



Subject: *District Recreation Fund Applications - April 2023 Intake*
To: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee
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Related Motions: N/A
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Summary

This report brings forward four District Recreation Fund (DRF) applications for Executive Committee’s consideration.

The second DRF intake deadline was April 30, 2023. Five applications were received and requested funds totaled \$44,330. The applications were reviewed by the Staff Grant Review Committee and evaluated against the District Recreation Fund policy.

Financial Impact Statement

The total available District Recreation Funds for 2023-2024 are \$733,020 including the Gore, Mount Uniacke area rates and Shubenacadie Community Fund. Four applications approved by Council in March totaled \$70,401.

The balance of the District Recreation Funds is \$662,619 following Council approval of the first DRF intake in April.

The five new applications being recommended for funding have a total value of \$42,729. If approved, the total DRF disbursement from the first and second intakes for 2023-2024 will be \$113,130.

Recommendation

That Council approve the funding recommendations for the DRF grant applications based on discussion at committee pending all supporting documents are submitted.

Recommended Motion

Move that Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2023-2024 (intake 2) based on policy as follows:

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| • Lions Memorial Park (District 3) | \$ 5,750 |
| • Milford Recreation Association (District 3) | \$ 8,973 |
| • EH Horne School Preservation Society (District 10) | \$ 6,301 |
| • East Gore Community Club (District 11) | \$ 6,147 |
| • Empire Trails Society (District 11) | \$15,558 |

Background

The District Recreation Funding Program offers annual funding opportunities to groups and organizations that provide benefit to the residents of East Hants and provide for the development of programs, activities and infrastructure that encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

Program Objectives:

1. Support community-based organizations to maintain and enhance their recreation facilities.
2. Establish criteria which is equitable and consistently applied.
3. Maintain accountability when dispersing public recreation funds.
4. Support the vision and strategies of municipal strategic plans.

Organizations are first eligible for 50% of project costs. If a district's fund does not have ample funding to meet this threshold, the organization may then receive up to 50% of a district's available funds.

In special circumstances, Council may contribute more than 50% of the total project cost or more than 50% of the funds not yet committed in the District Recreation Fund if:

- The applicant is the only organization maintaining a recreation facility in that district; or
- There is evidence of significant community support demonstrated by written letters of support from the other eligible organizations; or
- The project directly advances municipal plans.
- At the direction of council.

Applications are reviewed for completeness and adherence to policies and evaluated against alignment with municipal recreation priorities and other applications from the District and Municipality.

Staff evaluate the District Recreation Funds applications and make allocations based on policy. Council may wish to consider combining district funds to help accommodate the funding requests or adjust the allocation amount for a particular project.

Groups may submit applications for Council approval throughout the year when the ability of the facility to meet ongoing community needs are impaired and require emergency funds.

2023-2024 District Recreation Funds Allocation Balance

District	2022-2023 Carry Over	2023-2024 Allocation	January 2023 (Intake 1)	2023-2024 Available Funding
1 - Enfield	\$ 36,029	\$ 28,919	\$10,000	\$ 54,948
2 - Elmsdale/Belnan	\$ 63,936	\$ 23,935	\$ 7,398	\$ 80,473
3 - Milford/ Nine Mile River	\$2,409	\$ 19,135	\$3,598	\$ 17,945
4 - Shubenacadie	\$ 7,296	\$ 9,919		\$ 17,215
5 - Maitland/MacPhees Corner	\$ 39,485	\$ 11,702		\$ 51,187
6 - Walton/Noel/Kennetcook	\$ 8,444	\$ 9,431	\$ 7,603	\$ 10,273
7 - Lantz/Milford	\$ 24,012	\$ 25,297		\$ 49,309
8 - Mount Uniacke	\$ 60,124	\$ 23,792		\$ 83,916
9 - South/East Uniacke	\$ 63,241	\$ 23,839		\$ 87,080
10 - Enfield/Grand Lake	\$ 18,332	\$ 26,873	\$ 32,602	\$ 12,602
11 - Rawdon/Gore	\$ 55,335	\$ 14,328	\$ 8,544	\$ 61,119
3 - Milford/Nine Mile River - Gore 0.01	\$ 8,351			\$ 8,351
5 - Maitland/MacPhees Corner - Gore 0.01	\$ 3,875			\$ 3,875
11 - Rawdon/Gore - Gore 0.01	\$ 7,656		\$ 656	\$ 7,000
Mount Uniacke Additional Rate	\$ 81,325	\$ 35,335		\$ 116,660
Shubenacadie Additional Funds	\$ 665			\$ 665
	\$480,515	\$ 252,505	\$ 70,401	\$ 662,619

Discussion

The staff grant committee reviewed the five additional applications in conjunction with Council’s policy. Each project is described below with a recommendation based on the policy criteria. Applications that are identified as incomplete are missing some of the required documentation as part of the application. Upon approval from Council, staff would release funds once all documentation has been received.

DRF Project Descriptions

District 3 - Milford/Nine Mile River

Funding Available: \$ 17,495

Lions Memorial Park Society

Project: Seasonal Washroom
 Requested DRF Funds: \$5,750
 Application Status: Complete

Holding tank install	\$ 3,050
Footing & frost wall	\$ 2,500
Prefab building	\$ 4,000
Electrical	\$ 850
Plumbing/Site prep	\$ 5,875
Professional fees	\$ 500
Total	\$17,275

DRF Recommendation: \$ 5,750 requested funds from the organization

Note:

- In past applications, District 1 has also contributed.
- Provincial funding application submitted

Milford Recreation Association

Project: Exterior Hall Siding & Picnic Tables/Benches

Requested DRF Funds: \$9,900

Application Status: Complete

Faux rock siding	\$13,800
Benches for trails	\$ 3,000
Picnic tables & umbrellas	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Total	\$19,800

DRF Recommendation: \$ 8,973 (50% of District allocation as per policy)

Shortfall: \$927

Note: In past applications, District 2 and 7 have also contributed.

District 10 - Enfield/Grand Lake

Funding Available: \$ 12,602

E.H. Horne School Preservation Society

Project: Flooring and Painting (Interior & Exterior)

Requested DRF Funds: \$6,975

Application Status: Complete

Flooring	\$4,347
Interior paint	\$4,025
Exterior paint	<u>\$5,577</u>
Total	\$13,949

DRF Recommendation: \$ 6,301 (50% of District allocation as per policy)

Shortfall: \$674

Note: In past applications, District 1 has also contributed.

District 11 - Rawdon/Gore

Funding Available: \$ 61,119

East Gore Community Club

Project: Roof Replacement

Requested DRF Funds: \$6,147

Application Status: Complete

Roof replacement	\$12,293
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DRF Recommendation: \$6,147 (50% of project expenses as per policy)

Note: Qualifies for the Gore .01 Rawdon/Gore Funds

Empire Trails Association

Project: Bridge Replacements

Requested DRF Funds: \$15,558

Application Status: Complete

Bridge Materials & Construction	\$16,837
Bridge Demo (in-kind)	\$ 840
Moving Materials (in-kind)	\$ 3,360
Assist with Construct (in-kind)	<u>\$10,080</u>
Total	\$31,117

DRF Recommendation: \$ 15,558 (50% of project expenses as per policy)

Notes:

- Charges to use trails, \$8/day or \$60/year
- Mainly used for biking but expanding to walking
- Private business transitioned into non-profit operating under lease agreement
- In-kind - 46% of total project cost

Summary based on recommendations based on policy

Applicant	DRF Amount Requested	Dist. Funds Available	Recommendation
Lions Memorial Park Society	\$ 5,750		\$ 5,750
Milford Recreation Association	\$ 9,900		\$ 8,973
District 3 Total:	\$ 15,650	\$ 17,945	\$ 14,723
EH Horne School Preservation Society	\$ 6,975		\$ 6,301
District 10 Total:	\$ 6,975	\$ 12,602	\$ 6,301
East Gore Community Club	\$ 6,147		\$ 6,147
Empire Trails Association	\$ 15,558		\$ 15,558
District 11 Total:	\$ 21,705	\$61,119	\$21,705
Totals:	\$ 44,330		\$ 42,729

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Supporting the community organizations through District Recreation Funds aligns with a strong sense of community by contributing to community recreation infrastructure that leads to a healthy, active and engaged community for all.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The balance of the 2023-2024 DRF Funds is \$662,619 including the Gore, Mount Uniacke area rates and Shubenacadie Community Fund. The five applications submitted requested a total of \$44,330. Based on policy, the total recommendation for the five applications is \$42,729.

Council may wish to contribute more than the recommended amounts if it aligns with municipal recreation priorities.

Alternatives

Council may consider various alterations from the recommendations being brought forward.

Attachments

N/A