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**Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: May 24th, 2004

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program: Awards 2004-2005**

ORIGIN

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities. The focus of these grants is to provide modest assistance to community-based, volunteer initiatives. For the 2004-2005 year the *HRM Community Grants Program* received 142 applications and the total value of requests was \$1,274,306.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve the *HRM Community Grants Program* awards as detailed in Attachments 1 and 1a of this report, for a total of 100 awards with a combined total value of \$460,364 for 2004-2005.
2. Approve a procedure whereby appeals referred back to the HRM Grants Committee from Regional Council shall be conducted on the basis of new information or a correction to an error in fact or procedure, and that such a request for re-consideration of an award, or of an application declined funding, shall require the councillor(s) recommending a deferral of a decision to come before the HRM Grants Committee to provide details of the reason for the appeal.

BACKGROUND

Grant application forms and an *HRM Community Grants Guidebook 2004-05* were distributed in September 2003 and the deadline for applications was January 31st, 2004. The general public were also informed through a newspaper advertisement and the HRM web site. This year's applications shows a nominal increase of 5 applications over the prior year (137 in 2003-04) but the combined value of requests decreased which is an indication of the application of the \$5,000 funding ceiling in most sectors. Ten (10) applications were deemed ineligible (Minutes, Regional Council, April, 20th, 2004) and 2 withdrew from consideration. Two large-scale applications from arts facilities were referred to the Capital District Project for consideration (Nova Centre one-time grant for feasibility study \$20,000 and Dalhousie University: Rebecca Cohen \$20,000/yr operating subsidy for a combined total of \$40,000).

1. Appeal Procedures:

The HRM Grants Committee recommend that appeals be conducted on the basis of new information or a correction to an error in fact or procedure and that: a request for re-consideration of an award, or of an application declined funding, shall require the councillor(s) recommending a deferral of a decision to come before the HRM Grants Committee to provide details of the reason for the appeal.

2. Trends in Program Applications:

For 2004-05 the *HRM Community Grants Program* received 28 applications from groups who have not previously applied for a grant: primarily in the affordable housing sector and community-based arts.

<i>Table 1. Distribution of Funds by Sector</i>					
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Total # of Applications</i>	<i>\$-Value of Applications</i>	<i># of Awards</i>	<i>\$-Value of Awards</i>	<i>% of Program Awards</i>
<i>Heritage</i>	25	\$146,197	18	\$73,725	16%
<i>Property</i>	46	\$586,626	33	\$129,139	28%
<i>Arts</i>	33	\$283,731	21	\$144,250	31%
<i>Social</i>	38	\$257,752	28	\$113,250	25%
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>\$1,274,306</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>\$460,364</i>	<i>100%</i>

3. Issues:

The HRM Grants Committee have requested the review of the *HRM Community Grants Program* include guidelines regarding a financial and qualitative means test for grants to sports clubs; the consistent implementation of a maximum grant ceiling (eg. \$5,000), and a review of the concept of multi-year

contributions.

4. Review of HRM Community Grants Program:

Overall, the program continues to transition away from the cost-prohibitive provision of operating subsidies to project-specific grants. Staff anticipate this transition will be further reinforced through a review of the *HRM Community Grants Program* in 2004-05 and the findings of a review of HRM assistance to the non-profit sector across the HRM departments and special projects.

5. Legislated Reporting Requirements:

Changes to the Municipal Government Act in 2003 now require that the municipality shall publish annually a list of organizations in receipt of municipal grants or contributions in a newspaper circulating in the municipality, Section IV, Item au, (vi). Awards made under the *HRM Community Grants Program* are listed in an annual report which shall be publicized in the media. Also, letters sent to applicants notifying them of an award will include directions for reporting to HRM. See **Attachment 3** for a sample notification letter.

DISCUSSION

A detailed list of recommended awards for 2004-05 is included in **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 1a** of this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The approved program budget for 2004-05 is \$563,700 (M311-8004). If approved, the recommended awards for 2004-05 total \$460,364 in direct financial assistance to volunteer programs and services. A residual has been retained pending further review of the applications from the Tree Canada Foundation, Pier 21 Society, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, and the St. Margaret's Sailing Club.

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 other relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could dispute an award, the value of an award, or the lack of an award to a particular organization.

This action is not recommended. Applications are reviewed on their respective merit and relative to other

applicants in the same funding sector according to the criteria and priorities outlined in the *HRM Community Grants Program Guidebook 2004-05*; the Guide also includes the score sheet used by reviewers in evaluating an application. Applicants not recommended for funding may request detailed feedback on their submission.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Recommended Grants by Sector, 2004-05.
 - 1a. Grants - Regional Trails System
2. Review Team Members, 2004-05.
3. Sample Notification Letter.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210 or fax 490-4208.

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Attachment 1. Recommended Awards 2004-05

COMMUNITY HERITAGE

1. Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society - Conservation

The property located at 43 Wentworth Street, Dartmouth, is a registered heritage property (c.1933) formerly owned by HRM. The facility operates a community feeding program. Over 50% of the organization's revenues are from fund-raising and donations. The exterior restoration is two-phased; two walls have been re-shingled and windows replaced with the remaining two walls to be completed in 2004-05. A one-time grant requested for \$18,521.90 for exterior restoration (\$15,084.40) and kitchen upgrades (\$3,437.50). Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$10,000 for heritage restoration only (excludes interior kitchen upgrades - not heritage). Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.**

2. Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia - Conservation/Advocacy

The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia has applied for a grant to document the restoration of an interior "painted room" located on Oxford Street, Halifax. The demonstration project will include a photographic/video record to serve as an educational resource and promote the preservation of interior decorative arts in heritage properties. Matching funds will be sought from the business sector (paint companies, decorating stores). Copies of the photographs/video will be sent to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, NSCAD, NS Heritage Property Owners Association, NS Archives and libraries for public access. Total project costs \$6,825. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,725 for documentation (photography, video, copies, distribution). Condition: copy of videos/photographs to HRM.**

3. Sackville Heritage Society - Conservation

The Sackville Heritage Society operates Fultz House, a registered heritage property, and preserves the history of the Sackville area. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested for the restoration of the Richard John Uniacke burial plot located in the St. John the Evangelist Church Cemetery - a registered heritage property. The total project budget is \$20,000 and includes ironwork restoration, cleaning of the monument and stonework repairs. Quotes supplied. Students from Sackville High and the church congregation will assist in the work. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for structural restoration. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.**

4. West Chezzetcook/Grand Desert Community Interest Group - Heritage Attraction

The group owns and operates L'Acadie De Chezzetcook which is a collection of buildings and artifacts to represent the history of Acadian settlement in the area; includes Acadia House Museum. The conceptual plan for the future development of the site includes an outdoor bake oven, smoke house, forge, clam shed and public amenities. One-time grant requested for construction of replica outdoor oven. Quote supplied.

Recommend one-time grant of \$5,000 for design and construction of reproduction artifact.

5. Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society - Heritage Education

The Cole Harbour Heritage Farm is a collection of farm buildings and artifacts preserving the occupational history of farming and rural lifestyles, several of the outbuildings are registered heritage properties. The society has applied for a one-time grant towards interpretation for the site: (1) production of 4 interpretive display panels on haymaking, poultry farming, market gardening and ice cutting, and (2) a pilot "living history" program to interpret the site for visitors. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for interpretation panels.**

6. Fort Sackville Foundation (Passages Project) - Heritage Education/Collections Management

Fort Sackville Foundation is applying for a \$5,000 grant on behalf of a collective of 7 local museums and interpretive centres (McPhee House, Atlantic Aviation Museum, Scott Manor House, Fultz House, Moose River Gold Mine, Cole Harbour Farm Museum) for Phase II of an initiative to link community museums through a database system which standardizes collections data and provides public access to information. The total cost of this phase is \$23,936 with contributions from Nova Scotia Tourism & Culture: Strategic Development Initiative Fund and Toshiba Canada. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards computer hardware and specialized software purchase.**

7. Halifax Citadel Regimental Association - Heritage Education

The Association is a non-profit group established to promote heritage programs in partnership with Parks Canada at the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. Programs include "living history", guided tours, music, displays and exhibitions. A grant of \$4,450 requested towards sentry box repairs, equipment, costumes, and printing. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,000 for sentry box repairs and costumes for interpretive performances - excludes travel.**

8. Halifax North West Trails Association - Heritage Education

The Association formed in 2003 to promote and preserve trails from St. Margaret's Bay Road to Hammonds Plains Road. A one-time grant requested towards an ethno-cultural project to research the history of Justice Jonathon Belcher 1710-1776 (Belcher's Marsh Park) former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; identify cultural heritage and environmental features, and interpretive signage along the trail route. Total project budget \$26,200. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards interpretive panels and signage.**

9. St. James Anglican Church - Boutiliers Point - Conservation

The church is located on the coast of Boutiliers Point and once served as a navigational landmark for fishermen; registered heritage property c.1846. A grant requested for exterior painting in authentic colours (yellow). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for exterior painting. Refer to HRM Heritage Planner.**

10. Maritime Blacksmiths Association - Heritage Education

The Association is a volunteer, non-profit group whose mandate is the promotion of the craft of blacksmithing. In July, 2004, the Association will stage an inaugural exhibition of Maritime Ironwork at Evergreen House (Dartmouth). Total project costs \$5,150. A grant request of \$4,000 towards an exhibit catalogue and display equipment. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,500 for catalogue design and printing. Condition - copy of catalogue to be sent to HRM.**

11. Moose River Museum - Heritage Education

The museum is located in a former one-room school house and houses a display of mining memorabilia. An application for \$10,000 towards the construction and installation of an interpretive kiosk to be located in the nearby provincial park. The Province of Nova Scotia has approved the placement. Quotes supplied for a total project cost of \$19,833. **Recommend one-time grant of \$5,000 - conditional holdback and refer to HRM Heritage Officer for project assistance and confirmation of project cost-sharing.**

12. Musique Royale - Halifax - Ethno-cultural Heritage

Musique Royale is a touring company specializing in performances of historical music in settings of historical or cultural significance. Halifax venues for 2004 include St. George's Round Church and the Halifax Conservatory of Music (registered heritage buildings). The musical recitals bring new audiences to heritage or historical venues. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested towards venue costs and promotion. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for promotion. HRM venues only.**

13. Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association - Heritage Education

The Association has completed Phase I and II of their cemetery and private burial grounds inventory project (linked to genealogical research and community settlement). Phase III includes the plotting of data onto a large-scale map. A grant request of \$2,000 towards a total project cost of \$8,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for equipment supplies and printing (excludes wages).**

14. Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre - Conservation

The Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre is an organization of retired and active volunteer and career fire services personnel, and hobbyists, who want to establish a permanent facility for the display of artifacts and information on the history of firefighting. Revenues are primarily from calendar sales, fundraising, donations and membership dues. The group has grown to approximately 80 members and their fire trucks and artifacts are temporarily located in an HRM building. The total budget is \$15,100 (of which \$10,000 is building maintenance). A multi-year grant of \$5,000 each of 3 years has been requested

for general administration, restoration of artifacts, and building maintenance. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 towards restoration of artifacts.**

15. Shearwater Aviation Museum Association - Eastern Passage - Heritage Education

The museum preserves the history of aviation. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards upgrading the “Youth Outreach Program” to align with the provincial school curriculum in history and science. No cost to participants. Total project estimated to cost \$7,587 for program supplies and instructors. A grant of \$5,000 requested. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for demonstration aids (excludes wages or travel).**

16. Black History Month Association - Ethno-cultural Heritage

The Association hosts an annual celebration of African Heritage Month (February, 2005) which began in 1983. The program has expanded to include presentations by various community organizations that recognize and honour the contribution and historical significance of African Nova Scotians. The total program costs \$28,800 and application has been made for a \$5,000 grant. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,500 towards calendar production and printing.**

17. Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia - Ethno-cultural Heritage

The Multicultural Association promotes racial and ethnic relations and anti-racism education. The annual Multicultural Festival (annual \$5,000 HRM event grant) is in its’ 20th year and will include a “Focus on Youth Day” for schools; the program includes awards for school projects (multicultural days, poster contest) as well as youth performances. A \$4,000 grant requested for a laptop computer and software for off-site community meetings and rehearsals. Quotes supplied. **Recommend one-time grant of \$2,500 for equipment purchase.**

18. Victoria Road United Baptist Church - Dartmouth - Ethno-cultural Heritage

The church is a registered heritage property and the congregation plan to compile the church’s 160th anniversary using documents, photographs, and video interviews with church elders. The final product will be a cd and video for church and community education on the congregation’s role in Dartmouth’s Black community. Project costs total \$5,900. A grant of \$5,000 requested for production. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,000 for supplies, and video/cd duplication. Refer to HRM Heritage Officer for assistance with methodology.**

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

19. Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp-Mooseland - Recreation Facility/Camp

The camp site is located in the rural community of Mooseland in the Musquodoboit Valley and hosts annual summer camps for children and adults (380 in 2003). The site’s buildings are in need of repair or replacement; total project estimate is \$64,000 for demolition, construction and repairs. A capital grant of \$23,000 requested for each of 2 years (total \$46,000). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$10,000**

towards demolition (\$5,000) and completion of the washrooms (\$5,000). Refer to HRM Recreation Community Developer for assistance in future grant consideration.

20. Beacon House Interfaith Society - Sackville - Community Social Support

Beacon House operates a food bank and household furnishings program for low income individuals and families. The society recently purchased premises in Sackville and received a multi-year grant of \$10,000 each of 3 years (\$30,000 total award). 2004-05 is the final year of the 3-year pledge. Reporting received. An additional multi-year grant of \$10,000 x 3 years requested towards mortgage payment. **Recommend final payment of \$10,000 as per multi-year agreement. Extension be declined.**

21. Cheema Aquatic Club - Waverley - Recreation Facility

The Cheema Club provides recreational paddling and swimming lessons for adults and children, competitive paddling for youth and adults, and summer day camp (approx 150 children). In addition to annual memberships (rates vary by age) the swimming lessons are \$30 a session (half day) and summer programs (July/August) are \$350-\$450 which include paddling, war canoe instruction, swimming, fitness and entry into local regattas. A grant of \$5,000 requested for floating docks which form the sheltered swimming area for outdoor lessons. Total cost \$10,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 to construct floating docks.**

22. Grace Lutheran Church - Cole Harbour - Community Hall/Accessibility

The Grace Lutheran Church facility includes a multi-purpose room which is accessible to disabled persons and made available to community non-profit groups at nominal or no charge. Groups include Northwood Daycare (adult respite program), Guides, musical recitals, Brownies etc. A second driveway access is required given the volume of traffic on the main road and the special needs of some program participants. A one-time grant of \$2,800 requested for new curb-cut on side street entrance. Quote supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,800 for driveway access.**

23. IOOF Armistice Lodge - Moser River - Community Hall/Repair

The IOOF Lodge in Moser River is available to community groups in the area (Ecum Secum to Port Dufferin). Many residents are seniors. Users are not charged a fee but may make a discretionary donation. The present lodge dates to the 1950's and replaced an earlier structure built in the early 1900's. A grant of \$29,500 requested for property repairs and upgrades (electrical, stairway, kitchen, wheelchair access, and interior decorating). Total project costs \$36,500. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$10,000 for electrical upgrades, repairs to stairs, and washroom accessibility (excludes kitchen or interior decorating). Refer to HRM Recreation Community Development for assistance with future grant consideration and to HRM Heritage Planner for potential registration.**

24. Lake Charlotte Heritage Society-Heritage Attraction/Capital Grant

The Lake Charlotte Heritage Society have acquired property and re-located buildings in the development of an historical attraction "Memory Lane Heritage Village" which depicts rural life in the 1950's. The total project has cost about \$1,000,000 and includes the re-location and restoration of heritage buildings,

collection and display of artifacts, the Lake Charlotte & Area Genealogical Archives Centre, a Community Photographic Archives, local research projects, and a computerized collections management system. A multi-year grant requested of \$10,000 each of 4 years towards capital costs. The society has demonstrated significant success fund-raising through federal and provincial governments, independent financing, and fund-raising. Application has been made to HRM for municipal registered heritage status. **Recommend a multi-year award of \$10,000 each of 4 years for capital project.**

25. MicMac Native Friendship Centre - Halifax- Community Facility/Technical Report

Demographic data shows that the proportion of Aboriginal Canadians living off-reserve is increasing (of which the proportion of youths/young adults is about 65%) many of whom live in the urban core of HRM. The Centre's premises located on Gottingen Street need to be re-configured to meet increasing demand, to address the number of program users (methadone program and needle exchange program) who cannot be accommodated indoors while awaiting service, the building's poor structural condition, and operating inefficiencies. A one-time grant of \$15,000 requested for a building condition report to assess viability of re-development or if new construction is required, and a needs assessment of user groups and clients. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for architect's building condition assessment.**

26. Orenda Racing Canoe Club - Lake Echo- Recreation Facility/Repairs

The Orenda Club sub-leases premises from the Lake Echo Lions Club who manage the HRM-owned property. The club's focus is on youth water sports, primarily paddling, water safety instruction, and swimming. In addition to members, amenities are available to the general public and include a boat launch, docks (swimming, recreational canoeing and kayaking, and fishing). Three of the 9 docks were replaced during 2003 but the balance were damaged during Hurricane Juan. Quotes supplied. A grant of \$1,421 requested towards repairs. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,421 for dock repairs.**

27. Rockingham Community Centre - HRM Owned Facility/Transition Assistance

The Rockingham Community Centre leases the former fire station on the Bedford Highway from HRM. In 2003-04 a multi-year stabilization grant of \$5,000 each of 3 years was awarded to assist the organization while a re-development proposal was negotiated. The funds are used to assist with general operating pending the group's re-location or a re-development agreement can be finalized for the site. Community consultation in progress. Reporting received. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 for operational stabilization as per multi-year agreement.**

28. Scouts Canada - Halifax Region - Recreation Facility/Camp

Scouts Canada operates "Camp Lone Cloud", Glen Haven, which is used extensively by local Scouts groups, Girl Guides, Cubs, schools, and community groups. In July-August, 2003-04, 945 campers were accommodated through rentals. The camp needs repairs to buildings (first aid, storage, field cabin). The total project costs \$7,589 in materials and volunteers will donate labour. A grant of \$5,000 requested. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for purchase of building materials and**

supplies.

29. Sheet Harbour Rockets Association- Sport Facility/Repairs

The baseball club owns and operates a baseball field which is used by adult teams, Little League (about 100 players), school teams and local community groups. The facility needs electrical repairs, minor repairs to dugouts, fences, club house, and parking lot grading. The total project estimate is \$9,900. A grant of \$9,900 requested. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for certified electrician and club house repairs.**

30. St. Margaret's Bay Community Hall & Legion - Seabright - Community Hall/Repairs

In addition to its membership programs and services the St. Margaret's Bay Legion has also maintained a community hall which is made available to local community groups at nominal or no cost (by donation). The user groups cover an area from Upper Tantallon to Peggy's Cove and include seniors, church groups, sea cadets, and recreational clubs. The community hall is in need of repairs estimated to total \$28,800 for window and door replacement, and water filtration. A multi-year grant of \$20,000 (\$10,000 x 2 years) requested for capital work. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$7,000 for window and door replacement (excludes water system). Refer to HRM Recreation Community Developer for assistance with future grant submissions.**

31. St. Mary's Lawn Bowling Club - Dartmouth - HRM Owned Site/Community Club House Repairs

The property is owned by HRM and leased to the club (\$3,333/yr) who operate the facility. In 2003-04, the club had 96 members. Fees vary from \$10 to \$60/season. Non-members are included in introductory sessions and special events. Buildings on the site are owned and operated by the club. A \$4,700 request to strip and re-shingle the clubhouse roof, repair the equipment storage shed, and build an additional storage shed. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 towards roof repairs.**

32. Tangier Deanery Association - Ship Harbour- Recreation Facility/Camp

Tangier Deanery Centre is a camp site funded through parish contributions from congregations throughout HRM (Dartmouth, French Village, Musquodoboit, Tangier, Ship Harbour, and Armdale), donations, and rentals. The centre tries to keep rental fees low so as to accommodate children and youth. When not used for summer youth camps, the facility can be rented by non-denominational community groups and families (eg. workshops, retreats, community suppers etc). Presently, there are 3 buildings but a summer camp could not be held in 2003-04 due to the deterioration of the facilities. The capital project total is estimated at \$70,135. A one-time capital grant of \$19,435 has been requested for demolition and construction of a new sleeping chalet. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for demolition (public safety) and refer to HRM Recreation Community Developer for assistance with future grant submissions.**

33. Wanderer's Lawn Bowling Club - Halifax- HRM Owned Site/Community Club House Repairs

The property is owned by HRM and leased to the club (\$1,356 /yr for partial maintenance) who operate the facility. The club has about 80 members (aged 18-80) and fees of \$90/season or \$50 introductory fee (of which \$20 per person goes to Lawn Bowls Nova Scotia). The buildings on site are owned and operated by the club. Recreational as well as competitive bowling made accessible through loan of club equipment. A \$1,800 request for roof repairs. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,800 for roof shingles replacement.**

34. Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia - Dartmouth - Emergency Equipment

The Foundation owns and operates a transition home for adult males in recovery. Revenues are primarily from per diem rates provided through Nova Scotia Department of Community Services (based on municipality of residence), Nova Scotia Department of Health grants, rental income and fund-raising. A one-time grant of \$3,617.65 requested for purchase and installation of generator for emergency power outage. Total project costs \$3,617.65. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,618 towards purchase and installation of an emergency generator.**

35. YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth - Halifax Branch - Recreation Facility/Safety

The YMCA has undertaken the replacement of the sprinkler system at their South Park Street facility. The total cost is estimated to be \$42,250. A request has been made for a grant in the amount of \$17,750 for the installation of a new pump and water supply to increase water pressure for the sprinkler system. Quote supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards installation of water pressure equipment for new sprinkler system.**

36. Bedford Waters Advisory Board - Environmental Conservation

This organization is a newly formed registered non-profit group whose primary role will be in monitoring water quality in local lakes and rivers within the 9,000 acre watershed area (a total of 9 lakes). The information collected will be used in monitoring development of lands to preserve water quality. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested for water sampling and analysis. Total project costs estimated to be \$12,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for water testing analysis. Conditional - data to be shared with HRM Environmental Management Services.**

37. Nova Scotia Nature Trust - Environmental Education

The Trust acquires and provides stewardship to endangered areas of ecological significance. The Captain Arnell Conservation Lands were a gift to the trust in 2003 from a local family. The 12 hectare lands feature important wildlife habitat and include Purcells' Pond, frontage on Flat Lake, and a watershed area. The Trust has applied for a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards the construction and installation of signage to interpret the significance of the area, directional signage, and a memorial plaque. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for interpretation signage only - excludes event or administration costs.**

38. Sackville Rivers Association - Environmental Conservation

The Sackville Rivers Association provides community stewardship in river restoration, fish habitat preservation, and trails development. A one-time grant requested for two projects (1) replacement of fish spawning protection in the river, and (2) the "Friendly Fisher/River Rangers" educational program.

Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 for fish habitat restoration (excludes educational program). Conditional - data to be shared with HRM Environmental Management Services.

39. Springfield Lake Watch - Sackville - Environmental Conservation

This organization is a newly formed group whose primary role is to monitor the status of Springfield Lake and area - site mapping, repairs to river dam, construction of loon nesting sites, fish habitat restoration at Fenerty Lake, and public education. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested towards water testing and analysis and equipment purchase (boat). **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for water testing and equipment purchase. Conditional - data to be shared with HRM Environmental Management Services.**

Attachment 1a. Regional Trails System- Recreation Amenities

A total of 13 volunteer trails groups throughout HRM applied for assistance under the *HRM Community Grants Program*, see **Attachment 1a** (page 18) for a detailed listing. **Recommend a total of 12 one-time grants for a total of \$22,500.**

COMMUNITY ARTS

40. Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative - Halifax - Visual Arts

The cooperative is a non-profit organization which promotes the development of the local film and video industry, as well as multi-media art forms. In 2004 the group celebrates its 30th anniversary. Special projects are planned to recognize the cooperative including publication of a catalogue of essays, photographs, stories and documents, and a television show of 10 short films. The total project costs are estimated at \$140,000. A \$5,000 grant requested towards catalogue publication. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards publication. Conditional - copy of catalogue to be sent to HRM Library for public access.**

41. Centre for Art Tapes - Halifax - Visual Arts

The Centre is an artist-run collective promoting the presentation of media arts. The group's facilities do not include screening capability and therefore the organization uses outreach presentations in cooperation with other community groups: includes screenings, panel discussions, and lectures. A grant of \$5,000 requested for purchase of mobile screening equipment. Total budget is \$8,600 for computer software, amplifier, mixer and accessories. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for technical equipment purchase.**

42. Dalhousie Art Gallery - Halifax - Visual Arts

The Dalhousie Art Gallery is the oldest public art gallery in Nova Scotia (founded in 1953), averages 1,000 visitors a month from September to April, and celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2004. To mark this accomplishment the gallery will stage a special exhibition "*Atlantica: the View from Away*" which presents work from artists who came to the region in the first part of the 20th century to paint. Works will include members from the Canadian Group of Seven (Harris, Jackson, Lismer) borrowed from galleries and private collections throughout North America. The estimated cost of the exhibit is \$43,000, excluding in-kind contributions (AGNS, Dalhousie) and a Canada Council for the Arts contribution. A \$5,000 one-time grant requested towards catalogue publication which will be distributed beyond exhibit visitors to selected local galleries, museums, libraries, and collections. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards publication. Conditional - copy of catalogue to be sent to HRM Library for public access.**

43. Paradise Sisters Film Society - Halifax - Visual Arts

Since 2002, the society has been developing a repertory cinema in Halifax (to replace the former Wormwoods Cinema which closed in 1998). The cinema presents local media art, non-commercial and alternate films, foreign films and video, serves as a teaching venue, and presents screenings of programming by local arts and cultural groups. The long-term goal is to own and operate a facility but in the interim the society has a long-term lease on premises on Market Street, Halifax, to launch the cinema. To date, the society has 500 pre-paid subscribers, a commitment from NSCAD for weekly screening rentals, and the support of local arts and cultural organizations. A business plan submitted. A request for \$25,000 for specialized screening equipment. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a multi-year grant over 3 years of \$10,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 for technical equipment purchases.**

44. Black Artists Network of Nova Scotia- Visual/Performing Arts

BANNS is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary arts organization aimed at developing the African-Nova Scotian arts community and to increase representation in public arts and cultural institutions, programming and collections. A one-time \$5,000 developmental grant requested for creation of a public arts program at "Bspace" on Gottingen Street, Halifax, including art exhibits, literary contest, hip/hop and spoken word performance, and workshops (dance, drama, art). Total project estimated to cost \$14,000. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,500 for equipment rental and exhibition promotions (excludes wages or fees, prizes, and administration).**

45. Eastern Front Theatre - Dartmouth - Performing Arts

The Eastern Front Theatre company focuses on the development and presentation of local productions which feature local themes, writers or performers. A grant of \$22,000 requested for general operating. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$10,000 for the Kids on the Waterfront (\$5,000) and the Waterfront Theatre Festival developmental program (\$5,000).**

46. Foghorn Theatre - Halifax - Performing Arts

Foghorn is a small amateur theatre company formed in 1998 which focuses on local writers and performers. A grant request of \$1,000 towards development of an outdoor theatre camp for youth aged 12-18. Total project estimated to cost \$12,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 for**

advertising. **Conditional - pending confirmation of HRM venue and additional project funding.**

47. Neptune Theatre Foundation - Halifax - Performing Arts

Neptune Theatre is both a theatre company and a performing arts facility in downtown Halifax. The facility includes two stages, a theatre school, and rehearsal space. A portion of the premises is a registered heritage building fronting Barrington Street. This year is the final installment of a multi-year operating stabilization agreement (\$40,000 each of 4 years). Reporting received. **Recommend a grant of \$40,000 as per multi-year agreement.**

48. Onelight Theatre Society - Halifax - Performing Arts

A small theatre company formed in 1998 that develops improvisational productions. Recently awarded a Canada Council grant for *Josette* which includes original puppetry and musical score. A one-time grant request of \$5,000 towards development of a marketing plan and advertising for two productions in 2004 at the Crib in Halifax. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 for audience development through marketing plan, advertising and promotion (excludes wages or fees).**

49. Shakespeare By the Sea - Halifax - Performing Arts

Shakespeare by the Sea presents a seasonal series of plays, primarily in outdoor locations in urban Halifax: Point Pleasant Park, Halifax waterfront (Canada Day performance), and local heritage sites such as Martello Tower, the Cambridge Battery, Dingle Tower, Halifax Armoury, or Halifax Citadel. The company rents HRM-owned property (\$1,200/yr) in Point Pleasant Park for administration, rehearsals and storage. Performances are by donation or ticket sales. Primary sources of revenue are ticket sales, fund-raising and grants. A one-time grant of \$12,000 requested for general operating. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards marketing.**

50. Unicorn Theatre Society - Hubbards - Performing Arts

Unicorn is a small amateur theatre company which holds drama camps for children and youth, instructional classes, and stages local productions at the Bay Community Centre, Hubbards. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested towards equipment purchases (video camera, editing software, dvd player, sound system, chairs, stage curtains, and storage for electronic equipment). Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for audio-visual equipment and furniture.**

51. Voices Black Theatre Ensemble - Performing Arts

The ensemble was founded in 1991 as a multi-arts performance company dedicated to representation of the Black experience in Nova Scotia. A one-time grant application for \$5,000 towards development of three new plays: (1) Black women's experience in the inner city, (2) hip/hop spoken word and dance performance regarding the immigrant experience, and (3) a short biographical play on Viola Desmond a Halifax-born civil rights activist. Total project costs \$10,000. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,500 for rehearsal space rental and publicity. Conditional - hold-back pending confirmation of funding for script development.**

52. Dartmouth Pipe and Drum Band Association - Performing Arts

The Dartmouth Pipe & Drum Band is a non-profit organization which preserves and promotes Gaelic and Scottish culture through musical performances, parades and competitions. Most of the band's revenues are self-generated through registration fees, fund-raising, and parade/concert fees. The band has two junior level programs for youth under 18 and a senior band of adults and youth. In 2 years the band's registration has increased from 82 to 108 and there is not sufficient equipment or uniforms. Total equipment costs are \$13,656. Quotes supplied. A request for \$5,000 towards purchase of instruments and uniforms. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for purchase of drums only (excludes uniforms).**

53. Dartmouth Choral Society - Performing Arts

The Choral Society is the longest-standing community choir in Nova Scotia and will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2004. The choir is funded through cd sales, registration fees, and an annual Christmas concert fund-raiser. The choir has 90 members. As part of the anniversary celebrations the choir has commissioned an original composition by a local composer "*Sing Your Peace Around the World*". Ticket prices will be reduced for seniors and children to increase audience development and public profile. The total project costs \$5,100. A grant of \$2,360 requested towards anniversary project. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards facility rental and marketing.**

54. Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia - Performing Arts

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society performs and promotes the works of a specific genre of musical production. The majority of revenues are self-generated through ticket sales (no core funding grants from any level of government) and will stage the operatta "*The Gondoliers*" at the Rebecca Cohen, May, 2004 with a 20 piece orchestra. The total production costs are estimated at \$41,720. A one-time grant request for \$5,000 towards production costs. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000 towards venue rental.**

55. Nova Scotia Opera Association - Halifax - Performing Arts

The Opera Association is a new organization formed to develop and perform operatic works. A multi-year developmental grant requested (\$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,250) towards publicity and equipment costs. **Recommend multi-year developmental grant for 3 years with diminishing level of award: \$5,000 in 2004-05 for self-promotion and marketing (excludes wages and general administration).**

56. Scotia Chamber Players - Halifax - Community Performing Arts Facility/Access

Scotia Chamber Players owns and operates The Music Room a rehearsal, recording, and performance venue in Halifax. Year 2 of a multi-year developmental grant to assist in providing community access to the facility during the initial capital-intensive start-up phase of operations. Reporting received. **Recommend \$5,000 developmental grant for facility access as per multi-year agreement.**

57. St. Cecilia Concert Society - Halifax - Performing Arts

The society features performances of vocal, solo and orchestral works, including outreach performances in local libraries and schools. The primary source of funding is self-generated through ticket sales, donations, sponsorship, and grants. A one-time \$2,000 grant request towards the “*Music Unlimited*” an interactive music education and performance production for children project which will be staged in 3 local schools (Halifax and Dartmouth) and 3 local libraries (Tantallon, Dartmouth, Halifax) in 2004-05. Total budget estimated at \$5,320. A one-time grant of \$2,000 requested towards production costs.

Recommend a one-time grant of \$500 for printing.

58. Symphony Nova Scotia- Performing Arts

In 2000-01, Symphony Nova Scotia was awarded a multi-year stabilization grant. 2004-05 is the final year of the 4-year award of \$25,000. Reporting received. In addition to the multi-year grant, Symphony NS has requested an additional grant of \$15,000 each of 2 years towards debt retirement and leased accommodation in an HRM-owned property. **Recommend grant of \$25,000 as per multi-year agreement (no increase over prior multi-year agreement).**

59. Upstream Music Association - Performing Arts

Since 1990, Upstream Music Association has promoted the development of composition and improvisational performance. Operating revenues are primarily ticket sales and grants. A one-time \$4,000 grant request towards development of a mini-series format “Time Flies East” in the fall and “Spring Fever” featuring a range of local and visiting musicians at small community venues. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,000 for marketing new mini-series format.**

60. Eye Level Gallery Society - Halifax - Visual Arts

Eye Level Gallery is an artist-run centre on Barrington Street, Halifax, with a focus on contemporary art forms and critique. Operating revenues are primarily grants. In 2004 the society celebrates its 30th anniversary with a catalogue of archival materials collected by the centre and make this information available to a broader audience. Project budget totals \$6,500. A grant of \$4,750 requested for production. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,750 for anniversary catalogue. Conditional - copy of publication to HRM library for public access.**

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SUPPORTS

61. Black Community Advocates of Nova Scotia - Advocacy

BCANS provides training and assistance to volunteers who facilitate self-directed advocacy among members of the Black community with respect to the justice system. Year 2 of a multi-year developmental grant towards organizational capacity building. In 2003-04, BCANS received a one-time contribution towards workshops and \$2,000 for organizational development. Years 2 and 3 are \$2,000 only towards development (excludes wages). **Recommend \$2,000 developmental grant as per multi-year agreement. Conditional - hold-back pending annual reporting.**

62. Callow Veterans & Invalids Welfare League - Disabled Persons

The League owns and operates Callow Wheelchair Buses which provides transportation for disabled persons, primarily institutions such as Camp Hill Veteran's Hospital, Northwood Care, NS Rehabilitation Centre, Wee Care Developmental Centre, and community groups. A multi-year grant of \$5,000 x 3 years requested. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards capital campaign for purchase of a new vehicle.**

63. Independent Living Resource Centre - Halifax - Disabled Persons

The centre provides assistance to persons with a disability (information, referral, skills development, peer support). Revenues are primarily through the federal and provincial government (Nova Scotia Community Services), donations, and investment earnings. A one-time \$5,000 grant requested to "*Promoting Organizational Diversity and Individual Growth Program*" which is focussed on role of persons with disabilities in volunteerism. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,000 for production of training materials targeting organizations and businesses to promote the inclusion of disabled persons as volunteers.**

64. Dartmouth Literacy Network - Literacy

The Network provides individual and small group literacy tutoring to adults. The service is free to participants. Operational funding is primarily through federal and provincial literacy programming grants. A grant of \$5,000 requested towards general operating expenses. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,000 for tutor resources and program promotion.**

65. Halifax Regional Municipality Literacy Association - Literacy

Formed in 2003, the Network is an advocacy organization comprising literacy programs throughout HRM (whose programs reach approximately 500 registered participants) and assists service providers through information, referral, and cooperative planning. A one-time developmental grant of \$2,350 requested towards production of a Literacy Resource Directory and Literacy Circle meetings. Total production costs \$4,300. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,350 for printing literacy program directory.**

66. Community Care Network - Halifax - Emergency Assistance

The Network operates a food bank, household furnishings program, CAP site, and educational/training programs for low income individuals and families. In 2003-04, a multi-year capital grant (\$12,500 each of 4 years) was approved towards the purchase of 2 properties on Maynard Street, Halifax. Funding conditional upon approval of project business plan by HRM Grants Committee for sustainability.

Recommend a grant of \$12,500 as per multi-year agreement conditional upon Grants Committee approval of business plan. Hold-back pending progress report.

67. Halifax Transition House Association - Emergency Assistance

The Association operates Bryony House a 24-bed shelter for abused women and their children, Halifax. A grant of \$2,600 requested for the purchase of a desk-top computer, accounting software, and scanner for financial management and fund-raising database. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,600 towards computer and software (excludes scanner).**

68. Performing Art Lodges of Canada-Halifax Chapter - Affordable Housing

Established in 2002, the Halifax Chapter of Performing Arts Lodges comprises representatives from the theatre, music and film sector. The group plans to undertake a feasibility study to assess the need and viability of developing an affordable housing complex in the urban core for retired (seniors) performing artists. The lodge would also serve as a centre for art and social activities. A one-time \$5,000 grant requested for feasibility study. Quotes supplied. Total project estimate \$10,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards cost-shared feasibility study.**

69. Safe Harbour Housing Society - Musquodoboit - Affordable Housing

The society formed in 2002 to investigate the need for affordable housing for single women with children in rural HRM. The group has completed a needs assessment and aim to develop a 7-unit apartment complex with resource centre. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested for public education. Total project cost \$6,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of 1,500 towards report production (typeset and printing).**

70. Saint Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia - Halifax - Emergency Assistance

The society is best known for operating post-incarceration facilities for persons in conflict with the law or probationary clients but has recently undertaken the operation of Barry House, Halifax, an emergency shelter for homeless women and their children. A one-time \$1,444.32 grant requested towards the purchase of a desk-top computer. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,400 towards computer purchase.**

71. Supportive Housing for Young Mothers - Halifax - Affordable Housing

A newly formed organization (2003) of representatives from local social service and health agencies to address the issue of teenage mothers, in particular the need for affordable housing. A one-time grant of \$15,000 requested towards financial planning, fund-raising, and Board development. Meeting with HRM staff in 2004. **Recommend a multi-year developmental grant of \$5,000 each of 3 years for Board development and membership recruitment. Progress reports required.**

72. Community Justice Society - Halifax - Advocacy

The society provides court diversion programming for youth in conflict with the law. Revenues are from grants, primarily the Province of Nova Scotia and the United Way. A multi-year grant of \$15,000 x 3 years requested to train facilitators and deliver the "*Life Lessons for Black Youth Program*"; a referral program for Black youth aged 12-17. Total project costs \$33,000/year. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for demonstration pilot in HRM communities. Conditional on confirmation of NS Department of Justice funding.**

73. Coverdale Centre - Halifax - Emergency Assistance

Coverdale provides court support and referral services for women (including youth) in conflict with the law (average of 1,250 clients per year). A one-time grant of \$10,000 requested towards community

education, counselling, and volunteer training. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,500 to train volunteer court workers (excludes counselling).**

74. Help Line Society - Halifax - Emergency Assistance

Help Line is a telephone crisis intervention service: volunteers provide 24 hr peer counselling and referral (approximately 25,000 calls in 2003-04). The society is also active in suicide prevention education and awareness. The telephone service complements HRM's emergency response services. A one-time operating grant of \$5,000 requested. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000.**

75. Leave Out Violence - Crime Prevention

The organization is a federally registered charity that works in violence prevention and intervention with youth who have witnessed, perpetuated, or been victims of violence. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested for the "*Photojournalism Project*" (Sept/04-June/05): youth aged 13-18 create written and photographic essays on youth violence. The exhibit will travel to schools and community venues. Total project cost \$34,000. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for equipment purchase and exhibit materials.**

76. Eastern Shore Family Resource Association - Head of Jeddore - Family Support

The association is based at the Head of Jeddore but serves families along a 50 km area of the Eastern Shore (about 150 family clients and a mailing list of 300). Funding is primarily provincial social services grants (Nova Scotia Department of Community Services) and the United Way. Programming includes a food bank, CAP site, early learning programs for young children, and parent support groups. A multi-year grant of \$6,100 requested for each of 3 years for facility rental and supplies. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$4,900 for the "Wee Bears" and "Interactive Early Learning Program" to reduce waiting list for service. Funds for purchase of program materials and printing.**

77. Bedford Youth Development Association - Recreation Program/Youth

The association leases the former HRM fire station in Bedford for a youth centre. Funding is primarily from grants and corporate donations. A multi-year development grant of \$5,000 each of 3 years requested for launch of "*Transformation*" program. Total program budget is \$50,000. **Recommend one-time grant of \$5,000 for purchase of sound equipment and furniture. Refer to HRM Community Recreation Development for assistance.**

78. Chebucto Boys & Girls Club - Spryfield Area - Recreation Program/Children & Youth

2004-05 is the final year of a multi-year developmental grant in support of programming for disadvantaged children and youth. Reporting received. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 as per multi-year agreement.**

79. Cole Harbour Boys & Girls Club - Recreation Program/Children & Youth

2004-05 is the final year of a multi-year developmental grant in support of programming for disadvantaged children and youth. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 as per multi-year agreement. Hold-back**

pending reporting.

80. Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club - Recreation Program/Children & Youth

2004-05 is the final year of a multi-year developmental grant in support of programming for disadvantaged children and youth. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 as per multi-year agreement.**

81. East Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club - Recreation Program/Children & Youth

2004-05 is the final year of a multi-year developmental grant in support of programming for disadvantaged children and youth. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 as per multi-year agreement. Request for \$17,000 towards purchase of a bus declined.**

82. Family Pride Camping Association - Recreation Program/Family

The association is totally volunteer-driven and organizes an annual summer camping program for children of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender families. Includes leadership development. The association's funding is primarily fund-raising and camp fees. A one-time grant of \$4,436 requested towards the purchase of specialized, portable camping equipment so as to increase the scope of camp sites which can be used (including less expensive sites without washroom facilities) and increased capacity to serve persons with special needs. Total budget is \$30,051. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,100 towards portable washroom equipment.**

83. Harbour United Soccer League - Ketch Harbour - Recreation Program/Under-serviced Area

The communities of the Sambro-Ketch Harbour area have limited organized sports opportunities or facilities. A soccer league for children aged 5-12 has been formed by local parents. 60 children participated in 2003-04. High volunteer participation. A one-time grant of \$800 requested for equipment purchase. **Recommend one-time grant of \$800 for purchase of equipment storage shed.**

84. Nova Scotia Sea School - Halifax - Recreation Program/Youth

The Sea School provides adventure-based sailing and boat-building courses for youth. The operations of the school are primarily funded through corporate and individual donations, participant fees, and grants. Subsidies are available for special needs participants. A one-time grant of \$3,500 requested for purchase of safety equipment and thermal sleeping bags for outdoor (on deck) overnight sailing classes (July-Sept). Total budget \$8,500. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$3,500 for equipment purchases.**

85. Preston Area Boys & Girls Club - Recreation Program/Children & Youth

2004-05 is the final year of a multi-year developmental grant in support of programming for disadvantaged

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children and youth. Reporting received. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 as per multi-year agreement.**

86. Sackville Boys & Girls Club - Recreation Program/Children & Youth

2004-05 is the final year of a multi-year developmental grant in support of programming for disadvantaged children and youth. **Recommend a grant of \$5,000 as per multi-year agreement. Hold-back pending reporting.**

87. Sackville Seniors Advisory Council - Recreation Program/Seniors

The Advisory Council serves the Sackville, Beaver Bank, Fall River, Windsor Junction, Mount Uniacke area and runs a variety of programs including the Silver & Gold Seniors Club, CAP site, seniors outreach, and recreational programs. A one-time \$5,000 grant requested for construction of outdoor garden and purchase of furniture for seniors lunch program. Quotes supplied. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,300 for purchase of tables and chairs for seniors lunch program.**

88. Saint George's YouthNet - Halifax - Recreation Program/Youth

The YouthNet program is an inter-denominational community after school program for urban children and youth. The program is primarily funded through corporate donations and grants with the provision of a facility and support services from the parish of St. George's Church. A multi-year developmental grant of \$5,000 each of 3 years requested towards development of a summer art camp. Total project cost \$5,326. **Recommend a one-time \$2,800 grant towards purchase of art equipment only (excludes wages).**

Recommended Deferred Decisions

The Grants Committee recommend that a determination of eligibility for the following four (4) applications be deferred to the September 20th meeting; staff are to provide further analysis of the proponent's budget and project-specific request:

St. Margaret's Bay Sailing Club - Community Facility (\$5,000)

Tree Canada Foundation - Environment (\$5,000x3 years)

Pier 21 Society (\$25,000)

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (\$25,000)

89. Atlantic View Trails Association - Lawrencetown

The 7km multi-use trail runs along an abandoned railway line from Lawrencetown to Three Fathom Harbour and is part of the Trans Canada Trail system. A grant of \$2,500 requested for administration.

Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.

90. Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Rails-to-Trails Association

The 20 km multi-use trail runs along an abandoned railway line through the communities of Lakeside and Beechville to the Lake of the Woods community in Timberlea. An additional 3.8 km trail has been added to link to Hubley and a trail route for Governor Lake is in the planning stage. A grant of \$2,500 requested for administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

91. Canoe to the Sea Society - Dartmouth

The canoe association has undertaken the development of the Lake Charles Trail (4.5 km) which runs along the Western shoreline of Lake Charles, Dartmouth, as part of the Dartmouth Multi-Use Trail which is part of the Trans Canada Trail system. A one-time grant of \$2,000 requested towards administration.

Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.

92. Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association

The development of the Salt Marsh Trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail network and connects Cole Harbour to Lawrencetown Coastal Heritage Park. The trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail system and was heavily damaged by Hurricane Juan. A one-time grant of \$2,000 requested for administration.

Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.

93. Dartmouth Harbourfront Trails Association

The proposed 10 km Dartmouth Multi-Use Trail will run along the harbor shoreline between the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal and the Woodside Ferry Terminal, and then connect with a proposed harborfront boardwalk. A grant of \$5,000 requested for administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

94. Friends of First Lake - Lower Sackville

The existing walkway around First Lake is to be developed into a trail and linked to Second Lake and the Sackville River Trail. A one-time grant of \$3,000 requested for minor upgrades to the route to improve safety. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

95. Musquodoboit Trailways Association

The 42 km Musquodoboit Trail System includes a Main Trail links Gibraltar Rock to Dollar Lake Provincial Park and a Wilderness Trail. A grant of \$2,500 requested for administration, and equipment rental. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

96. Porter's Lake and Myra Road Wilderness Area Association

The Association is developing an 18 km series of interconnected wilderness hiking trails within the Waverley Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area; from Porters Lake along the south shore of the Waverley Salmon River, Lake Echo, Crowbar Lake, and the Long Lake Wilderness Area. A grant of \$1,000 requested for administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000.**

97. Portland Estates Residents Association - Dartmouth

The Association is developing a 2.1 km suburban multi-use trail around Morris Lake and Russell Lake to connect to the Dartmouth Multi-Use Trail and the Trans Canada Trail. A grant of \$1,500 requested for administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$1,500.**

98. Shubenacadie Canal Commission - Dartmouth

The Canal Commission has assumed the development of a new hiking trail around Morris Lake and Russell Lake to the Shubenacadie Canal. A \$2,000 grant requested towards an environmental assessment. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

99. St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails-to-Trails Association

The Association has developed a 33 km multi-use trail which runs from Hubley to Hubbards. The trail includes a wheelchair accessible portion. A grant of \$2,500 requested for administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

100. Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization - Tantallon Area

The proposed 30 km hiking Bluff Wilderness Trail project will provide access to 22,000 acres of forest and barrens in the vicinity of urban Halifax. Access to a portion of the trail will be on a Metro Transit bus route and a section will be wheelchair accessible. A grant of \$3,000 requested for administration. **Recommend a one-time grant of \$2,000.**

Attachment 2. HRM Community Grants Program 2004-05. Inter-Departmental Review Teams	
1. Community Social Supports	
Barbara Nehiley, Special Projects Advisor	HRM Planning & Development Services
Kasia Tota, Researcher, Housing & Homelessness	HRM Planning & Development Services
Darren Hirtle, Recreation Community Developer	HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture
Sue Ross, Recreation Community Developer	HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture
2. Community Heritage	
Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner	HRM Planning & Development Services
Betty Ann Aaboe-Milligan, Heritage Officer	HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture
3. Community Arts	
Keith McPhail, Cultural Officer	HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture
Mary Angela Munroe, Area Coordinator, Recreation	HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture
Maureen Collier, Librarian	Halifax Library
Marion Currie, Capital District Project	HRM Governance & Strategic Initiatives
4. Property Development & Community Facilities	
Diane Moulton, Leasing Officer	HRM Real Property & Asset Management Services
Kent Ritchie, Accommodations Officer	HRM Real Property & Asset Management Services
Claudette Levy, Area Coordinator	HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture
Tony Blouin, Manager Environmental Policy	HRM Environmental Management Services
Paul Euloth, Trails Coordinator	HRDA
Steve Higgins, Development Officer	HRM Planning & Development
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HRM Community Grants Program
Ideas in Action

Date

Organization
c/o Contact name
Mailing Address

Dear Contact:

We are pleased to inform you that your request for funding through the HRM Community Grants Program has been reviewed by the HRM Grants Committee and on June 22, 2004 was presented to Regional Council and approved.

Your grant request has been approved in the amount of \$xx,xxx for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. You must report on the expenditure of these funds no later than March 15, 2005, as any unexpended funds are to be returned to the Grants Program.

Conditions to be met for funding if any specified...

If you need assistance in filling out future grant application forms, or have any questions concerning future projects, we would gladly book a time to sit down with representatives of your organization and assist you. Please feel free to contact me at 490-5469 or Lynn Greene, Program Technician at 490-5454.

Sincerely,

Peta-Jane Temple
Grants Program Coordinator

cc: HRM Grants Committee
Lynn Greene, Program Technician

Grants Reporting

All parties who receive a grant from the *HRM Community Grants Program* are required to submit a final report **on or before March 31st**. Failure to report or late reporting could result in ineligibility.

Minimum reporting includes:

Name of organization, amount of grant received from HRM, terms and conditions (as stated in the letter notifying you of an award).

Total project costs: usually a grant is a contribution towards the project and not 100% of funding.

Proof of how the grant money was spent (a project budget, receipts or invoices with proof of payment) in accordance with the purpose of the HRM grant.

Description of the project - is it complete? Was the project a success - explain what evaluation method you used or how you gauge success.

Copies of printed materials related to the project (if applicable), reports, cd, video, catalog, photograph, newspaper article, evaluation report etc.

If the project cannot proceed:

If the project for which you have received a grant cannot proceed before March 31st please advise the Grants Program Office, in writing, of the status of the project. In some cases an extension may be permitted and funds carried forward. We will issue a letter to confirm the status of the grant and keep a copy in your grant application file.

Refund of grant balance:

All or a portion of the grant may be refunded if you cannot proceed with the project as planned. The refund should be paid by cheque or money order payable to Halifax Regional Municipality and mailed c/o the Grants Program, HRM Financial Services. If time permits the refund may be awarded to another applicant who did not receive funding due to the program's budget limit. Sending all or part of the money back to HRM **will not** impact your eligibility for future awards.

Do not spend the grant award on products or services that are not covered under the terms and conditions of the grant - this could result in ineligibility for future funds. If you are unsure of how to report on your grant please contact staff for advice.

Thank you for your cooperation.

See: HRM Community Grants Guidebook.



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**Halifax Regional Council
September 28th, 2004**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: September 20, 2004

SUBJECT: **HRM Community Grants Program 2004-05: Deferred Recommendations and Appeals.**

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ORIGIN

In the HRM Grants Committee report to Regional Council dated June 22nd, 2004, there were four (4) grant applications deferred pending further review. Also, applicants who wish to appeal the decision of the HRM Grants Committee recommendations may do so on the basis of new information, or an error in fact or procedure. A total of 8 appeals were received within the August 31st deadline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that Regional Council approve a total of 6 awards as detailed in the Discussion section of this report, for a combined total of \$42,000.

BACKGROUND

The HRM Grants Committee considers appeals on the basis of new information or a correction to an error in fact or procedure. The organization making an appeal is asked to provide a written rationale for the appeal and any pertinent documentation.

In June, 2004, the Grants Committee deferred a decision on 5 applications (combined total value of requests was \$43,000) to September of 2004. Since the initial report to Regional Council, the program has received 8 appeals (combined total value of appeals is \$59,500) and 2 applicants withdrew due to program cancellation (combined total of \$3,350 to re-assign). Three awards are held back pending progress reports or confirmation of programming (the combined total value of holdbacks is \$16,000).

DISCUSSION

A. Deferred Decisions:

1. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Arts - Capital Project

On May 8th, 2001, the HRM Grants Committee recommended approval of a \$250,000 capital pledge to AGNS to be paid from the Capital Pledges Program from capacity created through the retirement of commitments. The report proposed payment in two installments of \$130,000 in 2002-03 and \$120,000 in 2003-04 (Minutes, Regional Council, May 8, 2001). On a procedural point, the CAO noted that in accordance with HRM's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, Council could not pre-approve a financial expenditure. The matter was referred to Financial Services for a report.

In a report to Regional Council dated May 22, 2004, Financial Services staff recommended that a pledge of \$250,000 be approved in two installments (\$130,000 and \$120,000 as per the original Grant Committee recommendation) but that:

"In the event that new funds are not provided to the Grants Committee in subsequent budgets, the Grants Committee is prepared to fund this project within its base budget for the next two fiscal years. The base budget does not include amounts retired from the Capital Pledges Program"

In accordance with Regional's Council's approval of a capital grant, \$130,000 was issued from the *Capital Pledges Program* in 2002-03. The AGNS agreed to a multi-year schedule for the balance of \$120,000 through the *HRM Community Grants Program* of \$25,000 x 3 years and a final payment of \$50,000 in 2006-07.

Grants Committee recommend a \$25,000 capital grant as per the multi-year agreement.

It should be noted that by moving the Capital Pledge to the *Community Grants Program* AGNS has been excluded from consideration for program funding because organizations are limited to one submission per year. This exclusion has not been applied in prior cases where an applicant was in receipt of HRM funding under another municipal program.

2. Tree Canada Foundation - Environment

Tree Canada Foundation is a national charity with provincial representatives across Canada. The organization is working in collaboration with Evergreen (a non-profit organization focussed on urban greening), the Nova Scotia Department of Education, Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour (NS Youth Conservation Corps) private and non-profit organizations on environmental programs, including *Greening Canada's School Grounds*. Application has been made for a multi-year grant of \$5,000 x 3 years for local schoolyard greening, specifically the purchase of plant material and rental of heavy equipment. The estimated annual cost of the project is \$10,000 in materials (excludes wages).

A decision was deferred by the Grants Committee who directed staff to discuss potential alternatives with the applicant in light of Hurricane Juan's extensive damage to trees on public property; and clarity regarding the HRM and the Halifax Regional School Board's jurisdiction of school property. Staff met with Tree Canada's representative and additional information was provided re: the organization's past, present and future support:

- Halifax Regional School Board view themselves as a "tenant" of HRM-owned property. HRSB provide snow and ice removal and grass-cutting on school sites (or sub-contract).
- HRM Real Property & Asset Management Services is supportive of the *Greening Canada's School Grounds Project* but does not contribute to "naturalization" projects; HRM's role is in playground equipment, sports courts and fields.
- Tree Canada established a Maritime Hurricane Relief Fund following Hurricane Juan to assist with local tree replacement on school grounds.
- Summer student program established through Tree Canada grant (\$5,000) for grounds maintenance at 16 local school properties.
- Program evaluation conducted of projects in HRM over the past 9 years.

Staff recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 for rental of heavy equipment and purchase of plant material.

Rationale: the 'greening' of school property evidently provides tangible and enduring benefit to school users and the local neighbourhood but falls into a jurisdictional 'gap' between HRM as the owner of some (not all) properties and HRSB as tenant. Given that most school property reverts to HRM upon closure of a school, the municipality may be deemed the long-term beneficiary of enhanced landscaping while the school is the immediate beneficiary. The project supplements HRM's role in environmental stewardship and has long-term benefits to the general public.

See: **Attachment 1** for more details.

3. St. Margaret's Sailing Club - Recreation

The St. Margaret's Sailing Club owns and operates a facility in French Village Harbour. A one-time grant of \$10,000 requested to repair dingy launch, floating dock, and waterfront access. The total project costs

estimated at \$21,866. The request was declined due to (a) prior year funding, and (b) capacity to self-finance. The basis of appeal was financial long-term liabilities limit the ability to self-finance (ie. mortgage payments) and focus of the club on introductory junior sailing programs.

Grants Committee recommend a one-time grant of \$5,000 towards shoreline and slipway improvements to improve access and site safety.

Rationale: prior grants have been for the purchase of boats for "Learn to Sail" instructional classes which is consistent with HRM recreation's focus on entry level, developmental programming for children and youth; this application would serve the broader public interest in terms of waterfront access and safety. Financial statements have been submitted which indicate liabilities exceed annual net revenue.

4. Pier 21 Society - Halifax - Heritage

Pier 21 Society have requested a multi-year contribution towards the re-positioning of the facility as a National Museum of Immigration. The request for \$500,000 is part of an inter-government cost-sharing proposal for a total of \$8,635,000. The grant is towards research on the history of immigration through Halifax, exhibition development, and the development of a resource centre for public inquiries, research and genealogy.

Staff recommend that given the cost and long-term impact of \$500,000 in assistance to the development of a National Immigration Museum, that staff recommendations be presented to Regional Council as a separate report with project-specific criteria and financial analysis.

B. Appeals:

All appeals have been reviewed within the context of the balance of program budget capacity, the consistent application of program policy and procedures, and equitable access to opportunity.

1. Avalon Sexual Assault Centre - Halifax - Social Supports

Avalon Sexual Assault Centre provides professional counselling/therapy and court support for victims of sexual violence, advocacy and educational services . The organization's operations are funded primarily through provincial and project-specific federal grants. A grant application for \$8,000 in support of the After Hours Response Line service. In the course of the review the HRM Grants Committee requested staff confirm the nature of the arrangement between Avalon and the Help Line Society:

- The After Hours Response Line is operated by volunteers trained to assess the urgency of a call and refer to the appropriate service provider: eg. 'on call' staff counsellor, hospital, police, or Help Line.
- Services provided to HRM Police services for staff training are on a fee-for-service basis.
- Avalon Sexual Assault Services representative(s) serve in an advisory capacity with police, public prosecution, and community agencies in developing a coordinated response to sexual violence.

Includes policy and procedures for police response.

The grant request was declined on the basis of late submission. The basis of appeal is financial need.

Grants Committee recommend appeal be declined. Late submission.

2. Zuppa Circus - Halifax - Arts (Theatre)

Zuppa Circus is a professional ensemble theatre company whose original works feature physical theatre and clowning. Revenues are from grants and ticket sales. A one-time grant of \$5,000 requested towards facility rental for rehearsal (Needham Centre) and performance venue. Grant declined on the basis of (a) no reporting from prior year grant, (b) budget capacity, (c) new applications to arts sector. The basis of appeal is that reporting was sent (December/2003) and the company's donation of services in support of local community arts education, the development of a community event, and on-going relationship building between the arts and recreational programming.

Zuppa Circus has negotiated a short-term rental of the HRM-owned Isleville Art Studio, Halifax, at a discounted rate (\$400/month) for rehearsals. If approved, the grant shall be applied against the rental through an inter-departmental transfer of funds.

Grants Committee recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 towards partnership project with urban community centres (Needham Centre, North Street Church performance, Northern Lights Lantern Festival, and the Isleville Art Studio).

Rationale: the project represents a collaborative effort with HRM Community Recreation and demonstrates accessibility both in venue, content, in-kind services.

3. Shakespeare By the Sea - Halifax - Arts (Theatre)

Shakespeare By the Sea applied for a one-time grant in the amount of \$12,000 for general operating and was awarded a \$5,000 towards marketing. The basis of appeal is the amount of the grant and the financial status of the company. A meeting with staff is scheduled for October 1, 2004.

Grants Committee recommend decline. Prior years grants have been "one-time" and the program does not have the capacity to provide core operating funding.

Rationale: in addition to a grant, the company rents an HRM-owned building in Point Pleasant Park (\$100/month) and property taxes are not levied at present.

4. Live Arts - Halifax - Arts (Dance)

Live Arts is a non-profit organization for the presentation of contemporary dance. The organization's revenues include federal and provincial arts grants, ticket sales and donations. A grant request of \$5,000 towards development of choreographers series but no project-specific budget included (application included projected annual operating budget). The application was declined funding due to (a) new

applicants to arts sector, (b) budget capacity, (c) do not provide core operating grants. The basis of appeal is prior year's funding created expectation of a grant which was included in 2004-05 budget.

Grants Committee recommend decline on the basis of prior multi-year support, new applicants to the arts sector, and core funding request.

5. Aeolian Singers - Arts (Music)

The Aeolian Singers is a women's choir of 45 members who perform or commission works specifically for women's voices. Application was made for a one-time grant in the amount of \$3,000 towards a concert of new music based on the writings of Nova Scotia poet Elizabeth Bishop. Total budget for the project, which is due to be staged in March of 2005, is estimated to be \$25,000 of which 30% of revenue is projected to be from ticket sales. The application was declined due to (a) the volume of requests from the arts sector, (b) the Aeolian Singers received a grant in 2003-04 for the production of a cd and reporting had not been received, (c) the timeline of the proposed concert.

The basis of appeal is: reporting for the prior year's grant was complete but not submitted to HRM while awaiting printed presentation material and that the concert is March 2005 (not 2004) and therefore there is sufficient time to plan based on the response to grant requests submitted to all three levels of government. Reporting received July, 2004.

Grants Committee recommend a one-time grant of \$1,000 towards facility rental for the performance of an original composition celebrating an internationally recognized Nova Scotian literary artist.

Rationale: the delay in reporting was due to production of a self-promotional folder - the applicant wanted to present themselves to HRM in a "professional manner". Program review error - the date of the Elizabeth Bishop production conforms to the program timelines.

6. Coverdale Centre - Halifax - Social Supports

Coverdale was awarded a one-time grant of \$2,500 in 2003-04 towards volunteer court worker support. The organization's request was for \$10,000; \$5,000 "...to help us offset not receiving a grant from HRM in 2003" and \$5,000 in community outreach activities. We do not fund retroactively (the organization was ineligible for consideration in 2003 because they forgot to apply) and we do not provide core funding - counselling is not a service funded under the program's criteria. The basis of appeal is the amount of award.

Grants Committee recommend request for grant increase be declined; the program does not fund core operating expenses, or staff salaries and wages.

7. Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax - Environment

The society is a volunteer environmental protection group with a primary focus on lakes and watersheds. Activities include public education, water sampling and analysis, monitoring, land and underwater clean-up, a resource library, and scientific reports. Technical assistance is provided to other non-profit organizations, universities, and government agencies. The organization applied for a one-time grant of \$4,800 for technical equipment used in water monitoring and data analysis for the clean-up of Maynard Lake (polluted with faecal coliform). The application was declined funding on the basis of (a) the volume of requests, (b) applications from new groups who had not received HRM assistance, and (c) the experimental nature of the restoration technique.

The basis of appeal is that the proposed water rehabilitation technique (scallop shell project) is not experimental and has been employed in prior projects. The project has been endorsed by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour, National Research Council, and results of the project are to be sent to the Medical Officer of Capital Health District.

Grants Committee recommend decline on the basis of new applicants to the environment sector and the annually recurring nature of water testing fees.

8. South End Lawn Tennis Club - Halifax - (Recreation)

The South End Lawn Tennis Club is a registered non-profit organization which owns and operates three tennis courts. Revenues are exclusively through membership fees, fundraising, and instructional classes. Application was made in 2003-04 for a grant towards the cost of re-surfacing which at the time was estimated to cost \$87,000. The application was declined and so was a subsequent application under By-law T-201 for short-term tax exemption. The applicant re-submitted for the 2004-05 program for a grant in the amount of \$10,000; due to "unexpected site conditions" the project's total cost was \$95,000 and the club's capital reserve (\$40,000) was fully used. A Sport Nova Scotia grant in the amount of \$10,000 and a bank loan secured through individual members. Adult membership fees are \$190/yr and additional memberships for children are available according to age category: intermediate (8-17) \$125, and junior (8-17) \$20. In 2003-04 there were approximately 100 members. The grant was declined on the basis of restricted access to the facility (membership, no public access) and debt financing.

The basis of appeal is the club has managed financial resources in a responsible manner through a capital savings account which has been fully expensed and public access is available through day passes, instructional classes, and tournament hosting (5 events per year, open). The financial statement as of August, 2004, shows a cash balance of \$1,227.20 and liabilities of \$24,494.20. Membership has increased by 50 since the court improvements.

Grants Committee recommend a one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 for court re-surfacing.

Rationale: the timing of the initial grant request (2004-05) which was prior to construction work but deferred by HRM pending a tax exemption request. In addition to members, the facility provides access to the general public for instructional classes, guest day passes, and open tournaments.

Note: HRM Grants Committee has asked staff to include policy guidelines re: (a) grants to membership-based clubs and (b) towards debt retirement or reduction in the review of the HRM Community Grants Program in progress.

10. Eastern Front Theatre, Dartmouth - Arts (Theatre)

Eastern Front Theatre applied for a one-time grant in the amount of \$22,000 for general operating and was awarded \$10,000 for developmental events (\$5,000 each of two events: Kids on the Waterfront and the Waterfront Theatre Festival). The basis of appeal is the amount of the grant and the facility rental expenditures paid to Alderney Theatre which is located in an HRM-owned facility (Alderney Landing, Dartmouth) and operated under a facility management agreement with Alderney Landing Corporation..

Eastern Front Theatre's venue-related costs in 2003-04 were \$34,000 in rental fees and an additional \$4,000 levied by Alderney Landing Corporation for "building capital costs"; for a total of \$38,000. The theatre company maintains that HRM's grant does not cover the rental fees and an alternate location may be less expensive.

Grants Committee recommend that a decision be deferred pending a staff review of the facility management agreement, HRM's annual operating subsidy to Alderney Landing Corporation, theatre revenues, the building capital cost levy, and eligibility for events funding.

Staff will present a supplementary report to the October 4th, 2004, meeting of the Grants Committee.

C. Amendments:

1. Foghorn Theatre - Halifax - Performing Arts

The outdoor theatre youth camp was cancelled due to lack of funding. HRM's grant of \$1,000 will be re-assigned. A letter has been sent to advise that status of future applications to HRM will not be adversely impacted.

2. Halifax Regional Municipality Literacy Association - Social Supports/Inclusion

The organization's operations are "on hold". HRM's grant of \$2,350 will be re-assigned. A letter has been sent to advise that the status of future applications to HRM will not be adversely impacted.

D. Holdbacks:

Payment has not been issued to the following organizations pending confirmation of reporting or program funding:

1. Community Care Network - Halifax - Social Supports

A grant in the amount of \$12,500 for year 2 of a multi-year grant for property acquisition. The initial award was conditional upon Grants Committee approval of operating plan.

2. Black Community Advocates Association of Nova Scotia - Social Supports

A grant in the amount of \$2,000 for year 2 of a multi-year grant for advocacy training for volunteers. No reporting received to date due to a change in the Board of Directors. The new Board will provide documentation this fall.

3. Voices Black Theatre Ensemble - Halifax - Arts (Theatre)

A one-time grant in the amount of \$1,500 for original script-writing. Held pending confirmation of matching funds and program implementation.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The approved program budget for 2004-05 is \$563,700 (M311-8004). The awards approved by Regional Council June 22, 2004, totalled \$490,364 and a balance was retained pending a final decision on five (5) applications deferred. If approved, the 6 grants total \$42,000 for a combined total of \$532,364 pending any further applicant withdrawals or disqualification of grants held back.

Note: the final program total does not include a decision regarding Eastern Front Theatre. Staff also recommend that any residual be retained to balance the Grants Program portfolio budget for 2003-04 due to an anticipated budget overage in the *Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Program* (By-law T-201).

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 other relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could defeat the Grants Committee recommendation and decline additional funding in 2003-04.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tree Canada Foundation *Greening School Grounds Program*: participation of HRM schools 1997-2004.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210 or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment 1.

The "Greening School Grounds Program" provides support in creating environmentally friendly and educational landscapes or the naturalization of the existing site (native species). School students, staff, parents, and neighbors are included in the process. Research demonstrates such programs help reduce vandalism, assist children with physical or mental disabilities and children and youth with behavioural problems (bullying), and maximizes the use of existing capacity.

1997-1999

Eric Graves Junior High
Ellenvale Junior High
John Martin Junior High
John MacNeil Elementary
Harbourview Elementary
Elizabeth Sutherland
Gorsebrook Junior High
Halifax Grammar School
South Woodside Elementary
Notting Park Elementary
Brookhouse Elementary
Dartmouth High School
Caledonia Junior High
Mary Lawson Elementary
Admiral Westphal Junior High
Tantallon Elementary
John W. MacLeod Elementary
Ecole Beaufort
Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary
Harry H. Hamilton Elementary
George Bissett Elementary
le Marchant St. Thomas Elementary
St. Stephen's Elementary
Herring Cove Junior High
Sambro Ketch Harbour Elementary

2000-2004

Bicentennial School
Springvale Elementary
Tantallon Junior High
Shambala School
Musquodoboit Harbour Elementary
Sheet Harbour Consolidated
Lakefront Consolidated
CP Allen High School
St. Stephen's Elementary
Sambro Elementary
St. Joseph A. MacKay
Eastern Consolidated
Duncan MacMillan High School
Halifax Independent School
Central Spryfield Elementary
South Woodside Elementary
Astral Drive Elementary

Elizabeth Sutherland Elementary

Millenium School Grounds Project

Tantallon Junior High
Tantallon Elementary
St. Margaret's Bay Elementary
East St. Margaret's Elementary
Shatford memorial Elementary

Hurricane Relief Project 2004

AJ Smeltzer Junior High
Westmount Elementary
Fairview Junior High
Auburn Drive High School
Sir Charles Tupper
Bicentennial School

2004-05

Eric Graves Junior High
Burton Ettinger Elementary
Hammonds Plains Consolidated
Lakeview Consolidated
Auburn Drive High school
Westmount Elementary
Humber Park Elementary
Bedford Junior High
Harold T. Barnett Junior High
JL Isley High School

Summer Maintenance

NS Department of the Environment & Labour, NS
Department of Education, Tree Canada Foundation

Three (3) university students hired to maintain care at
16 schools in HRM.

**St. Stephen's Elementary, Halifax, has been selected as
the 2004 winner of the Tree Canada National John
Fischer Greening School Grounds Award.**