\$ 500	\$1,000	\$500
3	Eid Celebration	\$ 500	\$ 870	\$250
4	Funny Pages Festival	\$ 500	\$1,000	\$500
5	Lake and Shore Days	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
6	Mulgrave Park Days	\$ 500	\$1,000	\$500
7	National Friendship Day	\$ 500	\$1,000	\$500
8	Newcomer Welcome BBQ	n/a	\$1,000	\$750
9	North By Night Market	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
10	People's Parade for Life on Earth	n/a	\$1,000	\$250
11	Spryfield Area Festival of Colours	n/a	\$1,000	\$500

12	Sunset Market	n/a	\$1,000	\$725
<b>Total Community Celebrations</b>		<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$11,870</b>	<b>\$7,475</b>
<b>Significant Anniversaries Event</b>				
1	Alderney Landing 25th Anniversary	n/a	\$10,000	\$5,500
<b>Total Significant Anniversaries Events</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
<b>2024/25 TOTAL Community Celebrations and Significant Anniversaries (C760)</b>			<b>\$21,870</b>	<b>\$12,975</b>

\*Event name was Community Picnic in 2022.

**Sustainable Funding Year 3 of 3**

2024/25 information for the 36 current Established Community Events (funded through C760), one Established Community Events (funded through Q621), and the 13 Cultural Events & Showcases (funded through Q621) all receiving their third and final year of three-year sustainable funding is included in Attachment 1. A summary of the combined 50 events receiving sustainable funding and grant amounts can be found in Attachment 2.

Since Regional Council's approval on May 17, 2022 to award three-year sustainable funding, three Established Community Events are no longer receiving funding and have been removed from the program.

- Bluenose Ability Arts & Film Festival was approved to receive a \$3,000 grant but did it not move forward with hosting an event, therefore no funding was released in 2022 or 2023 and has been removed from the program. Bluenose Ability Arts & Film Festival can apply for funding in future if the event returns.
- Community Dance was approved to receive a \$2,000 grant. After the submission of the 2022 final reporting, the event was in fact a fundraising event for the applicant which is deemed ineligible to receive funding as per the AO. The municipality did not request for the 2022 grant to be returned, the 2023 funding was not released, and the event has been removed from the program.
- Waverley Gold Rush Days was approved to receive a \$4,000 grant and signed the 2022 HRM Event Grant agreement which released 80% of the grant. All communications have ceased from the organization despite staff's several attempts to contact the organization regarding 2022 final reporting, as well as the status of a 2023 event. The 2022 remaining 20% of the grant was not released, nor was the 2023 grant and this event has been removed from the program. If final reporting is submitted and no longer has outstanding reports due, the organization may apply for future event grants.

**2023/24 Post Event Reporting**

Not all 2023/24 final event reports have been received; the majority are for events scheduled in the fall/winter and either have not yet taken place or are within the 120 days to submit their final report. Staff will continue to work with these organizations and ensure final reporting is received. There is ongoing communication and no immediate concerns with any of the organizations.

As the Regional Special Events Grants program has not been recently reviewed, staff intend to conduct a review of the program and return to the Grants Committee with findings and recommendations.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The allocated allotment of \$215,000 to fund Community Celebrations, Significant Anniversaries and Established Community Events recommendations can be accommodated in the approved 2024/25 operating budget for Events, account C760-6919. All 2024/25 recommendations are subject to availability of funds and final approval of the 2024/25 Operating budget.

All Cultural Events & Showcases and two Established Community Events recommendations can be accommodated in the approved 2024/25 Operating budget C760 Events funded from the 2024/25

Community and Events Reserve Q621. All 2024/25 recommendations are subject to availability of funds and final approval of the 2024/25 budget.

**Budget Summary: Community and Events Reserve, Q621**

Projected Net Available Reserve Balances (as of Q3)	\$1,555,779
Budgeted Contributions 2024/25	\$3,341,700
Withdrawals 2024/25	<u>(\$2,246,500)</u>
Total Projected Net Available Reserve 2024/25	<b>\$2,650,979</b>

All Cultural Events & Showcases recommendations are subject to availability of Community & Events Reserve, Q621 funds. These grants are processed through operating account C760 Events.

There are no outstanding funds owing to the municipality by any of the recommended applicants.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this report. The risks considered rate low. To determine this, consideration was given to financial and reputational risk.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Information regarding program eligibility and applicant timelines are posted on the HRM website. Staff contacted all previously funded Regional Special Events Grants recipients within the past year advising of the 2024/25 intake opening and deadline date. Communication is ongoing with program clients on the status of events.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental implications were identified.

**ALTERNATIVE**

The Grants Committee may choose to recommend that Regional Council amend the amount of any event grant in accordance with Administrative Order Number 2014-021-GOV – *Respecting Regional Special Events Grants* within the budget capacity of C760 and Q621.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: 2024-25 Regional Special Events Grants Information

Attachment 2: Previously Approved Multi-Year Events Grants in Year 3 of 3

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

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## 2024-25 Regional Special Events Grants Information

### COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

#### 1. AGRICOLA STREET HOLIDAY MARKET

**Organization:** North End Business Association  
**Date:** November 9, 2024  
**Location:** 2537 Agricola Street, Halifax  
**Past Grant:** \$1,000  
**Budget:** \$16,500  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 4,000

**Program Description:** This one-day event celebrates the change of season and the upcoming holidays in a German-style winter market. The purpose is to attract people to the North End, support and engage the local businesses while providing a community building experience. Businesses host in store specials, provide hot chocolate and cider, and family activities are offered along the street. This event provides local food makers, artisans, and crafts people with a holiday street-market venue to sell their goods. The event also showcases and supports local musicians and artists.

#### 2. CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

**Organization:** Middle Musquodoboit Argicultural Society  
**Date:** July 1, 2024  
**Location:** 190 Exhibition Grounds Road, Middle Musquodoboit  
**Past Grant:** \$500  
**Budget:** \$4,550  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 700

**Program Description:** A community picnic to celebrate Canada's Birthday. Celebration activities will include having the HRM recreation vehicle on site, a magician, Ground Search and Rescue Firetruck, free family photos (up to 600), games for children, pony rides, and entertainment from the local community.

#### 3. EID CELEBRATION

**Organization:** Alnaas Community & Youth Development Association  
**Date:** July 6, 2024  
**Location:** McNabs Island, McNabs  
**Past Grant:** \$500  
**Budget:** \$1,220  
**Grant Requested:** \$870  
**Proposed Attendance:** 29

**Program Description:** Eid translates to "festival" or "feast" in Arabic and marks the end of a fast or fasting period in Islam. Alnaas Community & Youth Development Association plan to celebrate Eid for the newcomer and immigrant families to Nova Scotia. During this event, there will be swimming for moms and kids, volleyball game, beach games, balloon animals, face painting and henna, open music for dancing as well as a picnic of cultural foods and sweets.

#### 4. FUNNY PAGES FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Funny Pages Festival Organization  
**Date:** April 19-20, 2024

**Location:** Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax  
**Past Grant:** \$500  
**Budget:** \$25,400  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 600

**Program Description:** Funny Pages Festival is a not-for-profit festival dedicated to promoting the love of reading through humor. Canada's funniest authors will host fun and creative programming to over 800 children, grades four to six. Various workshops open to all participants to experience and interact with gifted and hilarious authors representing different cultural backgrounds, writing styles and experiences. Additional festival activities offered include interactive presentations, writing workshops and the opportunity to speak with the authors themselves.

## 5. LAKE AND SHORE DAYS

**Organization:** Porters Lake Community Services Association  
**Date:** August 9-11, 2024  
**Location:** Porter's Lake Community Centre, Porters Lake  
**Past Grant:** \$1,000  
**Budget:** \$26,055  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 1,375

**Program Description:** Lake and Shore Days is a multi-day, summer event for all ages. Activities will include trivia, street parade, washer toss tournament, concert, picnic, car show, boat parade and fireworks.

## 6. MULGRAVE PARK DAYS

**Organization:** Mulgrave Park Caring and Learning Centre  
**Date:** August 2024 (date TBD)  
**Location:** Mulgrave Park  
**Past Grant:** \$500  
**Budget:** \$3,900  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 150

**Program Description:** With the help of donations and partnerships with local organizations, The Caring and Learning Centre hosts Mulgrave Park Days bringing residents together to celebrate and enjoy each other. The annual Mulgrave Park Days event includes a basketball tournament, BBQ, bouncy castles, outdoor recreation games, music, food vendors, youth talent show, bingo, evening dance and a community clean up.

## 7. NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

**Organization:** The Club Inclusion  
**Date:** July 24, 2024  
**Location:** Club Halifax, 2652 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax  
**Past Grant:** \$500  
**Budget:** \$4,134  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 150

**Program Description:** National Friendship Day takes place each year to encourage people throughout the world to reconnect with friends, and to make new ones. This event will be comprised of large group, small group, and 1:1 activity that offer opportunities for people with intellectual or physical disabilities, mental health challenges, trouble with communication and learning, to meet new people, develop

connections and make new friends. Activities will include: DJ music, team relay races, field games, dunk tank, Snatch It Game, music therapy, Flamenco dancing, air hockey, snow cones, cotton candy and more.

#### **8. NEWCOMER WELCOME BBQ**

**Organization:** Welcoming Intercultural Newcomers Association  
**Date:** July 13, 2024  
**Location:** Garrison Grounds  
**Past Grant:** n/a  
**Budget:** \$13,100  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 2,000

**Program Description:** Newcomer Welcome BBQ will bring together a diverse group of participants to promote community spirit by showcasing residents' heritage, culture, local achievements, and neighborhoods. The event will offer a range of entertainment including various cultural performances, music, storytelling based on religious beliefs, cultural traditions and the providing the history and cultural backgrounds from their country of origin.

#### **9. NORTH BY NIGHT MARKET**

**Organization:** North End Business Association  
**Date:** June 14, July 12, August 9, 2024  
**Location:** 2037 Gottingen Street, Halifax  
**Past Grant:** \$1,000  
**Budget:** \$6,200  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 6,000

**Program Description:** North By Night Market is a recurring event which takes place on Gottingen Street the second Friday of the month from June to August celebrating the diverse and eclectic culture of the North End and Gottingen area. The purpose is to attract people to the North End, support and engage local businesses and their goods, and showcase and support local musicians and artists. This event includes a live DJ, food and crafters market with vendors selling a range of goods from foods, crafts, jewelry and more.

#### **10. PEOPLE'S PARADE FOR LIFE ON EARTH**

**Organization:** Ecology Action Centre  
**Date:** April 22, 2024  
**Location:** Halifax Waterfront Boardwalk  
**Past Grant:** n/a  
**Budget:** \$11,000  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 1,250

**Program Description:** People's Parade for Life on Earth is a parade that walks along the waterfront, ending at Peace & Friendship Park. Open to all to come together to bring their creativity and represent their community in whatever way they are inspired to do so. The Parade is led and guided by Mi'kmaw Elders and Water Walkers, followed by elders and youth, drummers and choirs, drag performers and all others are welcome to join in the parade to celebrate Mother Earth and our beautiful communities that we live in.

#### **11. SPRYFIELD AREA FESTIVAL OF COLORS**

**Organization:** Spryfield Area Multicultural Society  
**Date:** May 25, 2024  
**Location:** Spryfield Mall



**Past Grant:** n/a  
**Budget:** \$3,330  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 600

**Program Description:** The Festival of Colors is a celebration of the arrival of spring, blossoming of love and triumph of good over evil. Festival activities include cultural music and dance, food and merchandise vendors and the throwing of color powder.

## 12. SUNSET MARKET

**Organization:** Sackville Business Association  
**Date:** July 21, 2024  
**Location:** Acadia Park, 650 Sackville Drive  
**Past Grant:** n/a  
**Budget:** \$6,480  
**Grant Requested:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 2,000

**Program Description:** The Sunset Market will include a concert with a focus on showcasing performances from underrepresented cultures in the community of Sackville, as well as market showcasing local artisans and children's activities.

## SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

### 1. ALDERNEY LANDING 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Organization:** Alderney Landing Association  
**Date:** during week of August 19-25, 2024 (TBD)  
**Location:** Alderney Landing  
**Past Grant:** n/a  
**Budget:** \$24,500  
**Grant Requested:** \$10,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 6,000

**Program Description:** Alderney Landing Association will commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alderney Landing Events Plaza by hosting a large scale concert, paying tribute to the Municipality's rich cultural tapestry and those talented artists who have performed on the stage over the past quarter century. LED screens will showcase visual narratives and highlight the evolution of Alderney Landing as a venue of vibrant cultural diversity performances and artistic expression that bring people to the Dartmouth waterfront every year for the past 25 years.

## ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY EVENTS (C760 Year 3 of 3 Funding Cycle)

### 1. AFRIFEST

**Organization:** Africa Festival of Arts & Culture Society  
**Date:** July 18-21, 2024  
**Location:** Sackville Landing, Lower Water Street, Halifax  
**Budget:** \$152,500  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 5,000

**Program Description:** The annual AFRIFEST will take place at Sackville Landing from Thursday to

Sunday during the third weekend in July. Afrifest showcases visual and performing arts and the culture of people of African descent while promoting inclusion and diversity. Artists that take part in the festival are Diasporas from Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Haiti, Burkina Faso, Sudan, Gambia, Zambia, Togo, Congo, Uganda, Mali, Somalia, Eritrean, Ethiopia, Burundi, Sierra Leone, the Caribbean, and African Nova Scotia Community. Their artistic works include visual arts, drumming, jazz, hip-hop, gospel, etc. Vending include arts, craft and food vendors. The festival provides an environment for African Canadian artists to come together to perform, share and showcase their various talents.

## 2. ANIMATION FESTIVAL OF HALIFAX

**Organization:** Carbon Arc Cinema Co-op Ltd.  
**Date:** May 9-11, 2024  
**Location:** Museum of Natural History  
**Budget:** \$65,000  
**Current Grant:** \$2,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 600

**Program Description:** The Animation Festival of Halifax is a celebration of animation in all its forms with a special focus on Canadian independent experimental animation. The festival features screening, panel discussions, artist's talks, workshops for all levels of experience, installations, and networking events.

## 3. ATLANTIC JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Atlantic Jewish Council  
**Date:** November 21-24, 2024  
**Location:** Halifax (TBD)  
**Budget:** \$41,000  
**Current Grant:** \$8,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 400

**Program Description:** The Atlantic Jewish Film festival (AJFF) is a four day event featuring international films focusing on Jewish themes, history, and identity. The AJFF is an opportunity to educate and for audiences to explore the culture of a community seldom depicted on the big screen, while fostering an appreciation of arts and culture.

## 4. BLACK HISTORY MONTH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**Organization:** Africa Festival of Arts & Culture Society  
**Date:** February 11-15, 2025  
**Location:** Various schools within HRM, Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent  
**Budget:** \$65,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,500

**Program Description:** The month of February is Black History Month and Africa Festival of Arts and Culture Society (AFACS) recognizes the need for this celebration; therefore, developed initiatives that promote and recognize the participation and contributions of African Descent to the development of Canada, Nova Scotia, and Halifax Regional Municipality. AFACS Black History Month activities aim to celebrate inclusion, cultural heritage, highlighting critical historical events associated with African Descent through activities including; a tour of local schools by African Canadian artists to promote inclusion, cultural diversity, and anti-racism.

## 5. CANADA DAY IN BEAVER BANK

**Organization:** Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre  
**Date:** July 1, 2024

**Location:** 1583 Beaver Bank Road  
**Budget:** \$30,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 2,000

**Program Description:** All events are free and are open to community members to come and celebrate Canada and all our diverse culture. The event encourages all residents to participate, contribute their different diversities to the event, and spread the message of what the country and community means to them. The celebration activities will include: a pancake breakfast, family fair, cake and fireworks.

## 6. CARIBBEAN DIASPORA MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

**Organization:** Jamaican Cultural Association of Nova Scotia  
**Date:** July 28, 2024  
**Location:** Ferry Terminal Park, Dartmouth  
**Budget:** \$75,000  
**Current Grant:** \$3,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,500

**Program Description:** The Caribbean Diaspora Multicultural Celebration is a one day outdoor free event, open to the public. Activities include: cultural performances, music bands from various genres (reggae, soca, calypso), dance groups, singers, drummers, spoken word artists, educational displays and intergenerational games and spicy Caribbean foods. The events' main objective is to inform, educate and create awareness about Jamaican culture and history, celebrate diversity and inclusivity and to acknowledge Caribbean history including recognition Nova Scotia's of Emancipation Day.

## 7. CHRISTKINDL MARKET FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Alderney Landing Association  
**Date:** December 6-7, 2024  
**Location:** Alderney Landing  
**Budget:** \$50,000  
**Current Grant:** \$2,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 15,000

**Program Description:** Christkindl Market is a traditional German Christmas Market featuring fresh food, artisan gifts, and craft vendors. Celebrations include live music from local bands and choirs, a carousel ride, a live singing Christmas tree with performances by local groups, Christmas decorations and appearances by Santa and his elves.

## 8. COMMUNITY FIELD DAY

**Organization:** Preston Area Community Access Society  
**Date:** August 28, 2024  
**Location:** Location TBD  
**Budget:** \$3,000  
**Current Grant:** \$1,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 200

**Program Description:** The Community Field Day will bring community members together to work as a unit and as a community, showing the entire community that physical activity holds value. Each family registered will be able to enter a team to participate in a day full of family games and activities. This event will show unity in the community, within families and promote physical activity in a fun competitive way.

## 9. DIWALI CARNIVAL – FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**Organization:** Indian Festivals Club of Nova Scotia  
**Date:** October 25-27, 2024  
**Location:** Halifax Forum  
**Budget:** \$121,000  
**Current Grant:** \$4,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 12,000

**Program Description:** Diwali Carnival serves as a platform where each culture that celebrates Diwali has the space and opportunity to share their folkloric traditions of celebrating Diwali. Each cultural identity will be preserved and shared with other cultures, creating awareness of how each of these cultures are a part of a mosaic representing multiculturalism in Halifax specifically related to the Festival of Lights, Diwali. This festival also provides new immigrants who have chosen Halifax as their home with a sense of belonging. Community members from cultures that do not celebrate Diwali will be able to access an opportunity to participate and learn about how Diwali is celebrated all over the world.

#### 10. DOWNTOWN DARTMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission  
**Date:** January 31 – February 2, 2025  
**Location:** Downtown Dartmouth  
**Budget:** \$125,000  
**Current Grant:** \$25,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 40,000 (street party), 25,000 over three days

**Program Description:** The Downtown Dartmouth Ice Festival is a winter celebration of local love. Activities include live ice carving, over 50 ice sculptures created by 20 carvers, live entertainment on over a dozen stages around downtown Dartmouth, a street party, games, and activities for the whole family.

#### 11. EAST COAST KITE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Atlantic Kite Festivals Society  
**Date:** July 6-7, 2024  
**Location:** Garrison Grounds, Citadel Hill  
**Budget:** \$93,000  
**Current Grant:** \$2,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 9,300

**Program Description:** Atlantic Kite Festival Society will host the East Coast Kite Festival to encourage participants to “Fly as High as They Can”, showcasing the kite flying culture from different communities and traditions through education and demonstrations.

#### 12. EASTERN PASSAGE COW BAY SUMMER CARNIVAL

**Organization:** Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival Association  
**Date:** August 6-11, 2024  
**Location:** Various locations in Eastern Passage  
**Budget:** \$25,000  
**Current Grant:** \$7,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,000

**Program Description:** The Eastern Passage-Cow Bay Summer Carnival attracts both residents and visitors of Halifax. The carnival includes a street parade, sand sculpture contest, teddy bear picnic, bingo, car show, and many more fun-filled family-oriented events.

#### 13. EMERGING LENS CULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Charles Taylor Theatre & Media Arts Association  
**Date:** April 17-20, 2024  
**Location:** Various locations in HRM  
**Budget:** \$29,500  
**Current Grant:** \$4,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 550

**Program Description:** Over the course of four days the Emerging Lens screens a variety of multi-media from emerging filmmakers, providing a platform for filmmakers from around the world showcasing their original and unique stories. In addition, up and coming performing artists are featured opening each night of screenings and ending with an artist talk and networking reception.

#### 14. FIRE & WATER FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Alderney Landing Facility Association  
**Date:** September 21-22, 2024  
**Location:** Alderney Landing  
**Budget:** \$55,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 9,500

**Program Description:** Fire & Water Festival is a two day outdoor cultural festival celebrating the continents who live together on this land while paying tribute to the indigenous culture. The event includes demonstrations from several diverse groups including East Indian, Acadian, Caribbean, and African. Activities include live performances, demonstrations, art and craft making.

#### 15. FISHERMAN'S COVE PIRATE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Fisherman's Cove Development Association  
**Date:** August 16-18, 2024  
**Location:** 4 Government Wharf Road, Eastern Passage  
**Budget:** \$13,400  
**Current Grant:** \$7,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 5,000

**Program Description:** Fisherman's Cove Pirate Festival is a 3-day pirate themed festival featuring live music, various children's games, activities, and pirates. Families are encouraged to dress up in pirate costumes.

#### 16. GOTTINGEN FESTIVAL

**Organization:** North End Business Association  
**Date:** July 13, 2024  
**Location:** Gottingen Street, Halifax  
**Budget:** \$10,000  
**Current Grant:** \$3,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,000

**Program Description:** This street-wide annual event builds on the celebration of Gottingen Street with multiple sites animated with music, vendors, and activities. It is an opportunity to engage with the local community and celebrate the great diversity and legacy of the neighborhood.

#### 17. GREAT EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY BBQ

**Organization:** Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax

**Date:** August 10, 2024  
**Location:** East Dartmouth Community Centre  
**Budget:** \$3,200  
**Current Grant:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 300

**Program Description:** East Dartmouth Community BBQ is an event designed to celebrate East Dartmouth residents offering a free BBQ for all attendees, music, games, bouncy castles and art crafts for the children and youth. Additionally, various community service groups and partners will provide free information about services in the area that may be beneficial to those attending.

## 18. HALIFAX COUNTY EXHIBITION

**Organization:** Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society  
**Date:** August 14-17, 2024  
**Location:** 190 Exhibition Grounds Road, Middle Musquodoboit  
**Budget:** \$145,000  
**Current Grant:** \$25,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 13,000

**Program Description:** The Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society was established to help farmers improve skills and have a place to exhibit their livestock and crops for local competition. Over a century later, the Society continues to serve and expand on this mandate by showcasing animal husbandry, agripreneurship, home and garden artistry, and traditional skills at the annual Halifax County Exhibition, a traditional, fun-filled country fair. This family friendly event has become rooted in our regional culture as an annual milestone, and in an exciting fashion, engages people of all ages and from any background.

## 19. INDIA FEST

**Organization:** Indo Canadian Community Centre Society  
**Date:** August 9-11, 2024  
**Location:** Halifax Forum  
**Budget:** \$28,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,000

**Program Description:** India Fest is a 3-day festival that showcases the cultures of India. Local food vendors sell food from different regions of India and craft vendors exhibit Indian craftsmanship and handicrafts. Throughout the event, there will be a singing, dancing, and acting pieces that showcase the rich culture of India. These cultural performances are done by members of the community.

## 20. KELOOSE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**Organization:** Keloose Association  
**Date:** August 16-18, 2024  
**Location:** Lakeview, Fall River and Waverley area establishments  
**Budget:** \$30,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,500

**Program Description:** During the third week of August, Keloose events draw people from all around Lakeview, Windsor Junction and Fall River for family fun and entertainment. Keloose features local musical and artistic talents, local businesses and wholesome fun filled activities for all ages. Additionally, Indigenous content is included throughout the celebration, especially considering “Keloose” has Mi’kmaq origins.

## 21. LIGHT UP BEDFORD PARADE

**Organization:** Light Up Bedford Parade Society  
**Date:** November 17, 2024  
**Location:** DeWolf Park, Bedford  
**Budget:** \$18,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 17,000

**Program Description:** The Light Up Bedford Parade is a community parade travelling from DeWolf Park along the Bedford Highway and finishes at Bedford Place Mall. It comprises of a series of 40 decorated floats with Santa travelling on the last float. The intent is to kick off the holiday season, bring joy and excitement to the residents of Bedford and surrounding communities, and promote community spirit, while collecting donations for the Food Bank and letters to Santa.

## 22. MOTHER GOOSE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Alderney Landing Facility Association  
**Date:** August 10, 2024  
**Location:** Alderney Landing  
**Budget:** \$15,000  
**Current Grant:** \$2,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,100

**Program Description:** The Mother Goose Festival is an annual free family-friendly event on the Dartmouth Waterfront put on by the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth and Alderney Landing Community Cultural Centre. The festival provides an economic boost to local artists and performers while providing residents of HRM access to high quality arts and culture. Activities include live theatre, puppetry, petting zoo, storytelling and games.

## 23. NAVRATRI - DANDIYA GARBA NIGHTS – FESTIVAL OF DANCE

**Organization:** Indian Festivals Club of Nova Scotia  
**Date:** October 4-13, 2024  
**Location:** BMO Soccer Center  
**Budget:** \$129,000  
**Current Grant:** \$2,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 10,000

**Program Description:** Navratri Festival, the world's largest Dance festival celebrated by millions of people for nine consecutive nights in India. Navratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity Durga.

## 24. NORTH PRESTON DAYS

**Organization:** Women With a Vision  
**Date:** July 19-20, 2024  
**Location:** 14 Simmonds Drive  
**Budget:** \$26,000  
**Current Grant:** \$6,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,500

**Program Description:** North Preston Days is an annual community event celebrating Nova Scotia's black community through music, dance, storytelling, cultural food and a street parade.

## 25. NORTHERN LIGHTS LANTERN FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Northern Lights Lantern Festival Society  
**Date:** August 10, 2024  
**Location:** Merv Sullivan Park, Novalea Drive, Halifax  
**Budget:** \$28,000  
**Current Grant:** \$4,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 7,500

**Program Description:** The Northern Lights Lantern Festival is an annual day of fun and creativity for all ages, where old friends run into each other, and new friends are made. The festival is a celebration of the vibrancy and diversity of Halifax's North End. The festival program includes a free community BBQ, bouncy castles, face painting, live music, children's games and fireworks.

## 26. OPEN STREETS HFX

**Organization:** Halifax Community Planning & Design Association  
**Date:** 2 days in August/September 2024 (dates TBD)  
**Location:** Halifax and Dartmouth, NS  
**Budget:** \$65,000  
**Current Grant:** \$12,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 12,000

**Program Description:** Open Street events encourage individuals to explore the streets of Dartmouth and Halifax in new ways while providing a safe and comfortable environment for a wide variety of activities. The focus is not on closing streets but on making them accessible for different active transportation modes, local businesses, community gatherings, recreational activities, arts, culture, music, and food, catering to people of all ages and abilities.

## 27. PEGGY'S COVE AREA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

**Organization:** Peggy's Cove Area Arts Society  
**Date:** July 3-14, 2024  
**Location:** Various locations  
**Budget:** \$52,000  
**Current Grant:** \$3,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 4,000

**Program Description:** In July, a cluster of 22 creative communities will host a full-fledged celebration of the arts, attracting local, national, and international visitors. Activities include an opening night event featuring live music and art exhibit, Paint Peggy's Cove: a three-day event featuring 40+ local and international artists and a children's art tent, Studio Tour: 40 locations, 70+ artists participate for three days and Winter in the Bay: an art/writing contest in collaboration with local organizations.

## 28. RE-JIGGED FESTIVAL

**Organization:** New Trad Society  
**Date:** October 25-27, 2024  
**Location:** Halifax TBD  
**Budget:** \$57,000  
**Current Grant:** \$1,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 450

**Program Description:** A festival of Irish and Scots music, dance, language and culture, ReJigged celebrates new traditions in Celtic music, dance and other art forms. ReJigged's programming fosters artistic innovation and constructive collaboration in the performing arts, through workshops, sessions and



concerts featuring an extensive performance program, intimate showcases, concerts and a traditional ceilidh dance. Our multi-day education program provides a range of hands-on workshops featuring instruction in dance, traditional musical instruments, song, spoken language and visual arts, all led by internationally recognized instructors.

### **29. SACKVILLE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

**Organization:** Sackville Business Association  
**Date:** November 30, 2024  
**Location:** Acadia Park, 650 Sackville Drive  
**Budget:** \$12,000  
**Current Grant:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 5,000

**Program Description:** The Sackville tradition draws residents from all over HRM to enjoy live music, free hot chocolate and hot dogs, a visit from Santa, and the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Local Band, The Josh Lake Band, will be performing live.

### **30. SACKVILLE SNOW DAYS**

**Organization:** Sackville Business Association  
**Date:** February 14-17, 2025  
**Location:** Various locations in Sackville  
**Budget:** \$10,000  
**Current Grant:** \$1,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,000

**Program Description:** More than a dozen community groups organize events under the Sackville Snow Days winter festival umbrella including: Winter Play Day, dances, free skates, free swim, sledding, breakfasts, movies, costume party, and the Snow Days parade. This event started because of the importance of the Sackville Winter Carnival, which took place throughout the late 70's to early 90's. Sackville Snow Days created a new version of this popular event.

### **31. SALTWIRE HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS**

**Organization:** Holiday Parade of Lights Society  
**Date:** November 16, 2024  
**Location:** Downtown Halifax  
**Budget:** \$75,000  
**Current Grant:** \$25,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 100,000

**Program Description:** The annual SaltWire Holiday Parade of Lights is the kick-off to the holiday season bringing people throughout the municipality together in a festival of music and lights, while bolstering business for restaurants, hotels, and retail locations throughout downtown Halifax.

### **32. SCHOOL FARM DAY**

**Organization:** Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield  
**Date:** September 11, 2024  
**Location:** 62 Rockingstone Road, Spryfield  
**Budget:** \$1,500  
**Current Grant:** \$525  
**Attendance:** 100

**Program Description:** School Farm Day encourages students from local schools to visit our Urban Farm

to meet other students, learn about the farm and enjoy a visit with farm animals (donkey, baby goats, chickens, rabbits). The event is combined with the Harvest Fair offering food, games, visit the urban farm vegetable gardens and introduce the “Come Grow with Us” programs for families and schools.

### **33. SPRYFIELD DAYS FESTIVAL**

**Organization:** Spryfield District Business Commission  
**Date:** July 13-14, 2024  
**Location:** Spryfield (various locations)  
**Budget:** \$10,000  
**Current Grant:** \$2,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 5,000

**Program Description:** The Spryfield Days is an annual festival put on by local volunteers to celebrate the community and provide opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures to come out for a fun day of free activities. Saturday features a fun filled children’s day with bouncy castles, cotton candy, games, entertainment and a magic show. Saturday evening is a concert for the adults. Sunday’s activities include: the cardboard duct tape boat races on Long Lake followed by the Summer Tea and Garden Tour at the Spryfield Urban Farm.

### **34. SPRYFIELD SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

**Organization:** Spryfield District Business Commission  
**Date:** November 24, 2024  
**Location:** Herring Cove Road, Spryfield  
**Budget:** \$10,000  
**Current Grant:** \$3,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,000

**Program Description:** The Spryfield Santa Claus Parade is an annual free parade filled with floats, marchers and lots of entertainment organized by local volunteers for residents of all ages in HRM to enjoy.

### **35. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

**Organization:** St. Patrick's Day Parade Society  
**Date:** March 16, 2025  
**Location:** Halifax - Lower Water Street  
**Budget:** \$15,000  
**Current Grant:** \$1,000  
**Attendance:** 2,000

**Program Description:** The annual Halifax St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates our city’s Irish history, culture and community. Groups of all ethnicities, gender identities, and abilities are invited to participate in the parade as walkers, or by entering a float, or as viewers watching and enjoying the parade.

### **36. TRUNK 7 MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Organization:** Trunk 7 Music Festival Association  
**Date:** July 19-20, 2024  
**Location:** Porters Lake  
**Budget:** \$52,000  
**Current Grant:** \$3,500  
**Proposed Attendance:** 1,000

**Program Description:** Trunk 7 Music Festival provides support, opportunities, and exposure for diverse talent of all ages and genres in rural communities on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia.

## **ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY EVENTS (Q621 Year 3 of 3 Funding Cycle)**

### **1. PATRIOT DAYS**

**Organization:** Sackville Community Development Association  
**Date:** June 23 - July 1, 2024  
**Location:** Various locations in Lower and Middle Sackville  
**Budget:** \$20,000  
**Current Grant:** \$20,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 18,000

**Program Description:** Patriot Days is a weeklong set of events around Canada Day. This includes various sporting and other entertainment events at the Springfield Lake Rec Centre, and in Lower Sackville includes a concert in the park and a fireworks display.

## **CULTURAL EVENTS & SHOWCASES (Q621 Year 3 of 3 Funding Cycle)**

### **1. AFTERWORDS LITERARY FESTIVAL**

**Organization:** AfterWords Literary Festival Organisation  
**Date:** Novemeber 2-10, 2024  
**Location:** Venues locations around Halifax  
**Budget:** \$145,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 1,200

**Program Description:** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual AfterWords Literary Festival takes place over eight days, from Saturday, November 2, to Sunday, November 10, 2024, and will showcase approximately forty authors from Nova Scotia, across Canada, and beyond.

### **2. ATLANTIC CANADIAN IRISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Organization:** Atlantic Canadian Irish Dance Championships Society  
**Date:** April 27-28, 2024  
**Location:** Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax  
**Budget:** \$64,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 900

**Program Description:** Made popular by Riverdance performances in the 1990's, competitive Irish dance has grown in popularity locally and throughout the world. Halifax now boasts three competitive Irish dance schools. The Atlantic Canadian Irish Dance Championship is a unique maritime 2-day event open to the public to attend that attracts over 200 competitive Irish dancers each day from all over Canada, the United States, and the UK, in a bid to advance their standing and win a title.

### **3. EVERYSEEKER FESTIVAL**

**Organization:** OBEY Convention Music & Arts Society  
**Date:** June 13-16, 2024  
**Location:** Various music venue locations throughout Halifax  
**Budget:** \$90,000  
**Current Grant:** \$6,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,000

**Program Description:** EVERYSEEKER Festival presents 20+ events across four days at historic and alternative venues throughout peninsular Halifax, EVERYSEEKER showcases contemporary music and sound from local, national and international talents. Programming across genres, identities and mediums, and providing over half of its program free to the public, EVERYSEEKER aims to gather communities and spark excitement across ages, interests and income brackets.

#### 4. FRANCOFEST

**Organization:** Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Havre  
**Date:** October 24 – November 3, 2024  
**Location:** Various locations in HRM (TBD)  
**Budget:** \$125,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,000

**Program Description:** Francofest is an annual celebration that brings together the vibrant Francophone community in Nova Scotia showcasing the rich French culture through a diverse array of activities, including music performances, cultural activities, and culinary delights. Attendees can immerse themselves in the French language and traditions while enjoying a festive atmosphere that fosters community spirit.

#### 5. HALIFAX INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL (HIFF)

**Organization:** Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative  
**Date:** May 29 – June 1, 2024  
**Location:** Bus Stop Theatre  
**Budget:** \$54,000  
**Current Grant:** \$3,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 500

**Program Description:** HIFF provides a unique venue for filmmakers and media artists to share their work in a forum dedicated to the celebration of bold, boundary-pushing independent cinema. Since its inception, HIFF has showcased the Atlantic region's most innovative works alongside the films of acclaimed artists from around the world, bringing them to Halifax to connect directly with audiences and local filmmakers through hosted Q+A's, artist talks and workshops.

#### 6. MAYWORKS HALIFAX FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Mayworks Halifax Festival Society  
**Date:** May 1-12, 2024  
**Location:** Bus Stop Theatre and other venues TBD  
**Budget:** \$90,000  
**Current Grant:** \$4,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 1,000

**Program Description:** Mayworks Halifax annually presents its flagship festival in celebration of International Workers' Day. Through a high quality curated program of artistic events, the festival shines light on matters of social, economic and environmental justice. The 2024 festival will focus on rest, care and generational legacy.

#### 7. STAGES THEATRE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Eastern Front Theatre Society  
**Date:** June 5-9, 2024  
**Location:** Alderney Landing  
**Budget:** \$109,000  
**Current Grant:** \$5,000

**Proposed Attendance:** 2,500

**Program Description:** An annual theatre festival, STAGES focuses on bold and innovative new work that crosses the boundaries of what theatre can be. From full productions to family offerings and interactive pieces, STAGES highlights new performances from Atlantic Canada and beyond.

## 8. HALIFAX FRINGE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Atlantic Fringe Festival Society  
**Date:** August 28- September 9, 2024  
**Location:** Neptune Theatre, The Bus Stop Theatre and more  
**Budget:** \$200,000  
**Current Grant:** \$19,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 10,000

**Program Description:** The Halifax Fringe Festival is an annual performing arts festival presenting an accessible, unjuried and uncensored festival. The Fringe includes theatre, music, circus, dance, comedy, education, and more.

## 9. HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Halifax Pride Society  
**Date:** July 18-28, 2024  
**Location:** Garrison Grounds, various of HRM locations (TBD)  
**Budget:** \$450,000  
**Current Grant:** \$38,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 100,000

**Program Description:** The Halifax Pride Festival is an annual 11 day gathering in the Halifax Regional Municipality for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and their supporters. The diverse line-up includes over 150 celebratory, reflective, and educational events organized by the Halifax Pride Society and community partners, highlighting the history, culture, and activism of the queer community.

## 10. NOCTURNE: ART AT NIGHT FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Nocturne: Art at Night Society  
**Date:** October 17-20, 2024  
**Location:** Various Halifax locations  
**Budget:** \$200,000  
**Current Grant:** \$45,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 65,000

**Program Description:** Nocturne: Art at Night Festival is a free, independent, contemporary art festival in Halifax. The festival brings art and energy to the streets of our city showcasing and celebrating the visual arts scene. Nocturne 2024 presents the 17<sup>th</sup> annual festival, curated by Shuvanjan Karmaker and with the theme Microcosm.

## 11. NOVA MULTIFEST

**Organization:** Nova Multifest Society  
**Date:** July 19-21, 2024  
**Location:** Alderney Landing, Dartmouth  
**Budget:** \$343,000  
**Current Grant:** \$10,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 30,000

**Program Description:** The Multicultural festival is a celebration of multiculturalism and diversity in Nova Scotia and will offer a variety of free activities for people of all ages and backgrounds living in or visiting Nova Scotia, specifically in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

## 12. PRISMATIC ARTS FESTIVAL

**Organization:** Prismatic Arts Society  
**Date:** September 27 – October 5, 2024  
**Location:** Various Halifax locations including: Neptune Theatre, The Carleton, Dalhousie Arts Centre, The Bus Stop Theatre, Halifax Central Library  
**Budget:** \$384,000  
**Current Grant:** \$30,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 8,000

**Program Description:** The Prismatic Arts Festival is a national, annual, multidisciplinary arts festival that showcases and celebrates the work of Indigenous artists and artists of colour. Prismatic 2024 will take place in the fall, spreading across various venues in downtown Halifax. The diverse programming features exciting performances such as the Atlantic Canada premiere of King Gilgamesh and the Man of the Wild by Ahmed Moneka, Jesse Lavercombe & Seth Bockley, Homelands by Santee Smith - featuring newly cast Mi'kmaq dancer Sarah Prosper, musical talents of world renowned artist Mumu Fresh and Elisapie, the talents of local visual artists Tyshan Wright and Ibe Abanaba and much more.

## 13. SCOTIA FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

**Organization:** Scotia Festival of Music / Scotia Chamber Players  
**Date:** May 27 – June 19, 2024  
**Location:** Dalhousie Arts Centre  
**Budget:** \$598,000  
**Current Grant:** \$25,000  
**Proposed Attendance:** 3,000

**Program Description:** Scotia Festival of Music 2023 will once again present nightly concerts of chamber music by 29 internationally acclaimed artists including CBC host and storyteller, Tom Allen; Inuk soprano Deantha Edmunds; Canadian superstar violinist Kerson Leong; and acclaimed Canadian pianist Louise Bessette. The Festival will conclude with a gala orchestral concert featuring 60 musicians on stage conducted by beloved Canadian maestro, Alain Trudel. The Young Artist program runs side-by-side with the festival and will bring 42 talented young musicians to Halifax for 2 weeks of intensive training and performance experience.

## Previously Approved Multi-Year Events Grants in Year 3 of 3

Established Community Events (C760)		2022/2023 Requested	2022/2023 Grant	2023/2024 Grant	2024/2025 Grant
			Completed	Completed	Current
1	Afrifest	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
2	Animation Festival of Halifax	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
3	Atlantic Jewish Film Festival	\$25,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
4	Black History Month Cultural Activities	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
5	Canada Day in Beaver Bank	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
6	Caribbean Diaspora Multicultural Celebration	\$15,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
7	Christkindlmarket Festival	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
8	Community Field Day	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
9	Diwali Carnival – Festival of Lights	\$10,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
10	Downtown Dartmouth Ice Festival	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
11	East Coast Kite Festival	\$15,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
12	Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival	\$10,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
13	Emerging Lens Cultural Film Festival	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
14	Fire & Water Festival	\$10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
15	Fisherman's Cove Pirate Festival	\$10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
16	Gottingen Festival	\$10,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
17	Great East Dartmouth Community BBQ	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
18	Halifax County Exhibition	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
19	India Fest	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
20	Keloose Community Celebration	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
21	Light Up Bedford Parade	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
22	Mother Goose Festival	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
23	Navratri - Dandiya Garba Nights	\$10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
24	North Preston Days	\$10,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
25	Northern Lights Lantern Festival	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
26	Open Streets HFX	\$25,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
27	Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
28	Re-Jigged Festival	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
29	Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
30	Sackville Snow Days	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
31	Saltwire Holiday Parade of Lights	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
32	School Farm Day	\$ 525	\$ 525	\$ 525	\$ 525
33	Spryfield Days Festival	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
34	Spryfield Santa Claus Parade	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
35	St. Patrick's Day Parade	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
36	Trunk 7 Music Festival	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>TOTAL Established Community Events (C760)</b>		<b>\$317,525</b>	<b>\$202,025</b>	<b>\$202,025</b>	<b>\$202,025</b>

Established Community Events (Q621)		2022/2023 Requested	2022/2023 Grant	2023/2024 Grant	2024/2025 Grant
			Completed	Completed	Current
Patriot Days		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Cultural Events & Showcases (Q621)		2022/2023 Requested	2022/2023 Grant	2023/2024 Grant	2024/2025 Grant
			Completed	Current	Future
<b>Tier 1</b>					
1	AfterWords Literary Festival	\$45,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
2	Atlantic Canadian Irish Dance Championships	\$20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
3	EVERYSEEKER Festival	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
4	FrancoFest	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
5	Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival	\$20,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
6	Mayworks Halifax Festival	\$12,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
7	Stages Theatre Festival	\$22,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b>Tier 2</b>					
8	Halifax Fringe Festival	\$22,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
9	Halifax Pride Festival	\$40,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
10	Nocturne: Art at Night Festival	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
11	Nova Multifest	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
12	Prismatic Arts Festival	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
13	Scotia Festival of Music	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Total Cultural Events &amp; Showcases (Q621)</b>		<b>\$376,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>