



Dear East Hants Municipal Council,

On behalf of the East Hants Farmers Market, I am writing to respectfully request \$600 in immediate financial support through the Municipality of East Hants' General Government Grant program.

This funding would be used to cover the Farmers Market's membership fee with the Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia Association which is essential to maintaining operations and ensuring continued access to insurance, vendor supports, and organizational resources. Without this membership, the market's ability to operate effectively and prepare for our first full season will be delayed. The requested amount represents a modest but critical investment that will help stabilize the organization as it continues to serve the region. Until we get closer to the season, we won't have any source of income and this immediate support will be a big help.

The East Hants Farmers Market has been working with municipal staff and our request for facility support funding for our 2026 markets (April through December) will be coming forward through upcoming grant season and budget process. Council was supportive of our pop-up markets in the fall, and we are excited for the upcoming season. We believe our market will play an important role in our community by supporting local producers, artisans, and small businesses, while also providing residents with access to local food and a monthly community gathering event.

Thank you for your time and continued support. We would be pleased to provide any additional information Council may require.

Sincerely,

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