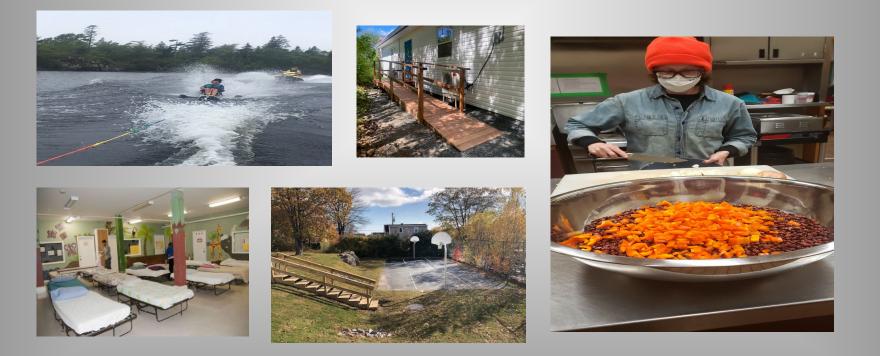
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## Finance & Asset Management Grants & Contributions



# Grants and Contributions Portfolio...

- Community Grants Program Todays' focus
- Tax Exemption For Non-Profit Organizations
- AO50 Disposal of Surplus Real Property Assigned to the Community Interest Category
- Community Museums Grant Program
- Grants & Contributions Interdepartmental Support (e.g. grants awarded through a contribution agreement).

### **Community Grants Program Overview**

- Annual Program: accepts applications January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> from eligible nonprofit societies, cooperatives, charities, or those incorporated under an Act of Legislation or Parliament
- One time project specific grants > \$5,000 program or > \$25,000 for capital projects (properties & large equipment)
- Funding Categories: Affordable Housing, Community Arts, Community Histories, Diversity & Inclusion, Emergency Assistance & Public Safety, Environment & Climate Change, Leisure, Recreation
- Application process: applications screened for eligibility, recommendations based on project merit relative to other sector applicants, and initial sector allocation of program budget.
- Awards: Possible outcomes include approved, declined, amended, referred back to Grants Committee.
- Final report from grant recipient due by fiscal year end (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

## Community Grants Program: Highlights of the Redesign Methodology

- Profile of Nova Scotia's nonprofit and charitable sector.
- Internal scan of municipal grant program Administrative Orders.
- Interviews with staff who administer other municipal grant programs.
- Jurisdictional scan of comparable grant programs.
- Analysis of Community Grants Program applicants between 2018 2021.
- Program participant/public survey

#### Main Program Revisions

Simplification	Clarification	Navigation
<ul> <li>Guidebook, application, and reporting form.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Priority outcomes for each category.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ New web address (halifax.ca/grants).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Funding category descriptions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Eligibility of unregistered groups as co-applicants.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue digital meetings.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Flexibility of application deadlines (i.e., weekend, holidays, global pandemic).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Amended eligibility of leasehold improvements to public</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Reinstating in-person meetings.</li> <li>✓ Communications plan.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Return of unspent funds. (&gt;\$50)</li> </ul>	property (provincial, federal) conditional	
<ul> <li>Reduced reporting default penalty (up to 3 years).</li> </ul>	upon cost-share – excludes municipal property.	
years).	<ul> <li>Registration "default" explained (revoked or suspended).</li> </ul>	

#### **Program Focus & Evaluation Highlights**

The program's focus supports volunteer organizations that are largely self-funded and/or those with limited access to government funding whose programs enhance public access (inclusive, affordable, location). The program's scoring matrix has been simplified.

Tier One: Gross annual revenue Under \$50,000 – paid staff ? Tier Two: Gross annual revenue Under \$250,000 - paid staff ? Tier Three: Gross annual revenue OVER \$250,000 - paid staff ?

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