

STAFF REPORT

TO: Shelburne Municipal Council

FROM: Robin Smith, Community Development Coordinator

APPROVED BY: Val Kean, Director of Economic & Community Development

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026/27 Grants to Organizations Recommendations

ORIGIN

Each year the Municipality receives funding requests from organizations for the Grants to Organizations program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to Council:

THAT the Municipality of the District of Shelburne approves the recommended grant amounts attached, totaling \$ \$66,019.14, to come from the 2026/27 Grants to Organization, GL# 00-21950-791

BACKGROUND

The Grants to Organizations application deadline was February 16, 2026, and all applications had to include a recent financial statement and budget. Applicants are required to be incorporated and in good standing with the Registry of Joint Stocks Companies or be affiliated with an organization that meets those requirements. Grant categories include an Operating and Community Event (programs/services/events) eligible for up to 50% of costs (excluding salary and wages) up to a maximum of \$5000 and Capital Grants (facility repairs/equipment) eligible for up to 70% of costs up to a maximum of \$2,500. We also have the newly added categories of Partnership Support, Elite Athlete/Youth Travel (Provincial/National/International) and Sponsorship Ad/Donation Requests.

Applications are reviewed by the Grants Committee (Director of Economic & Community Development, Director of Recreation, Recreation Coordinator and Community Development Coordinator) for eligibility based on criteria that includes financial need, ability to contribute funds, additional funding sources, community need, business practices, efficient use of resources and inclusion of required documents (financial statement/budget). A preliminary list of recommended grants has been developed for Council to review.

DISCUSSION

A total of \$67,5000.00 was approved in the Municipality's 2026/27 Operating Budget for Grants to Organizations. A total of 35 applications have been received, requesting a total of \$ \$97,676.08. The attached spreadsheet shows all 35 of the organizations applying for the grant, the amount requested from each organization and the amount committee is recommending for approval.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The amount of \$66,019.14.00 will be taken from the Grants to Organization GL# 00-21950-791, leaving \$1480.86, for consideration of further requests throughout the 2026/27 fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Grants to Organizations 2026/27 Applications Spreadsheet

Organization	Requested Amount	2026/27 Recommendation
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Birchtown Community	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
CAMPS	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Clyde River Society & Cemetery	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Sandy Point Comm. Rec. Group	\$2,500.00	\$ -
Sable River Community Hall	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
OPERATING		
Community Garden & Foodshare Association	\$2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Shelburne Guild Hall Market	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Guild Hall Summer Series	\$1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Kids Fair Play	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Little Harbour & Area Social Society	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Lockeport Cemetery Company Ltd.	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Osborne Cemetery	\$4,000.00	\$ 500.00
Pet Projects	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Osprey Arts Centre	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Shelb. Co Arts Council	\$1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Shelburne Historical	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Shelburne Curling Centre	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Shelburne Longboat Society	\$1,620.00	\$ 1,620.00
Shelburne Sailing School	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Southwest Blast FC	\$1,500.00	\$ 500.00
South Shore Tourism	\$1,367.20	\$ 1,367.20
Sou'West Nova Biosphere	\$1,000.00	\$ 250.00
Town of Shelburne-Grahams Park	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
West Green Harbour Recreation Association	\$4,363.88	\$ 2,181.94
COMMUNITY EVENTS		
Black Loyalist Heritage Society	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
CEJ-Centre for Environmental Justice	\$3,225.00	\$ 500.00
Harmony Bazaar	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Lockeport Sea Derby	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Our House Youth & Wellness Centre	\$2,500.00	\$ 500.00
Town of Lockeport-Canada Day	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Lockeport VIC	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Shelb. Co Agricultural Exhibition	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
LRHS Bursary	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SRHS Bursary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Woods Harbour Days	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total GTO	\$97,676.08	\$66,019.14