HALIFAX

GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 24, 2026

PRESENT:	Councillor Jean St-Amand, Chair Joseph Allen, Vice Chair Councilor Hendsbee Councillor Nancy Hartling Alyssa Gagne Hosherdar Polad Lara White Shernel O'Brien Stephanie Sachsse
REGRETS:	Councillor Virginia Hinch
STAFF:	Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 27, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Harling, seconded by Hosherdar Polad

THAT the minutes of May 27, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Joseph Allen

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS
7.1 Correspondence – None
7.2 Petitions – None
7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 STAFF
9.1.1 Community Grants Program Recommended Awards: Fiscal 2026-27

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated June 15, 2026

Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset gave a brief overview of the staff report. Temple noted the following corrections to the report:

- Page 3. Financial Implications amended to read:

Community Grants Program 2026 budget M311-8004	$500,000
Less Proposed Awards (53)	($368,006)
Less Proposed One-Time Transfer (Heritage Incentives M310-8004	($65,000)
Balance	**$66,994**

- Attachment 2. Page 2-3.

#8 Halifax Art and Performance Association
Wording of motion amended to add "and lighting": "*A grant of $25,000 is recommended to fully fund the purchase of sound and lighting equipment to expand the Sanctuary Arts Centre presentation capacity".*

- Attachment 2. Page 15

#53 West Dover Community Association
The amount and purpose of the recommended award amended to read: *"A grant in the amount of $18,000 is recommended to fund electrical and communications wiring for the West Dover community hall. Funds will be held back pending permit confirmation".*

Corrections

- **Attachment 2**.

Page 16. Acadia Recreation Club Society — Value of proposed award should read $6,100
Page 16. West Dover Community Association — Value of proposed award amended to $18,000

- **Attachment 4**

Page 1. Community Arts.
Strategic Arts Management Society. Correction – financial statement included but ineligible as late, and ineligible expenses.
Artisans of the Eastern Shore. Correction – the application form lacked two signatures/names but were included as a separate attachment.

Page 2. Diversity & Accessibility
Wellness Wags Assistance Dogs Society – amended – applicant located outside geographic boundary of HRM.

Page 5. Recreation
Spryfield Minor Softball – late application was received April 2/2026.

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Stephanie Sachsse

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve 53 awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 15, 2026 for a combined total of $375,006 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants;**

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to review Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM the Community Grants Program Administrative Order, to identify opportunities for clarification, consolidation, and efficiencies and draft any amendments to policy as applicable; and**

3. **Approve a one-time transfer of $65,000 from Operating Account M311-8004 to Operating Account M310-8004 in fiscal year 2026/27 to support the inclusion of registered heritage property owned by a non-profit or charitable organizations in the 2026 Heritage Incentives Program pending approval of amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM Respecting Heritage Incentives.**

Temple and Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants & Contributions responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee proposed that the review of the Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM, as stated in the recommendation, should consider the issue of multi-year awards and consecutive awards.

Temple noted the West Dover Community Association had received funds from a non-municipal source and wanted to direct any municipal grant to power installation. Temple explained that staff had reviewed the request and noted that the quote provided with the original application included an itemized cost for electrical and communications wiring. Therefore, the request could be considered within the original project scope and supported by a quote and staff recommended an amended award in the amount of $18,000.

As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Stephanie Sachsse

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 26, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant