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FUNDING AWARDED TO 36 RECIPIENTS FOR RNS' FIRST EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM GRANT

Dartmouth, NS: Recreation Nova Scotia has long supported recreation practitioners in navigating the logistics of starting and maintaining equipment loan programs and is happy to award 36 successful applicants across the province with the funds to support their existing or new equipment loan programs fostering more inclusive and accessible recreation opportunities.

"Supporting access to recreation by working with our member organizations has always been a top priority for Recreation Nova Scotia," says RNS president Rachel Bedingfield, "the equipment loan program is one example of the many ways recreation practitioners from across the province are working to ensure every Nova Scotian has what they need to thrive. Communities that play together, grow, and thrive together. This is the power of recreation in our communities".

Recreation Nova Scotia was overwhelmed by the response to this first-time grant. With over 60 applicants and a provincial ask of over \$300,000.00, it showed a need for further work around equipment loan programs, inclusion, and accessibility. Recreation Nova Scotia is committed to advocating for future funding opportunities for the sector in recognition of this need.

In support of the Thriving Communities Program, Recreation Nova Scotia launched its first Equipment Loan Program Grant for Nova Scotian organizations, groups, communities, towns, and municipalities, to address the increased demand for equipment loan programs that rapidly increased since COVID-19 to provide self-directed, recreational programming opportunities that are accessible to all.

More information about equipment loan programs, the grant, and the recipients can be found on the Recreation Nova Scotia website.
www.recreationns.ns.ca

About Recreation Nova Scotia:

Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS) is a provincial, not-for-profit organization established in 1998. In partnership with the volunteers and professional recreation community, RNS advocates on behalf of all Nova Scotians for recreation and leisure opportunities to promote the values and personal, social, economic, and environmental benefits of recreation and leisure. For more info visit our website: www.recreationns.ns.ca.

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