

Recommended Awards: 2020 Community Grants Program

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts & Crafts category focuses on projects undertaken by non-professional or pre-professional arts organizations that advance arts-based community engagement, the preservation or presentation of local art or craft traditions, or an issue-based participatory art-making process. Priority outcomes include self-representation, cultural identity, and community-based art/craft amenities.

Tier 1

1. Bedford Leisure Club – Bedford – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1978, the Club hosts assorted leisure activities, including the Bedford Leisure Club Orchestra and Choir. The Club operates in an HRM-owned facility located on the Bedford Highway and offers assorted activities such as cards, social events, and gardening workshops. Operations are entirely volunteer and sustained by membership dues and workshop fees. An occupancy agreement is under negotiation. A grant of \$1,322.22 is requested to fully fund the purchase of twenty-five (25) portable music stands; the equipment will be made available to other music groups who use the venue (Fiddlers Group, Highland Heritage, Just for Fun Music, and the Variety Music Group) and for off-site performances. ***A grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards the purchase of music stands for the Bedford Leisure Club.***

2. La Cooperative Radio Halifax Metro (OUI 98.5 FM) – Regional – Project Grant/Professional Fees

Incorporated in 2003, the cooperative is a community radio station specializing in French language programming. Operations are sustained by volunteers and paid advertising. To strengthen the viability of the society the Board of Directors has initiated a plan to modernize technical capabilities, reduce operating costs, and enable home-based programming. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards sound technician professional fees, Virtual Private Network connectivity to enable remote capacity, and to relocate the society's radio transmitter to broaden the broadcast catchment area. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards professional fees to implement technical upgrades to enhance OUI 98.5 FM broadcast capacity and reduce annual operating costs.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category based on programming content which includes music, literature, history and film reviews. In general, broadcasting is recognized as a cultural industry and included in statistical surveys on investment in cultural practices or arts.

3. JRG Society for the Arts – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Marketing

The Society is a registered Canadian charity formed for the purpose of providing small grants to artists with a disability and to promote their work to a broader audience. The Society is in its formative stage and modest revenues are primarily donations, fundraising events, and project-specific government grants. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund upgrades to enhance the visual content of the Society's web site. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$2,500 is recommended towards professional fees for a web site upgrade.***

4. ScotianAires Barbershop Harmony Society – Regional – Project Grant/Equipment

Incorporated in 1986, the ScotianAires are a women's cappella chorus. The Society is entirely volunteer and choral experience is not required; subsidized membership rates are available. Performances are offered for a nominal fee with a portion of the proceeds donated to local charities. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of "risers" costing \$16,000. Application has been made for federal government assistance, but the Society has committed to increase their cost-share if this funding is not received. Storage and insurance are confirmed. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of music risers for the ScotianAires women's chorus.***

Tier 2

5. Ink Storm Screenprinting Society – Halifax – Project Grant/Equipment

Established in 2009, the society's mandate is to offer resources to emerging artists and art enthusiasts. Amenities include affordable rental space, screen printing equipment, a kiln and meeting and events space. Revenues are well diversified with income from memberships, fundraising, workshops, events, and project-specific grants. The society wishes to convert a room in premises leased by the Society to establish a modest recording studio (total cost \$6,321). The suggested hourly rental rate is \$15 but pay-what-you-can is also an option. The project aligns with the sector's funding priorities in terms of developmental projects for non-professional or pre-professional artists, cultural identity and self-representation. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of equipment to establish a small recording studio.***

Tier 3

6. Scotia Chamber Players – Halifax – Capital Grant/Equipment

Scotia Chamber Players is a registered Canadian charity and professional arts organization that promotes chamber music performance and training. The society is well known for its annual *Scotia Festival of Music* event and the *Music Room Chamber Players Series*, a 20-concert program of recitals by local and visiting professional musicians. Operations are funded through ticket sales, fundraising, corporate sponsorship, government operating and project grants, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of a projector, a custom wall-mount and accessories for wireless presentations (total \$6,683.11). The projector costs over \$5,000 and qualifies as a capital grant (\$6,412+HST). The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. The addition of this equipment will enhance the facility's utility for a variety of professional and non-profit organizations and thereby earned revenues from rentals. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of a projector for the Music Room performance venue.***

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The Diversity & Inclusion category encompasses organizations and projects serving individuals who face physical, financial, linguistic or attitudinal barriers to full participation in community activities typically available to members of the public. The program does not fund scholastic or vocational training (for example, educational upgrading, literacy, workshops, vocational skills, or employment readiness).

Tier 2

7. Petpeswick Yacht Club – East Petpeswick – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade (Inclusion)

Founded in 1966, the Club own and operate a sailing club on Petpeswick Inlet to offer mooring, learn-to-sail lessons, kayaking, and paddle boarding. The facility has a clubhouse, boat shed and launch, and a small beach. Membership fees are modest and include a social category. Operations are sustained by membership dues, facility rentals, program fees, and municipal tax relief. A grant of \$2,097 is requested to fully fund the purchase of materials for the construction of an accessibility deck and wheelchair ramp for the clubhouse's rear fire exit. The Club has secured in-kind corporate donations of equipment and labour. ***A grant of \$2,097 is recommended to enhance accessibility and fire safety for the Petpeswick Yacht Club facility.***

Tier 3

8. Alliance Francaise – Halifax – Project Grant/Program (Diversity)

The society is a language school that provides online and classroom instruction in French and proficiency examinations. The organization's revenues are primarily tuition fees. In 2019, a free community program was launched called *Speak Dating*. Sessions are held once a month at the Halifax Central Library. Participants are paired to practice speaking French with a peer then rotate every seven minutes. The first

half of the session is French, and the second half participants can experience another language (for example, Spanish, Gaelic, Arabic). In 2020, the society aim to expand the program to include the Keshan Goodman Library and the Woodlawn Library. The program budget is \$6,000 and the society has committed \$1,000 in "coordination" costs. Partial funding is recommended given that an ability to host this form of group activity will be constrained in 2020 and marketing was the only eligible expense. ***A matching grant of \$1,000 is recommended towards marketing expansion of the Speak Dating language project.***

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Grants awarded under the Emergency Assistance & Neighbourhood Safety category support non-profit organizations in the provision of immediate aid to individuals and families in overcoming a critical event such as a man-made or natural disaster, the provision of subsistence aid (overnight or short-stay housing for the homeless or a food bank), and EMO comfort centres recognized by HRM Fire & Emergency Services.

Tier 1

9. Chezzetcook and District Lions Club – Head of Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade: EMO Comfort Centre

The Chezzetcook chapter of the Lions Club was established in 1984. The Club has a small membership which raises funds to support local community initiatives. In 1996, the Club acquired a former school from HRM to serve as a clubhouse and community hall. Operations are sustained by volunteer fundraising, events, meals, rentals, project-specific grants, and municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund remodelling and upgrades to the facility's kitchen. As stated in the program guide (p.7) interior renovations (including cabinetry) are a lower funding priority. However, an inspection by the Nova Scotia Health Authority to confirm compliance with the requirements for a commercial-grade kitchen identified an issue with water quality. Funding is recommended to purchase and install a water purification system to remove trace arsenic. Potable water is a requirement for HRM EMO comfort centres. ***A grant of \$3,220 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of a water purification system for the Chezzetcook comfort centre.***

Tier 2

10.Trustees of Brunswick Street United Church: Brunswick Street Mission – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Upgrades

The Brunswick Street Mission is an "outreach" ministry of the United Church of Canada that delivers a hot breakfast program 6 days a week to homeless and lower income individuals, operates a clothing bank, and serves as trustee for persons unable to manage their income or who do not have a bank account. Assistance can also be provided with income tax returns or applying for government benefits. The Mission is sustained by the church, donations and fundraising. A place of worship is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. In 2020, the church will commence major renovations costing in excess of \$200,000¹. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a security/telecom system and a new fire alarm panel (total cost \$7,327.24). As stated in the application; *"the goal and objective of this project can be summed up in a simple analogy; we want to welcome our guests to the living room instead of the basement. The renovations are planned so that we can offer our programs and services to anyone struggling with poverty within the Halifax Regional Municipality no matter their limitations"*. Funding is recommended to support homeless persons and the addition of showers is a niche amenity not widely available. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards upgrades to the Brunswick Street United Church towards security/telecom system upgrades to enhance services to homeless and lower income clients.***

¹ This work includes partial demolition of interior walls and the addition of accessible bathroom and laundry amenities. Applications for the remodeling have been submitted to the provincial government, charitable foundations, and the United Church of Canada.

11.Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church – Mineville – Capital Grant/Equipment: EMO Comfort Centre

The Church is sustained by congregational offerings and is not assessed tax pursuant to the Assessment Act. The church building has a large gymnasium and ample meeting room and has been designated as an HRM EMO comfort centre to serve Mineville and Lake Echo. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator (total \$42,108.50 HST included). HRM assistance in the amount of \$10,000 is confirmed and the applicant's cost-share (\$7,108.50) is confirmed. As a registered Canadian charity, the church may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of a propane generator for the Mineville/Lake Echo comfort centre.***

Tier 3

12.Halifax Transition House Association – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Site Development

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that offers a range of support services to women and children leaving domestic violence. Operations are sustained by operating funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and the federal government, municipal tax relief, and annual fundraising. In 2017, the Association acquired land and commenced construction of a new, expanded facility to replace *Byrony House* expected to cost \$6.5 million. The need for this facility was demonstrated by the temporary closure of the Halifax premises in 2019 due to persistent problems with the building's condition. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the development of an enclosed play area at a projected cost of \$85,960. A donation and government grants totalling \$60,000 are confirmed. The area will be enclosed for the safety of the facility's residents. As a registered charity the Association can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A capital grant of \$15,000 is recommended towards the development of a playground for the new Bryony House women's shelter.***

13.Metro Food Bank Society Nova Scotia – Regional/Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Equipment

When the Society was established in 1984 it primarily served the urban Halifax area but has since grown to encompass a network of food banks throughout Nova Scotia supported by a centralized food distribution facility in Burnside Industrial Park, Dartmouth. Operating under the name *Feed Nova Scotia* the Society collects and distributes food to 144 member agencies including food banks, shelters, drop-in centres and feeding initiatives. Revenues are primarily donations, special events, grants, and municipal tax relief. In 2019, the estimated value of food distributed was \$11,130,571 and approximately 50% of recipients were located within HRM. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a generator for the food distribution warehouse costing \$64,995.71. The generator will be purchased from Heritage Gas who will contribute \$35,000 in support of the project. In the event of an extended power outage fresh and frozen produce would not be lost. The Society's contribution is to pay the HST but as a registered Canadian charity a partial rebate may be received from Revenue Canada. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended for the purchase and installation of a generator for Feed Nova Scotia's distribution centre in Dartmouth.***

14.Royal Canadian Legion: Marine Branch #161/Nova Scotia and Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – Gaetz Brook – Capital Grant/Accessibility: EMO Comfort Centre

The Legion is incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Canada (1948) and is exempt property tax under the Assessment Act. The Legion hall is sustained by bar sale revenues, hourly rentals, and gaming. Regular user groups include the *White Caps* seniors club and the facility is an EMO comfort centre. A capital grant of \$20,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and replacement of three (3) exterior doors one of which would be equipped with automated door opener for access to the wheelchair ramp. Partial funding is recommended to target only incremental upgrades that directly relate to an EMO

centre; which in this particular case is the facility's accessibility². ***A capital grant of \$7,300 is recommended towards the purchase and installation of an exterior door equipped with an automated opener for access to the-Gaetz Brook comfort centre.***

15.Saint Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

Incorporated in 1968, the Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides support services, overnight shelter for the homeless, and housing for persons transitioning from correctional institutions to community placement. The Society own and operate six (6) properties in Halifax. Operations are sustained by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and Correctional Services Canada. HRM provides an annual property tax grant to all six (6) properties. A capital grant in the amount of \$25,000 has been requested towards the purchase and installation of a ventilation system and replacement board and batten siding, doors and windows for the *Sir Sanford Fleming House* (c.1860), a municipally registered heritage property. The total project costs are estimated to be \$135,488 of which \$100,000 has been confirmed through an Efficiency Nova Scotia grant. As a registered charity, the Society can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The project is expected to reduce the shelter's annual utility costs. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards energy efficiency upgrades to a transitional housing facility for men.***

Note: Although the property has heritage status this application has been reviewed under Emergency Assistance because most of the project costs relate to interior upgrades. HRM approval has been received with respect to exterior work (siding, windows, doors).

ENVIRONMENT

The Environment category supports small-scale recycling and environmental monitoring projects, public education, protection or remediation of waterways, protection of wildlife habitat and endangered species, and community gardens. Animal control may be considered for stray, abandoned or feral domestic pets.

Tier 2

16.Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society – Middle Musquodoboit – Capital Grant/New Building

The Society was established under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1909 for the purpose of promoting the agricultural heritage of the area and is widely recognized for its annual *Halifax County Exhibition* event which takes place on the Exhibition Grounds owned and operated by the society. The property is not assessed under the Assessment Act. Revenues are primarily event-related grants, facility rentals and project-specific grants. The site contains several buildings which are used throughout the year by local non-profit organizations for meetings, workshops, events, the 4-H Cub, the Valley Weeders garden club, a food bank, and a proposed new program called the *Thoughtful Food Project*. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards demolition and replacement of one building that has been used for the *Halifax County Exhibition's* food-related competitions and displays, food preparation, and rentals. The total estimated project cost is \$56,000 and the Society has committed \$28,000 and applied for financial assistance through Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. If federal funding is not received the project could be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards construction of a new "Food Hall" on the Exhibition Grounds in Middle Musquodoboit. Excludes the purchase of new kitchen appliances.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Leisure category based on the building's function in relation to food production, cooking, and food security.

² The replacement of two exterior doors is a generic element and would be considered under the Leisure category (as per a community hall or a seniors' social club). The applicant could also make application to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage under the Legion Capital Assistance Program.

Tier 3

17. Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty – Dartmouth/Regional – Project Grant/Equipment

The SPCA is a registered Canadian charity that advocates for animal rights and cruelty prevention, operates shelters for seized, surrendered or abandoned animals, and provides on-site education for current and future pet owners. Revenues are primarily from provincial and municipal government contracts, adoption fees, fundraising and donations. The Society receives municipal tax relief for two properties located in Dartmouth. A capital grant of \$6,979.99 is requested to full fund the purchase of holding kennels for cats. The Society's contribution is a partial HST rebate from Revenue Canada. Operations have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of an increased length of stay for animals sheltered prior to the state of emergency and restrictions on veterinary services. Economic hardship caused by the pandemic may also result in an increase in pet surrenders or fewer adoptions. Animal control services complement HRM's by-law enforcement role. ***A capital grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the purchase of replacement kennels for the SPCA animal shelter located at 5 Scarfe Court, Dartmouth.***

Note: the proposed grant is towards replacement equipment for the animal shelter owned and operated by the Society; funds are not to be expended in relation to the municipal animal shelter operated under contract to the Municipality.

HISTORY

The History category encompasses community-based historical research, collections, and public presentation aimed at enhancing awareness of the region's physical and social development and distinct cultural identity. Awards towards the conservation of a registered heritage building or site are conditional upon the approval of HRM Planning & Development (Heritage). Priority outcomes include opportunities for self-representation, geographic and demographic inclusivity, authenticity, innovative presentation and interpretation.

Tier 1

18. Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of Nova Scotia- Halifax - Project Grant/Interpretation

Incorporated in 2011, the Association's mandate is to preserve the history of health sciences in Nova Scotia, notably medicine, nursing, dentistry and pharmacy. The society is entirely volunteer and sustained by membership dues. Artifacts and documents are stored and displayed in various hospital and university locations but the society is seeking a permanent repository to house the combined collection. In the interim, members want to enhance research and public access to the collection using the Internet. A grant of \$4,983 is requested to fully fund professional fees to photograph and digitize a select number of artifacts to be made available online. ***A grant of \$4,983 is recommended for professional fees to photograph and digitize a collection of historical artefacts.***

19. Historical Society of Fall River and Windsor Junction – Fall River/Windsor Junction – Project Grant/Marketing

Incorporated in 2011, the Society maintains a small archive in the local community hall. This small, entirely volunteer group is sustained by membership dues, donations and fundraising. To recruit more members and publicize the group's activities the members have created a small color brochure. A grant of \$2,200 is requested to fully fund printing and distribution. As proposed, the grant is one-time: future reprints would be the responsibility of the society. ***A one-time grant of \$2,200 is recommended towards printing and distribution of a self-promotional brochure.***

20. L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association – West Chezzetcook – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a community museum. The society receive an operating grant under the HRM Community Museums Grant Program (\$4,000 per

annum), municipal events funding, and municipal tax relief. The Association does not receive any funding under the Nova Scotia Community Museums Assistance Program: most earned revenues are generated through event hosting and a commercial tenancy. A capital grant of \$6,230 is requested towards the purchase and installation of a "mini-split" heat pump in two (2) buildings owned and operated by the society (total \$10,230): *Le Grange* which is a large barn-like structure used for large-scale events and the *Tea Room* building which is leased to an unrelated third party. The aim of the project is to reduce annual operating costs and enhance rentals. The applicant's cost-share and an Efficiency Nova Scotia rebate are confirmed. As a registered charity the society is eligible to apply to Revenue Canada for an HST rebate. The project is expected to reduce utility costs. ***A grant of \$5,200 is recommended to fully fund the purchase and installation of one (1) heat pump in the Le Grange building.***

21. Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield – Spryfield – Project Grant/Interpretation

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that promotes the preservation of Spryfield's agricultural history and local food consumption using community and market gardens. Operations are sustained by product sales, donations, non-recurring project grants, and partial municipal tax relief. In 2019, the Society retained consultants to develop a strategic plan; the study identified the need for interpretive signage to communicate information on-site. A grant of \$5,000 is requested for the fabrication and installation of two (2) outdoor interpretive panels (total \$7,118.50). The Society's cost-share and property owner's consent are confirmed. As a registered charity the Society may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards the fabrication and installation of two (2) interpretive panels describing the history of the former Kidston Farm site and buildings.***

Tier 2

22. Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia – Dartmouth/Provincial – Project Grant/Interpretation

The Association is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to foster the study of genealogy and preserve family history. Operations are self-sustained through membership dues, fundraising, and investment interest. A grant of \$4,000 is requested towards the conservation and digitization of an original copy of a map of Dartmouth produced in 1878 by Henry W. Hopkins, a land surveyor and engineer who created large maps and atlases of towns and counties in the United States and Canada. The 42"x58" map depicts property ownership and location and is a valuable resource for researchers. The grant is for professional fees for restoration and digital photography. A fully restored copy of the map will be donated to the Dartmouth Heritage Museum to enhance public access. The project aligns with the funding sector's priority in furthering authentic preservation of historical assets. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended for the conservation and digitization of the Hopkins Map.***

23. Old Burying Ground Foundation – Halifax – Project Grant/Artifact Conservation: National Heritage Site

The Foundation is a registered Canadian charity whose volunteers provide stewardship and raise funds to protect, preserve and promote the national, provincial and municipal heritage burial site owned by St. Paul's Anglican church. The cemetery is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. In addition to fundraising the Foundation is supported by an HRM operating grant for grounds maintenance and non-recurring project grants. A grant of \$4,770 is requested to fully fund the purchase of specialty metal brackets used to stabilize gravestones to prevent damage. As a registered charity the Foundation may apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended toward artifact protection in the Old Burying Grounds, a National Heritage Site.***

Tier 3

24. Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Building Assessment: Registered Heritage Building

The society own and operate an extensive portfolio of residential properties that provide housing to lower income individuals and families. Operations are largely self-sustaining through rental income with individual rent subsidies from Housing Nova Scotia. The Society receives municipal tax relief for their holdings. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to fully fund professional fees for an architectural and engineering assessment of the *Thomas Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House* (c.1837), a registered

heritage property used for administrative offices. The study findings will be used to develop a renovation plan and budget. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended to fully fund professional fees to conduct a structural assessment of the Thomas Boggs-Lawrence Hartshorne House, a municipally registered heritage property.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Housing category based on the heritage status of the building and its' use as an administrative office including non-residential third party tenancy.

25. Deep Water Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Capital Improvement: Registered Heritage Building

Deep Water Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings. As a place of worship, the property is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. In 2013, the church purchased the former North Street Disciples of Christ Church, a registered heritage property. The building was destroyed in the Halifax Explosion and re-built in 1920. In the last three years the church has invested heavily in capital repairs (approximately \$165,000) which has significantly improved the streetscape appearance of the property. A grant of \$18,435 requested to fully fund partial roof repairs (replacement shingles). Partial funding is recommended towards completion of the roof repair. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards roof repairs to the former North Street Disciples of Christ Church, a registered heritage property.***

26. Parish of St. George's Anglican Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs: National Historic Building

St. George's Anglican Church is a religious organization and registered Canadian charity sustained by congregational offerings, facility rentals, and project-specific grants. As a place of worship, the building is exempt tax under the Assessment Act. *St. George's Round Church* (c.1800) is a cylindrical wooden structure in the Georgian style with Palladian features that is a designated a National Historic Building, and a provincial and municipal registered heritage property. A grant of \$25,000 is requested towards roof re-shingling; the total estimated cost is \$74,750. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed (\$34,750) and application has been made to the Anglican Foundation (\$15,000) but is unconfirmed. The project could be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended for roof repairs to St. George's Round Church, a National Historic Building.***

HOUSING

Funding priorities include housing for persons unable to secure appropriate accommodations in the open market and may require on-site or individual support services, and affordable rental options for lower income tenants. Priority may be given to projects that expand capacity through the creation of additional residential units or beds. Housing grants exclude private property ownership. Overnight short-stay shelters are included in the Emergency Assistance category.

Tier 2

27. Halifax Peninsula Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Repairs
Incorporated in 1982, the cooperative own and operate a portfolio of three (3) buildings with a total of ten (10) units. Operations are sustained by rental income and partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards the replacement of the fire escape for two (2) properties and associated minor upgrades (total cost \$30,245). The applicant's contribution of \$5,245 (18%) is confirmed. Code compliance and fire safety are stated priorities for the Housing funding category. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards replacement fire escapes for two (2) for residential properties.***

28. Kabuki Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Project Grant/Building Repairs
Incorporated in 1982, the cooperative own and operate an 8-unit apartment building. Operations are sustained by rental income with some tenancy income-tested and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$11,300 is requested to purchase and install eight (8) replacement windows, replacement fire extinguishers, smoke alarm wiring and hardware, and common area emergency exit lighting totalling

\$12,151.80. An amount of \$148.20 for fire extinguisher inspection is ineligible. The applicant's contribution of \$1,000 (8%) is confirmed. Partial funding is recommended: the value of the proposed award is to fully fund (i) smoke alarms and (ii) new emergency lighting, and (iii) a 50% contribution towards the replacement of four (4) windows to address egress. Fire safety is a stated priority for the program's Housing funding category. ***A grant of \$8,000 is recommended to (i) fully fund hard-wired smoke alarms and new emergency exit lighting and (ii) a contribution towards window replacement.***

Tier 2

29. Halifax Women's Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade
Incorporated in 1982, the cooperative was formed to address barriers to women in securing tenancy. The organization now own a portfolio of three (3) buildings with a total of ten (10) units and sustains operations through rental income and partial municipal tax relief. A grant of \$9,929 is requested towards replacement siding for one (1) building at a cost of \$19,929.50. The applicant's cost-share is confirmed. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$9,929 is recommended towards siding replacement.***

30. Rocky Road Housing Co-Operative Limited – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade
Incorporated in 1983, the cooperative own and operate two (2) apartment buildings with a total of twenty-eight (28) units. Operations are sustained by rental income and partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards replacement siding and minor repairs for four (4) residential units. The total cost is estimated to be \$52,000: the applicant's cost-share represents 75% of projected costs. The project could be phased as funds permit. ***A capital grant in the amount of \$10,000 is recommended towards siding replacement.***

Tier 3

31. Society for the Rehabilitation of Addicted Persons – Halifax – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade
The Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides rehabilitation to addicted persons. Operations are sustained by funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. The property known as *Alcare Place* also receives partial municipal tax relief. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fully fund the purchase and installation of two (2) replacement exterior doors and nineteen (19) windows. The project could be phased as funds permit. As a registered charity the Society could apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. The project is expected to reduce energy consumption. ***A capital grant of \$20,000 is recommended towards window replacement for Alcare Place.***

LEISURE

Funding supports community-owned and operated venues whose programming facilitates social interaction through largely passive recreational activities and opportunities for social gatherings. For example, community halls and social or hobby clubs that host meetings, civic celebrations, fundraising events, community meals, games, non-competitive or self-directed fitness, outdoor pursuits (angling, atv, snowmobile), music/film screenings, social dances, and crafts. Both the venue and programming tend to be volunteer-based and rely on modest membership dues and facility rentals.

Tier 1

32. Club 24 Society – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Building Upgrade
Club 24 is a registered Canadian charity that own and operate a small hall serving primarily persons in recovery. Operations rely on monthly rentals and special events (~90% of earned revenue). Due to the needs of its members the Club does not raise revenues through alcohol or gaming and therefore relies on fundraising and hall rentals. A grant of \$4,323.46 is requested to fully fund the purchase of replacement flooring for the hall's main room: the applicant's contribution is installation at an estimated value of

\$2,300³. As a charity the Club can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. As stated in the program Guidebook (p.7) interior renovations, including flooring, are of lower funding priority: an award is recommended based on the Club's self-reliance on earned revenues and limitations on fundraising. ***A grant of \$4,000 is recommended for the purchase of materials for clubhouse interior upgrade.***

33.Meagher's Grant Volunteer Fire Department – Meagher's Grant – Capital Grant/Building Upgrades

Incorporated in 1990 to provide volunteer firefighting services for the area, the society continues to support emergency services through renting the fire station portion of the premises to HRM Fire & Emergency Services (Station #36). The rental income from this lease sustains operations and as an active fire station the facility is tax exempt under the Assessment Act. The hall annexed to the fire station is open to the community for special events, leisure activities, meetings and room rentals (\$15-\$20/hr). Outdoor amenities include a playground, tennis court and basketball pad. A grant of \$19,737.58 is requested to fund 50% of the cost of re-siding the building; the other 50% has been secured from the federal government's New Horizons Program. Partial funding is recommended based on the applicant's limited financial capacity, affordability for users, and the effort demonstrated in securing non-municipal funding. The project could be phased as funds permit or funding sought from non-municipal sources. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards re-siding the Meagher's Grant community hall.***

34.Kiwanis Club of Eastern Passage/Cole Harbour – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

The local Kiwanis chapter of Eastern Passage/Cole Harbour was established in 1979 and provides general public access to the 6-acre park owned by the Club known as the *Morris Lake Beach and Park*. Club members support this venture through fundraising and project-specific grants or donations. HRM provides annual tax relief. The park features walking trails, a beach with a wharf for swimming and fishing, a boat launch, clubhouse and storage garage. A grant of \$3,875 is requested to fully fund minor repairs to the clubhouse and garage (skirting, small roof repairs, gutters). ***A grant of \$3,875 is recommended to fully fund minor repairs to amenities located in Morris Lake Park, a public park owned and operated by the Kiwanis Club.***

Tier 2

35.Canadian Mental Health Association: Halifax/Dartmouth Branch – Halifax/Dartmouth – Project Grant/Equipment

The Association is a registered Canadian charity that promotes mental health. Operations are sustained by funding from the United Way and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services with strong fundraising and non-recurring project grants. A grant of \$4,875 is requested to fully fund the purchase of twenty (20) computer tablets for use during *Among Friends* and the *Caring and Sharing Social Club* sessions: these clubs serve adults with moderate to severe mental illness. The Association's contribution of \$1,150 for a 2-year product warranty is confirmed. Funds issued under the Community Grants Program cannot be used for the purchase of items for personal ownership: the equipment can be loaned on a temporary basis or used on-site. As a registered charity the applicant can apply to Revenue Canada for a partial HST rebate. An introduction to technology may help reduce social isolation and the loan of equipment addresses affordability for participants. ***A one-time grant of \$3,000 is recommended towards the launch of a new technology-based social program for mental health consumers.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category based on the project's alignment with this sector's funding priorities to "encourage social interaction through largely passive recreational activities and opportunities for social gatherings" (Guidebook, p.17). The tablets are not adaptive or equipped with specialized software or content.

36.Wellington Fletcher's Lake Station House Community Hall – Wellington – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade

The former Wellington Fletcher's Lake Fire Department owned and operated a volunteer fire service until 2010. The hall annexed to the fire station now serves as a community hall while the fire bay is leased to

³ Third party quote provided with the application.

HRM Fire & Emergency Services. Because the property houses an active fire station it is exempt under the Assessment Act. The hall's operations are sustained by the lease agreement with the Municipality, bar sales, and facility rentals. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested to fund assorted facility upgrades: new windows, siding, an awning, and painting window trim totaling \$26,511.32. The project cost is a function of multiple items and work could be phased as funds permit. Partial funding is recommended toward window replacement to reduce energy consumption. ***A capital grant of \$10,000 is recommended towards replacement windows.***

RECREATION

Grants to support an expansion of community-based opportunities for the public to engage in physical activity with a focus on entry level (non-elite) programs and affordability. Priority outcomes include the provision of amenities in under-served communities and programs for children and youth.

Tier 1

37. Halifax Cycling Coalition – Halifax – Project Grant/Public Education

Incorporated in 2008, the Coalition promotes safe cycling through events, education, and advocacy. The society relies on government grants and membership dues. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the production of an illustrated free booklet with information on road safety techniques with the aim of increasing rider confidence. The total estimated cost is \$16,119 including printing. The product is to be available online and distributed at local events. Partial funding for professional fees – a graphic designer/illustrator – is recommended. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended towards graphic design fees in the production of a safety handbook for cyclists.***

38. Water Ski Wakeboard Nova Scotia – Dartmouth - Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

The society promotes the development of the sport of water skiing and wakeboarding for both recreational and competitive participants. The primary source of income is membership dues supplemented by course fees, non-recurring grants and fundraising. The society has launched an adaptive program for persons with a disability, *SkiAbility*, and operates out of the *Morris Lake Park and Beach*. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards the purchase of materials for the construction of railings on the wharf as a safety precaution and a shelter affixed to the shipping container used for equipment storage. The applicant's contribution is in volunteer labour and any applicable building permit fees. ***A grant of \$2,500 is recommended to purchase materials for upgrades to a floating wharf.***

Note: Prior funding to the society for the purchase of adaptive equipment was awarded under the Diversity & Inclusion category: this year's application has been reviewed under the Recreation category because the nature of the project is not exclusive to persons with a disability.

Tier 3

39. Dartmouth Curling Club – Dartmouth – Capital Grant/Facility Upgrade

Founded in 1936 and incorporated in 1987 the Dartmouth curling club has an established presence in the sport. The Club own and operate a rink in Dartmouth and operations are sustained by membership dues, events, facility rentals, and partial municipal tax relief. To reduce annual operating costs the Club has invested in energy efficiency upgrades and repaired the building's roof and foundation. A capital grant of \$25,000 is requested towards a replacement "chiller" system costing \$46,000. The Club's cost-share is confirmed. ***A capital grant of \$25,000 is recommended towards a replacement refrigeration system for the Dartmouth Curling Club facility.***

40. PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society – Provincial - Project Grant/Equipment

The Society is a registered Canadian charity that provides support services to persons with Autism and their caregivers. Revenues comprise service fees, donations, government grants and fundraising. The Society receive partial HRM tax relief. In response to current COVID-19 health measures, the Society plan to modify their annual summer camp program by increasing the number of venues and reducing

participants accommodated per session. Adapted office space will be used in Halifax, Bedford, and an unconfirmed location in Dartmouth. A grant of \$5,000 is requested towards unspecified costs associated with this initiative but the only eligible expenditure is equipment. As stated in the program guide, small items such as toys and office equipment are lower priority outcomes and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis (p.13). The value of the recommended grant is towards non-adaptive exercise equipment (mats, small trampoline, balls) that can easily be transported between locations and/or stored on-site. ***A grant of \$2,000 is recommended towards the purchase of exercise equipment for summer camps serving persons with Autism.***

Note: This application was re-assigned from the Diversity & Inclusion category because the equipment is not specialized/adaptive.

41. Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Dartmouth – Project Grant/Facility Upgrade

The Commission is a registered Canadian charity that provides stewardship of *Shubenacadie Park*, owned by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands & Forestry. Operations are sustained by a provincial operating grant and the property has not been assessed as taxable. A grant of \$5,000 is requested to repair a wharf that is heavily used by the public, at no cost, for kayak and canoe entry to the canal and lakes. The total cost for labour and materials is \$6,700. Although the wharf is not removed in the off-season due to a lack of storage, the structure can be moved. ***A grant of \$5,000 is recommended for the replacement of a public wharf.***

PRIOR FUNDING

If approved, the following twelve (12) organizations listed in alphabetical order have not received funding under the Community Grants Program and are considered 'new' to the program:

Association of Health Sciences Archives and Museums of Nova Scotia; Bedford Leisure Club; Dartmouth Curling Club; Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia; Halifax Cycling Coalition; Historical Society of Fall River and Windsor Junction; Kiwanis Club of Eastern Passage/Cole Harbour; Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church; PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society; ScotianAires Barbershop Harmony Society; Society for the Rehabilitation of Addicted Persons; Trustees of Brunswick Street Church.

Those organizations recommended for funding in 2020 that have received a municipal grant under the Grants & Contributions portfolio in the prior four years (2016 to 2019) are listed below in Table 2.