

## CURRENT PROVINCIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for the annual Wellness Fund grants from Community Health Boards are being accepted from non-profit organizations, municipalities and schools until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Typically, projects funded by these grants have been intended to improve health in local communities using a population health approach in support of priorities identified by Community Health Boards. The maximum grant is \$5,000 but grants are normally \$3,000 and under.

Grants are awarded by each of the Community Health Boards, of which there are six in HRM. It is important to submit your application to the right CHB for your geographical area. You can find out which CHB covers your area and can get more information on the grants at <https://www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/wellness-funds>.

The Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage has a Recreation Community Development Grant program for non-profit organizations. It is intended to support recreation goals and priorities of communities such as active living, inclusion and accessibility, connecting with nature, supportive environments and capacity development. It is intended to support recreation rather than sports initiatives. The maximum contribution is \$10,000 and organizations are responsible for 10% of project costs, but this can come from things like other grants or donations, in-kind support or an actual cash contribution to the project. The deadline for applications is December 22<sup>nd</sup>, but funds are approved on an ongoing basis so it is better to apply earlier rather than later.

To get more information and to apply you can check <https://cch.novascotia.ca/community-development-grant>, which includes contact information for the person in your area you need to communicate with in order to apply.

The same Department [CCTH] also has an Active Communities Fund for non-profit organizations, municipalities and some other entities. It is aimed at encouraging physical activity and movement through policies, social initiatives or physical environments. It's intended that projects should target community members who are less active, or who have fewer opportunities for physical activity. Specific target groups such as youth, older adults, less active adults and people with less access to physical activity opportunities. The maximum grant amount, contribution requirement, and deadline are very similar to the Community Development Grant, above.

To get more information and to apply you can check <https://cch.novascotia.ca/active-communities-fund>, which includes contact information for the person in your area you need to communicate with in order to apply.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that nominations are now open for HRM's Volunteer Awards. The deadline for nominations is December 15<sup>th</sup> and the awards are handed out in a ceremony during Volunteer Week in April. There are categories for adults, youth and groups. The criteria are slightly different in each category but both the youth and adult awards

criteria include: Serves as a role model for others in their community; Inspires others to engage in volunteer service; and Improves the overall quality of life of fellow citizens and the community as a whole.

To get more information and a nomination form you can check <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/volunteering/volunteer-awards>, which includes contact information for the co-ordinator of the awards program, if you have any questions.

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