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Please post for Council's information.

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Community Development Newsletter
January 2026

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Happy New Year!

Winter is a busy time for our volunteers and the community groups they serve. Read on for Volunteer Award nominations, along with many grant opportunities and deadlines.

Have questions? [Please reach out](#) to discuss upcoming programs, projects or ways we can help.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Recognize an outstanding volunteer in your organization by nominating them for an East Hants Volunteer Award! This year's Volunteer Awards will be presented at an event on Friday, April 24, as part of National Volunteer Week.

Nomination Deadline: February 20

[Nominate](#)

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES



[Student Summer Skills](#)

Nova Scotia provincial funding to employ a post-secondary student over the summer months.

Deadline: January 31



[East Hants District Recreation Funds](#)

Funding for capital projects for community recreation assets. Contact [Jo Swinemer](#) to discuss your project and request application form.

Deadline: January 31 and April 30



[Sport Fund](#)

Support for community sport organizations from Sport Nova Scotia. Contact [Lucas Duston](#) (Fundy Regional Sport Consultant).

Deadline: February 15

*Sport Fund applications are processed every two months.



[East Hants Tourism Grant](#)

Assistance for not-for-profit community tourism organizations. It is helpful to check in with [Tourism & Events Supervisor](#) about your project ahead of an application.

Deadline: February 28

PROVINCIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage (CCTH) Community Infrastructure, Active Transportation, and Accessibility grants close in 1 month! These grants compliment municipal programs in many cases.

Available Grant Programs (links to program guidelines and applications):

- [Business ACCESS-Ability Program](#) Offers cost-shared grants to businesses for accessibility improvements.
- [Community ACCESS-Ability Program](#) Supports improvements to make community buildings more accessible.
- [Community Facilities Improvement Program](#) Aids in repairs and upgrades to facilities open for public use, such as community halls.
- [Connect2 Program](#) For active transportation projects that improve connectivity within and between communities.
- [Legion Capital Assistance Program](#) Assists Royal Canadian Legions with capital upgrades.
- [Recreation Facility Development / Rink Revitalization Fund](#) Supports repairs and upgrades to community recreation facilities and rinks.

Application Deadline: February 14, 2026

We recommend all potential applicants discuss their projects with specific program officer of the appropriate grant or Fundy Regional Manager before submitting an application.

Program Contacts:

- **Community ACCESS-Ability:** AccessAbilitygrants@novascotia.ca
- **Community Facility Improvement:** CFIPgrant@novascotia.ca
- **Legion Capital Assistance:** Communitiesns@novascotia.ca
- **Connect2:** Connect2@novascotia.ca
- **Recreation Facility Development and Rink Revitalization:**

- **Fundy** (Cumberland, Colchester, East Hants): Courtney Nicholson-Patriquin fundyregion@novascotia.ca

There are other programs available at different points in the year - check out CCTH's [Grant Finder Tool!](#)

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