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HRM Grants Committee
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TO: HRM Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: _____
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DATE: May 3, 2007

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2007-2008: Recommended Awards**

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located within HRM. The focus of these grants is to provide modest assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. For the 2007-2008 year, the program received 80 on-time applications and the total value of requests was \$605,720.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

The HRM Grants Committee approve the *Community Grants Program* awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report, for a total of 59 grants with a combined total value of \$357,038.

BACKGROUND

Legislation: The Municipal Government Act (1998) gives municipalities the discretionary authority to issue grants and contributions to specific categories of community endeavour. Legislation mandates that the general public be informed of any such grant or contribution through a notice in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region (Section IV). The *HRM Community Grants Program* criteria are approved by Regional Council and published annually in a guidebook; the final report is posted on the HRM web site.

Equitable Access to Opportunity: The *HRM Community Grants Program* application form, Guidebook, and reviewer's score sheet were posted on the HRM web site in February, 2007. The application deadline was March 30th with a one-week extension due to the delay in launching the program because of changes in program criteria. After screening for ineligible applicants, files are distributed to departmental staff and recommendations presented to the HRM Grants Committee. A list of staff reviewers is included in **Attachment 1** of this report.

The awards recommended by staff to the HRM Grants Committee are detailed in **Attachment 2** of this report. Unless otherwise noted for clarity, a grant recipient is a non-profit organization registered under the Nova Scotia Societies Act.

Appeals: The program includes an appeal process for applicants deemed ineligible and those declined funding. Appeals are only conducted on the basis of new information or an error in fact or procedure; not the value of an award. Applicants have two (2) weeks from date of notification to submit a written appeal. If appealed by a member of Regional Council, the councillor(s) making the appeal is required to attend the next Grants Committee meeting to present the reason for appeal. A supplementary report on appeals, if required, is presented to Regional Council for approval. The program's ability to award a grant on appeal is a function of budget capacity; there is no provision for a budget over-expenditure or accrual.

DISCUSSION

- The 2007-08 *HRM Community Grants Program* received a total of 80 applications for a combined total value of \$605,720. The initial staff review deemed 12 applicants (\$78,698 in requested funding) ineligible as detailed in an Information Report to the Grants Committee dated May 7th, 2007. Of the remaining 68 eligible applications, 59 are recommended for a grant (\$357,038) and 9 are not recommended for funding in this year's program.
- This represents a notable decrease from the prior year which may be attributed, at least in part, to discontinuation of the Social Supports sector. There were also notably fewer referrals for the Arts & Crafts sector that may have been impacted by the Cultural Officer vacancy. The value of awards to arts groups is lower due to the retirement of a Capital Pledge to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. It is anticipated that the new Neighbourhood Safety sector will attract more applicants in future years once the availability of funding is promoted by departmental staff.
- This year's program had significantly fewer ineligible applicants (12 as compared to 23 in 2006-07).
- The total number of new applicants who have not previously applied to the program was 26 (32% of all eligible applicants). New applicants were especially notable in the Recreation sector many of which are meeting halls owned by service clubs or churches located in rural communities.
- The Grant Reporting Form introduced in 2006 has decreased the number of inquiries and improved

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reporting compliance. This year's program used a revised Application Review Form that weighted scoring on project merit and funding priorities as compared to financial management capabilities.

Table 1. Distribution of Applications and Awards by Sector 2007-2008					
	Applicants	Combined \$-Value of Applications	Awards	Combined \$-Value of Awards	% of Total Funds Awarded
Healthy Communities (Awards:\$149,757) 42%					
Environment	4	\$56,278	4	\$39,000	11%
Recreation	25	\$166,948	21	\$74,389	21%
Affordable Housing & Shelters	4	\$36,368	4	\$36,368	10%
Sector Total	33	\$259,594	29	\$149,757	42%
Safe Communities (Awards:\$47,000)13%					
Emergency Assistance	4	\$38,206	4	\$28,500	8%
Neighbourhood Safety	4	\$20,893	4	\$18,500	5%
Sector Total	8	\$59,099	8	\$47,000	13%
Cultural Communities (Awards:\$160,281) 45%					
Heritage	11	\$99,362	10	\$78,822	22%
Arts & Crafts	9	\$60,638	7	\$43,130	12%
Ethnocultural	7	\$48,329	5	\$38,329	11%
Sector Total	27	\$208,329	22	\$160,281	45%
SUB-TOTAL	68	\$527,022	-	-	-
Ineligible	12	\$78,698	-	-	-
TOTAL	80	\$605,720	59	\$357,038	100%

Table 2. Year-to-Year Variance in Distribution of Awards by Sector (Excluding Appeals/Declined)			
Sector	2006-2007 Actual Awards	2007-2008 Proposed	Change Over Prior Year
Healthy Communities	26% (\$127,373)	42% (\$149,757)	\$22,384
Safe Communities	19% (\$95,614)	13% (\$47,000)	-\$48,614
Cultural Communities	55% (\$265,864)	45% (\$160,281)	-\$105,583
TOTAL	\$488,851	\$357,038	-\$131,813

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommended awards conform to the program budget of \$503,700. If approved, the total value of awards is \$357,038 pending appeals.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Grants Committee could overturn or amend a staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff Review Team Members, 2007-2008
2. List of Recommended Grants by Sector 2007-2008.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment 1.

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Attachment 2.

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2007-2008

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

ENVIRONMENT

Tier I

1. Hope for Wildlife Society - Seaforth - Protection (Wildlife)

The Hope for Wildlife Society is a federally registered Canadian charity that rehabilitates wildlife for release and promotes public education. Revenues are primarily grants, donations, memberships, and fundraising events. In 2006, the Atlantic Raptor Rehabilitation Association in Head of St. Margaret's Bay ceased operations and the rescue and rehabilitation of birds of prey has been assumed by the Hope for Wildlife Society in Seaforth. The aviary has been re-located and the aim of the capital grant request of \$21,278 is to enhance the facility with video monitoring, modifications to the "flight building", a storage shed, and trees for screening. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$15,000 towards establishing a rehabilitation centre for birds of prey.**

Tier II

2. Sackville Rivers Association - Sackville - Protection (Water)

The Sackville Rivers Association provides community stewardship for the Little Sackville River and associated lakes and watershed areas. Activities include river restoration, fish habitat preservation, and trails development. Revenues are primarily from federal and provincial government grants, foundations, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for water flow measuring equipment, water flow structures, and a video projector for school program. The project complements HRM's role in the protection of water quality. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$4,000 for water flow structures and measuring equipment. Conditional: water testing results to be shared with HRM Environmental Management Services.**

3. Clean Nova Scotia - Halifax - Protection (Water)

Clean Nova Scotia is a federally registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to encourage public participation in environmental sustainability. Initiatives include energy conservation, climate change awareness, and solid waste reduction. Revenues are primarily from contracts, sponsorship, and donations. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards remediation of Black Duck Brook, a 3.5 km watercourse from McQuade Lake in the Kingswood subdivision to Kearney Lake. The project includes a water quality and water flow assessment, fish habitat evaluation and fish count, and an underwater and river bank clean up. The project complements HRM's interest in water protection. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 project for river restoration equipment and supplies. Conditional: water testing results to be shared with HRM Environmental Management Services.**

Tier III

4. Bide-A-While Animal Shelter Society - Dartmouth - Animal Control

The Bide-A-While shelter was launched in 1969 to address an increase in the number of abandoned and

stray animals; the facility was the first “no kill” shelter in Halifax and annual intake is approximately 250-300 animals. Revenues are self-generated through donations and fundraising. The shelter’s current location cannot accommodate demand and the organization is undertaking a capital campaign for the construction of a new custom-designed building at an estimated cost of \$698,000. The proposal includes a detailed financial plan and fundraising strategy. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested towards the development of a new animal rescue facility in Burnside Industrial Park. The service complements HRM’s role in animal control. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$15,000 towards the development of a new animal shelter.**

RECREATION

Tier I

5. Eastern Passage Baptist Church - Eastern Passage - Capital Grant/Church Hall

The Eastern Passage Baptist Church is a federally registered Canadian charity that is self-sustaining through congregational offerings. The church holds weekly programs for children and youth as well as a week summer camp assisted by volunteer youth leaders. A grant of \$3,300 has been requested for upgrading the building fire alarm system (a former school). **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$1,500 towards church hall fire alarm upgrades. Conditional upon cost-share and applicable fire inspection approval.**

6. Northern Lights Senior Citizens Club - Halifax - Program

The Northern Lights Club formed in 1985 to provide leisure and social activities for seniors living independently in the community. The club is self-sustaining through membership dues and fundraising. Members have introduced a new program of seated yoga for seniors with limited mobility and have requested a grant of \$2,527 for the purchase of equipment and furnishings. **Staff recommend \$1,000 towards equipment for the expansion of seniors recreation programming.**

7. Royal Canadian Legion: Valley Branch #147 - Upper Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Community Hall

The Royal Canadian Legion is a federally registered Canadian charity serving military veterans. The Legion hall located in Upper Musquodoboit is made available to local community groups at no cost and rented for private functions at a nominal fee. Community users include a local darts league, Scouts Canada, neighbourhood special events, and seniors leisure activities. A grant of \$5,200 has been requested to upgrade the hall electrical wiring and add exterior security lighting. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,200 towards safety upgrades. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

8. Sheet Harbour Rockets Association - Sheet Harbour - Capital Grant/Sports Facility

The Sheet Harbour Rockets baseball club owns and operates a baseball field that is used by adult teams, Little League teams, schools, and local community groups. The annual budget is modest and comprises team registration fees and fundraising. HRM Recreation staff have confirmed the facility is in poor condition and one of the few baseball fields in the area. A capital grant of \$6,619 has been requested for

repairs to the field dugouts and grading of entry road. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$4,400 for repairs to baseball field dugouts. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

9. St. John's Anglican Church - Necum Teuch - Capital Grant/Community Hall

The St. John's Anglican Church is a registered Canadian charity that is self-sustaining through congregational offerings. In addition to church events, the church hall is used by local residents for social gatherings and community suppers. In 2006, the congregation installed electric heat to extend use to year-round but the hall has been closed due to fire and safety concerns. The community of Necum Teuch is very small and the nearest alternate facilities are in Moser River or Ecum Secum. A capital grant of \$5,000 has been requested for electrical upgrades, repairs to floors, doors and fixtures. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 for church hall repairs. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval and fire safety inspection.**

10. Tangier Deanery Camp Association - Lower Ship Harbour - Capital Grant/Recreation Facility

The Tangier Deanery Camp Association is a registered Canadian charity supported through donations from parish and church groups throughout the region (Dartmouth, French Village, Hubbards, Spryfield, and Halifax), rental revenues, grants, and fundraising. The camp site has two buildings and is used primarily by church youth groups, rentals to community groups, and private parties. A capital grant of \$17,000 has been requested for building upgrades including siding and replacement of windows and doors. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 towards camp repairs. Conditional upon cost-share and applicable building permit approval.**

Tier II

11. Banook Canoe Club - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Sport Facility

The Banook Canoe Club provides recreational and competitive paddling programs for youth and adults. The club is self-sustaining through membership dues, fundraising, facility rentals and bar sales. The club has requested a \$10,000 capital grant for major roof repairs. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$4,000 towards clubhouse roof repairs. Conditional upon cost-share and applicable building permit approval.**

12. Boys & Girls Club of Cole Harbour - Cole Harbour - Program (Youth)

The Cole Harbour Boys & Girls Club provides after school programs for children and youth, summer camps, and field trips. Revenues are from program registration fees, memberships, government grants and the United Way. A grant of \$1,032 requested for the production of a self-promotional brochure to increase public awareness of the club's programming and encourage registration. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$1,032 for production of self-promotional brochure.**

13. Canadian Mental Health Association: Halifax/Dartmouth Branch - Dartmouth - Program (Disabled)

CMHA is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides client advocacy, public education, and social programs for persons experiencing mental illness and their caregivers. Revenues are primarily from the United Way, government grants, and foundations. In 2006, the club had to move to temporary accommodations due to the closure of their former rental premises. The *Among Friends Social Club*

provides day programs for clients many of whom are low income with limited opportunities for social interaction. A grant of \$4,800 has been requested to replace furniture that was disposed of during the club's relocation. New furnishings will add to participants sense of pride, especially given that the majority are lower income and face barriers to fundraising. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$4,800 for furnishings for the *Among Friends Social Club*.**

14. Cheema Aquatic Club - Waverley - Capital Grant/Sport Facility

The Cheema Aquatic Club is located on Kearney Lake and provides recreational and competitive paddling and swimming programs for adults and children. Revenues are primarily self-generated through membership dues. A grant of \$6,500 requested to improve site drainage in the vicinity of the boathouse, weatherproof the roof, remove rotten materials, and improve energy efficiency with exterior siding. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$6,500 to weatherproof and upgrade the club boathouse to building code compliance. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

15. Mic Mac Amateur Athletic Association - Dartmouth - Equipment/Sport Facility

The Mic Mac Amateur Athletic Association is located on Lake Banook, Dartmouth. The club derives most of its revenues from social club operations (bar and catering) and program registration fees. A grant of \$2,000 has been requested for the construction of a shed for safe storage of flammable liquids and gardening equipment. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$1,822 towards the construction of an equipment storage shed. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

16. Orenda Canoe Club - Lake Echo - Capital Grant/Sport Facility

The Orenda Canoe Club provides recreational and competitive paddling programs for children, youth, and adults. The club is self-sustaining through membership dues. A grant of \$4,692 has been requested to install an air exchange system and place rubberized flooring over an existing tile floor to reduce persistent dampness and the risk of mould in the clubhouse. The club will also replace two indoor heaters and upgrade washrooms. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$4,692 towards the purchase and installation of an air exchange system. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

17. Nova Scotia Sea School - Halifax - Program (Youth)

The Nova Scotia Sea School is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides adventure-based programming for youth aged 14-18 in boat building and sailing. Programs target youth identified as "at risk" from lower income families. Revenues are primarily tuition fees, donations, and government grants. The school wishes to expand its programming to include winter camping and wilderness skills training. A grant of \$4,985 has been requested to purchase outdoor education equipment. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,400 towards the purchase of camping equipment for the development of an outdoor education program for youth at risk.**

18. Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club - Lower Sackville - Capital Grant/Sport Facility

The Sac-A-Wa Canoe Club provides seasonal canoe and kayak recreational and instructional programs for youth and adults. Revenues are primarily membership dues and government grants. A capital grant of \$5,000 has been requested for grading and seeding the land abutting the new boathouse. Due to construction the land is unsightly and there is a risk of contaminating First Lake with surface water run-off. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 for site grading and seeding of lake**

frontage land.

19. St. John's United Church - Halifax - Program (Youth)

The St. John's United Church is a federally registered Canadian charity that is self-sustaining through congregational offerings. The church hall includes a gymnasium that is made available to the general public. The church aims to develop a recreational, drop-in ball hockey program for neighbourhood youth and adults and have applied for an equipment grant. The program will be free to participants. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$1,200 for sports equipment.**

Tier III

20. Boys & Girls Club of Dartmouth - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Facility

The Boys & Girls Club of Dartmouth provides after school programs for children and youth, summer camps, and field trips. Revenues are primarily from registration fees, the United Way, and government grants. The club owns and operates their own building located on land leased from Nova Scotia Power Corporation. A capital grant of \$6,061 has been requested for the replacement of two interior doors to improve visibility and the safety of facility users. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 for building safety upgrades. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

21. Boys & Girls Club of East Dartmouth - Dartmouth - Program (Youth)

The Boys & Girls Club of East Dartmouth provides after school programs for children and youth, summer camps, and field trips. Revenues are primarily from program registration fees, the United Way, government grants, and subsidies. A grant of \$2,500 has been requested to purchase sound equipment for a new hip hop dance program for youth. The program will be free to participants. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for the purchase of sound equipment for youth dance program.**

22. Cunard Street Children's Centre - Halifax - Capital Grant/Playground

The Cunard Street Children's Centre is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides daycare for infants and children under 8 years of age. The Centre is sustained by service fees and provincial government subsidies for lower income parents and caregivers. A capital grant of \$4,350 has been requested for the purchase and installation of an outdoor stage, seating, and planters for the facility's outdoor play area. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$3,500 towards playground enhancements. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

23. Sail Able Association of Nova Scotia - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Equipment (Disabled)

Sail Able Nova Scotia promotes the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the sport of sailing. The society's very modest revenues are from membership dues and fundraising. In 2007, the program's host club will be the Dartmouth Sailing Club. The association is co-hosting the Mobility Cup in Halifax/Dartmouth, August, 2007. A capital grant of \$9,000 has been requested to purchase specialized equipment and spare parts kit to instal in the adapted sailboat *Free Spirit* that will enable its independent operation by a person with a disability. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 towards specialized adaptive equipment for sailing program for persons with a disability. Conditional on cost-share.**

24. Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment (Disabled/Youth)

Established in 1837, the RNSYS is self-sustaining through membership dues, marina and mooring fees, boat storage fees, instructional fees, and clubhouse food and bar sales. In 2006, the RNSYS initiated a two-month pilot project called *Access BOOM* to increase the participation of youth 12-18 years of age with a disability in the sport of sailing. Adapted boats were borrowed from the Ontario Sail Able Association. The club wants to continue and expand the program to include cognitive disabilities but needs the security of owning the specialized equipment. A capital grant of \$10,000 has been requested towards the purchase of two Access 2.3 dinghies. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 for the purchase of a sail boat for sailing program for youth with a disability.**

25. Ward 5 Community Centre - Halifax - Equipment

Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre rents St. Mark's Church Community Centre and operates a food bank, social programs for seniors, and recreational programs for children and youth. A non-profit daycare leases a portion of the premises. The Centre is sustained primarily by grants from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the United Way, fundraising and donations. A capital grant of \$10,200 has been requested to replace tables and chairs. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,343 for the purchase of furnishings for the *Children's Breakfast Program*.**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Tier II

26. Elizabeth Fry Society: Mainland Nova Scotia - Dartmouth - Supportive Housing

The Elizabeth Fry Society is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides support services and advocacy for women in conflict with the law. Revenues are primarily from per diem subsidies, government grants, and fundraising. In 2006, the society acquired title to a property to serve as a residence for 8 persons and administrative centre. A grant of \$1,500 has been requested towards greening the site to enhance the property's aesthetic appearance and assist integration into a residential neighbourhood. Future plans include the development of a garden to supplement the food bank operated by the society. **Staff recommend of a one-time grant of \$1,500 towards greening supportive housing residence.**

27. Supportive Housing for Young Mothers - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Supportive Housing

SHYM formed in 2003-04 to address issues of affordable housing for young mothers in cooperation with the IWK Children's Hospital and local child care agencies. Revenues are primarily from per diem subsidies, government grants, and fundraising. In 2006, the group received a federal grant towards the conversion of a surplus school property donated by HRM. A grant of \$4,868 has been requested towards exterior security cameras and greening the site to serve facility residents and improve the aesthetic appearance of what is now a construction site with minimal vegetation. The Evergreen Foundation will contribute the landscape design. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$4,868 for exterior security cameras and site remediation.**

Tier III

28. Crossroads Housing Co-Operative - Sackville - Capital Grant/Affordable Housing

Established in 1987, the Crossroads Housing Co-Operative is a non-for profit cooperative located in the Millwood subdivision of Sackville. The cooperative owns fifty (50) townhouses of which twenty (20) receive a government rent subsidy. The cooperative annually transfers funds to a replacement reserve for capital repairs or replacement: these funds are presently being used for roof and deck repairs. The units are electrically heated and the cooperative aims to conserve energy and decrease operating costs through window replacement (estimated total cost of \$134,406) and basement insulation. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested towards the cost of window replacement. Conserve Nova Scotia has agreed to conduct an energy audit at no charge. The window replacement costs for the rent subsidized units (94 windows in 20 units @\$450 per window) is estimated to cost \$42,300. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$25,000 towards window replacement for rent subsidized housing. Conditional upon applicable building permit approval.**

29. Ecology Action Centre - Halifax - Affordable Housing/Project (Energy Conservation)

The Ecology Action Centre is a federally registered Canadian charity whose programming includes recycling, resource conservation, coastal protection, ecological agriculture, bio-diversity, transportation, and urban design. Operating revenues are primarily from grants, service contracts, and corporate sponsorship. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the development of printed instructional materials and web site update for an energy conservation project for non-profit property owners. The inaugural series of three (3) workshops will target the non-profit housing sector with the aim of reducing operating costs through energy conservation. This project complements HRM's role in energy conservation and a discretionary interest in affordable housing. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for marketing energy conservation project and information resources. Conditional on marketing and follow-up plan.**

SAFE COMMUNITIES

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Tier I

30. William Black Memorial United Church - Glen Margaret - Capital Grant/Community Hall

The William Black Memorial United Church hall is a federally registered Canadian charity that is self-sustaining through congregational offerings and donations. The church hall is one of only a few halls remaining in the area and therefore serves a wide variety of community groups and neighbourhood events for residents of Glen Margaret, Indian Harbour, Hackett's Cove, and Peggy's Cove. Albeit not a formally recognized comfort centre the church hall would be a contingency location in the event of an emergency evacuation. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of kitchen appliances to enhance facility capacity. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for kitchen appliances.**

Tier III

31. Adsum for Women & Children - Halifax - Capital Grant/Emergency Shelter

Adsum for Women & Children own and operate an emergency shelter and transition housing for women

and children leaving domestic abuse. The association is dependent upon provincial government per diem subsidies for residents but raises a significant portion of their annual revenues through special events and donations. A grant of \$4,900 has been requested to construct a gazebo for shelter residents who smoke outside the facility and grading and in-fill of the parking lot. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$500 for grading of facility parking lot.**

32. Alice Housing - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Emergency Shelter

Alice Housing owns and operates “second stage” housing for women and their children leaving domestic abuse. Revenues are primarily from tenant rents and government rent subsidies, fundraising, and the United Way. A capital grant of \$3,306 has been requested for the purchase of kitchen appliances and furniture in support of the *Community Kitchen Program*. The program provides food items and basic cooking classes to low income tenants and community meals in association with workshops, events, or holiday celebrations. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 towards the purchase of kitchen appliances.**

33. Victoria Road United Baptist Church - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Food Bank

The Victoria Road Baptist Church is a federally registered Canadian charity that operates a food bank and learning/employment centre in addition to congregational activities. The church is primarily self-supporting through congregational offerings supplemented by government grants. A capital grant of \$25,000 has been requested for upgrades to the facility including the learning centre, food bank and parking lot. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$20,000 for the construction of new food bank amenities. Conditional: progress payments recommended for demolition, construction, and interior fixtures. Applicable building permit approvals required.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Tier II

34. Chebucto Links Seniors Support Centre - Halifax - Public Education/Seniors

Chebucto Links aims to encourage seniors independent living in the community and provides information and referrals to services in the community. The society is dependent upon the Nova Scotia Department of Health for funding its core operations. A grant of \$2,000 has been requested towards holding three workshops (Halifax and Spryfield) on personal safety, emergency preparedness, and City Watch. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 for seniors workshops. Conditional on confirmation of workshop curriculum (safety/crime prevention) and cost-share.**

35. Coverdale Centre - Halifax - Outreach/Youth

Coverdale is a federally registered Canadian charity that provides court support and referral services for women (including youth) in conflict with the law. The society is sustained through government grants, donations, and fundraising. A grant of \$2,500 has been requested for printing brochures and posters to publicize the society’s *Youth Project*, a new violence prevention mentorship program for female youth and young adults aged 12-24. The project will be delivered in cooperation with community groups located in Mulgrave Park and Greystone. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 towards the launch of a violence prevention project for female youth.**

36. Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers Association - Bedford - Crime Prevention

The Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers Association solicits the active participation of local residents and visitors in reporting incidents of crime to assist investigations by law enforcement officers. The association relies on core operating funding from HRM Police Services and the RCMP (administrative office and a staff secondment). A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for signage to increase *Crime Stoppers* visibility in neighbourhoods experiencing an increase in local crime and who are not presently served by the program. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for community crime program. Conditional on confirmation of program expansion and locations.**

Tier III

37. Stepping Stone Association - Halifax - Capital Grant/Equipment

Stepping Stone is a user-directed federally registered Canadian charity that serves adults and youth currently or formerly involved in the sex trade, and youth considered at risk of becoming involved. Programming includes the *Street Outreach Program* that provides information and referrals, the *Emergency Relocation Program* for those exposed to threats when trying to leave the trade, and drop-in centre services that include individual counselling, referrals, and court support. The association is sustained through a provincial government grant, Law Foundation grant, and the United Way. A capital grant of \$11,393 has been requested towards the purchase of a vehicle for the harm reduction *Street Outreach Program*. The aim is to address an increase in the number of prostitution strolls in neighbourhoods outside the urban core. A vehicle would enable service delivery in suburban areas, including contact with local residents associations and crime prevention programs (eg. Neighbourhood Watch or Crime Stoppers). The program complements HRM Police and RCMP efforts in crime prevention and harm reduction. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$10,000 for prostitution prevention outreach program. Conditional upon cost-share.**

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

HERITAGE

Tier I

38. Lake Charlotte Heritage Society - Lake Charlotte - Capital Grant/Historical Attraction

The Lake Charlotte Heritage Society own and operate the Memory Lane Heritage Village, a registered heritage site and historical attraction that depicts rural life in the 1940's-50's. The site includes authentic and reproduction buildings, artifacts, the *Lake Charlotte & Area Genealogical Archives*, and the *Community Photographic Archives*. In 2004-05, the society was awarded a multi-year capital grant of \$10,000 x 4 years. **Recommend a capital grant of \$10,000 to Memory Lane Heritage Village as per multi-year agreement. Final year of funding.**

39. Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum - Halifax - Public Education (Collection)

The Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum is a federally registered Canadian charity that preserves the history of commercial and military aviation. Revenues are primarily from admission fees, gift shop sales, and grants. A grant of \$4,296 has been requested for the purchase of display cabinets for artifacts and

memorabilia. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for display cabinets for civil aviation collection. Conditional upon cost-share.**

40. Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association - Dartmouth - Public Education

The Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association has developed multi-use trails in the Cole Harbour area (eg. Salt Marsh Trail from Cole Harbour to the Lawrencetown Coastal Heritage Park). The association's revenues are primarily government grants. Working with the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society and St. Mary's University Department of Archaeology, the association wants to map and excavate grave locations, mark the graves, and use the information gathered to interpret the site for visitors to the Cole Harbour Heritage Park. Archaeology students will receive field work credit for their volunteer labour. The project is aligned with the HRM Regional Plan in mapping cemeteries, graveyards, and burial grounds. A grant of \$1,340 has been requested towards archaeological mapping of grave sites in the former Halifax County Poor Farm. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$1,340 for equipment purchases and supplies to map the former *Halifax County Poor Farm* burial grounds.**

41. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society - Cole Harbour - Capital Grant/Building

The Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society own and operate a collection of farm buildings and artifacts preserving the occupational history of farming and rural lifestyles. Several of the outbuildings are registered heritage properties. Revenues are primarily from government grants, seasonal tea room and gift shop sales, and fundraising. The society does not charge an admission fee, in part because the grounds are used frequently by local residents as a public thoroughfare. In 2006, the society was awarded an HRM grant of \$5,000 towards a professional Building Condition and Conservation Report. The plan identifies and prioritizes repairs and the appropriate materials or conservation techniques. A capital grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards repairs to roofs, windows, and foundation. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 towards building repairs to the Harris House, Giles House, and outbuildings. Approval of HRM Heritage Planner and applicable building permit approvals.**

42. Army Museum Halifax Citadel- Halifax - Public Education (Collection)

The Army Museum Halifax Citadel was formed in 1953 to provide stewardship to a collection of military artifacts (uniforms, weapons, decorations), documents, and memorabilia with a focus on Atlantic Canadians role in World War II. The museum participates in the provincial Passages Collections Management Program network. Revenues are primarily grants (NS Museum Assistance Program) and a federal fee for service contract. The museum is located within the Halifax Citadel, a national historic site operated by Parks Canada, and open seasonally to residents and visitors. A grant of \$4,482 has been requested for the purchase of conservation equipment and materials. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$3,482 for conservation materials and equipment for military history collection.**

43. Harrison House Preservation Society - Middle Musquodoboit - Capital Grant/Building

Harrison House is municipally registered heritage property located on the Halifax County Exhibition Grounds owned and operated by the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society. In 2005, HRM provided a \$5,000 grant to the society to conduct a Building Condition and Conservation Report on Harrison House; a condition of further funding was a commitment to protect the building from further deterioration or demolition. The architect's report has been completed and a new society has formed to assume responsibility for stewardship of Harrison House. In addition to saving the building, the society will assess the feasibility of using the building as an agricultural interpretation centre. The building assessment

indicates significant damage to the structure (eg. foundation and walls) that need immediate stabilization to prevent further deterioration.

HRM staff requested the Grants Committee permit eligibility to this year's program albeit the society has not been registered for one year prior to application. The rationale for the staff appeal is that delay may result in further deterioration of the structure and compromise an opportunity to mobilize community members in protecting a distinct feature of the area's built heritage and the need to preserve rural social history (See: Guidebook, p.2 for criteria). **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$25,000 for stabilization of the *Harrison House* registered heritage building. Conditional upon owner's agreement to waive the right to demolish the building for at least 10 years. HRM Heritage Planner and applicable building permit approvals required.**

44. St. James Anglican Church - Boutliers Point - Capital Grant/Building

St. James Anglican Church (c.1846) is a municipally registered heritage building. The church is a federally registered Canadian charity and self-sustaining through congregational offerings and fundraising. The building once served as a navigational aid to local fishermen and is noted for its distinctive paint color (yellow) that enhanced visibility. Located on the popular Lighthouse Route, the church is a community landmark and lends visual interest and appeal to tourists. A professional assessment of the church windows indicates that out of a total of 17 windows, seven (7) require immediate restoration. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards repairs. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$5,000 towards the restoration of stained glass windows in a registered heritage building. HRM Heritage Planner and applicable building permit approvals required.**

Tier II

45. Shearwater Aviation Museum - Shearwater - Public Education (Collection)

The Shearwater Aviation Museum is a federally registered Canadian charity that preserves military aviation history. Revenues are primarily from memberships, donations, and fundraising. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of shelving for the storage and display of artifacts and memorabilia. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for display cabinets for military aviation collection. Conditional upon cost-share.**

Tier III

46. Royal Canadian Legion: Somme Branch # 131 - Dartmouth - Capital Grant/Building

The Royal Canadian Legion is a federally registered Canadian charity serving military veterans. The primary source of income is from bar sales, video lottery proceeds, membership dues and fundraising. In addition to the Legion hall, the Somme Branch owns an abutting registered heritage property that is used to house military memorabilia and artifacts from World War II. Water leakage from the roof and chimney require repair. A capital grant of \$13,244 has been requested for roof repairs. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$8,000 towards roof repairs to a registered heritage building that serves as a military history museum. Conditional upon cost-share. HRM Heritage Planner and applicable building permit approvals required.**

47. Victoria Hall - Halifax - Capital Grant/Building

Victoria Hall is a federally registered Canadian charity who own and operate a property of the same name on Gottingen Street, Halifax. The property was purchased in 1863 by The Home of the Aged to replace their former rental accommodations and serve as a residence for “elderly women”. In 1906, the society changed its name to The Old Ladies Home until 1970 when the name of Victoria Hall was formerly adopted. The building is a registered heritage property. The organization is self-sustaining through tenant rents and occasional guest fees. A capital grant of \$16,000 has been requested towards replacement of the front veranda and repairs to the main entrance steps. The building is distinct in character and an asset to the Gottingen Street streetscape. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$16,000 towards repairs and code compliance upgrades to a registered heritage building. HRM Heritage Planner and applicable building permit approvals required.**

ETHNOCULTURAL

Tier I

48. AIESEC Halifax - Halifax - Outreach

AIESEC is an international exchange program that places university students in local, national, and international work internships. The local Halifax chapter is supported by the main office in Toronto, membership dues, business donations, and an in-kind donation of office space from St. Mary’s University. A grant of \$947 requested for the purchase of audio-visual equipment for presentations to students and employees; the aim is to encourage internships with local companies in HRM for students from AIESEC chapters in other countries. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$947 for the purchase of audio visual equipment for the *Global Internship Program*.**

49. Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project Society - Halifax - Facility/Feasibility Study

The NSRAP was established in 1995 and incorporated as a non-profit society in 2000. The society advocates on behalf of the GLBT¹ community in a variety of legal and social issues. With the exception of occasional project-specific grants, the society self-sustaining through fundraising events. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested towards a *Town Hall Project* to assess the feasibility of creating a Rainbow Community Centre in collaboration with other community-based organizations. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards a technical study to assess the feasibility of establishing a *Rainbow Community Centre*.**

Tier II

50. CKDU FM Radio - Halifax - Outreach

CKDU is a non-profit community radio station located at Dalhousie University. The society is supported by student union fees and on-air advertising sales. The station’s broadcast capacity now includes all of HRM. The station airs an “ethnic programming” feature that currently includes Arabic, Eiritrea, African, Palestinian, Indigenous, Irish, Scottish, Acadian, Islamic, Latin, Egyptian, and Greek music and current

¹ Self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons.

affairs. A grant of \$3,147 is requested for the purchase of specialized computer equipment for the launch of the *Audio Snapshots Project*. The proposed program would download one minute audio recordings from the CKDU web site. Each “snapshot” focuses on a person, location, event or tradition as a means to represent cultural diversity, especially for those not included in mainstream media. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$3,147 for the purchase of equipment for the launch of the *Audio Snapshots Project*.**

Tier III

51. Mic Mac Native Friendship Centre - Halifax - Capital Grant/Feasibility Study

The Mic Mac Native Friendship Centre primarily serves off-reserve Aboriginal persons, many of whom live in urban Halifax. In 2004-05, the centre received a \$5,000 grant for an architect’s Building Condition Report that indicated that a complete building replacement might be a more cost-effective long-term solution as compared to extensive building repairs. In 2005-06, a \$5,000 grant was awarded for an independent assessment of programming space requirements. A grant of \$25,000 has been requested for a plan study, fundraising study, and architectural design study for a proposed new building. **Staff recommend a one-time capital grant of \$25,000 for consulting services to assess the feasibility and design of a proposed new Mic Mac Friendship Centre. Recommend progress payments based on completion of specific phases of the proposal.**

52. Pier 21 Society - Halifax - Outreach

Pier 21 society is a federally registered Canadian charity that leases space from the Halifax Port Authority for the operation of an immigration interpretation centre and museum. Revenues are primarily from government grants, admissions, facility rentals, and donations. A grant of \$4,235 has been requested towards a new program, the *Community Gallery Project*, a series of three exhibitions and associated cultural activities (eg. performing arts, traditional crafts, ethnic cuisine etc) presented in collaboration with local ethnocultural groups and hosted in the new Harbourside Gallery. Priority will be given to community groups who address issues of immigration and cultural heritage. Each event will be 3-6 weeks in duration and free to the public. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$4,235 to assist in marketing the launch of the *Community Gallery Program* and purchase of exhibition materials and equipment. Conditional one-time only funding.**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Tier I

53. Hubbards and Area Business Association - Hubbards - Outreach (Arts & Crafts)

The Hubbards and Area Business Association is a registered non-profit society that works to develop and promote local business. The society is self-sustaining through membership dues and fundraising events (eg. Winter Carnival and a Business Fair). A grant of \$2,000 has been requested towards the production of street banners featuring works by local artists and artisans. The banners raise the profile of local talent while also contributing to a community beautification program. Artists are not paid for the use of their artwork. This initiative began last year supported by local fundraising but insufficient money was raised to include the entire community. The aim is to complete the banners this year and the program is expected to be self-sustaining with the on-going cost of installation and repairs paid by the association. **Staff**

recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for the production of banners featuring the work of local artists and artisans.

54. Sackville Community Band Society - Sackville - Capital Grant/Performing Arts (Music)

The Sackville Community Band formed in 2002 and incorporated as a non-profit society in 2006. The band has grown to ~95 youth and adult members and performs at community events and venues such as schools, service clubs, and churches. The band's primary source of revenue is membership dues. At its inception the band borrowed instruments from a local school but this arrangement has been discontinued and there is a need to establish independence and own instruments. A grant of \$12,581 has been requested for the purchase of uniforms, musical instruments and wireless microphones. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$7,000 for the purchase of tympani drums.**

Tier II

55. Society for Art Presentation - Centre for Art Tapes - Halifax - Performing Arts (Film/Video)

The Centre for Art Tapes is an artist-run facility (~ 180 members over a 3 year period) that offers programming to promote the production and presentation of media arts (film, video, multi-media) through workshops, screenings, and exhibitions. The society is largely dependent upon core funding from the Canada Council for the Arts, grants, and fundraising. A grant of \$2,700 has been requested for the purchase of electronic equipment, software, and resource literature. The equipment will increase capacity for audio and video interface with computer processors which is especially relevant for installation art. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards the purchase of electronic components for the *Electronic Art Lab Project*.**

56. Live Art Dance Productions - Halifax - Performing Arts (Dance)

Live Art Dance presents contemporary dance productions by local, national, and international professional and semi-professional performers. Revenues are from ticket sales and donations. A grant of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of portable lighting and sound equipment to enable dance performances in non-traditional venues and enhance audience development. Equipment ownership will also reduce annual equipment rental fees and may be loaned to other non-profit arts groups. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$4,700 towards the purchase of portable sound equipment in support of the *Alternate Spaces Dance Series*.**

57. 2B Theatre Company - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre)

The 2B Theatre Company is professional theatre company that focuses on the creation of original works and innovative staging. Revenues are primarily government grants and ticket sales. Because the company focuses on the creation of original works, development and rehearsal costs are often more expensive as compared to the performance of known works. To reduce facility rental costs, the group has requested a grant of \$5,748 to construct a portable, miniature theatre production "laboratory" that will enable set and lighting design off-site. In addition to the purchase of specialized equipment, scale drawings and models will be executed of four theatres in HRM (Neptune Studio, Alderney Landing, Dalhousie Studio One, and Bicentennial Theatre). **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$4,000 for the development of portable theatre production design equipment.**

58. Zuppa Circus Theatre - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre)

Zuppa Circus, a federally registered Canadian charity, is a professional theatre ensemble whose work features physical theatre, mime, improvisation, and clowning. Revenues are primarily from grants and ticket sales. A grant of \$3,609 has been requested to purchase a video camera which would be used in performance development and self-promotion. The group owns computer editing software but camera rental rates limits access to incorporating video into public performances. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$3,430 for the purchase of a video camera.**

Tier III

59. Neptune Theatre Foundation - Halifax - Performing Arts (Theatre)

Neptune Theatre Foundation is a federally registered Canadian charity that owns and operates the Neptune Theatre complex, a regional theatre and one of Atlantic Canada's major cultural institutions. The complex contains two stages, the smaller of which, the Neptune Studio Theatre, specializes in smaller developmental productions such as new works by emerging performing arts groups, writers, composers, actors and associated technicians. The venue is also available to rent to local theatre groups, dance companies, and special events. In 2006-07, for example, the Studio Theatre was rented by Eastern Front Theatre, Centre for Art Tapes, Kinetic Dance Studio, Gwen Noah Dance, One Light Theatre, Theatre Arts Guild, the Atlantic Fringe Festival and Atlantic Jazz Festival. A grant of \$20,000 has been requested towards the 2007-08 *Studio Series*; a program designed to attract new theatre audiences and engage them in interaction with performers and producers. Admission fees do not cover the cost of production and are therefore subsidized by Neptune Theatre. **Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$20,000 for the 2007-2008 *Studio Series*.**