

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT & LEISURE
ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE & HOUSING,
and
PEOPLE
CABINET MEMBERS**

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications received by the council for financial assistance via the Community Grant Fund.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
 - We have received eight applications for community grant aid. These need considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The Community Grant Fund supports:

- Grants to Individuals
The scheme helps talented individuals resident in North Lincolnshire who are able to demonstrate excellence in sport, art or culture. The maximum grant is £500 towards travel and training costs and for sports related applications, free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities. Only those sports recognised by Sport England are eligible.
- Community Revenue Grant Programme
This scheme helps support the revenue costs of community groups.
- Community Capital Grant Programme
This scheme helps community sport, arts or heritage capital projects. The most we will grant is normally £15,000. Groups can apply for one grant of up to £30,000 in any five-year period if the total cost of the project is more than £60,000.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 A summary of the applications received is set out in Appendix One.

3.2 The options available to the Cabinet Members are as follows.

- approving the applications as submitted;
- refuse support; or
- offer grant support at a reduced level.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The applications received meet the criteria for grant funding up to the levels shown in the appendix.

4.2 Rejecting an application or offering grant support at a reduced level could mean that the project will not progress.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The council has approved a revenue budget of £148,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2013/14. To date, a total of £83,549.73 has been committed. This leaves £64,450.27 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £18,100.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £300,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2013/14. In addition, there is £250,000 for skate parks and multi use games areas and a £300,000 enhancement fund. To date, a total of £505,504 has been committed. This leaves £344,496 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £37,520.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no staffing, property or IT related implications to consider.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Enabling individuals and communities across North Lincolnshire to become involved in sports, art, culture and heritage projects is an excellent way to encourage participation from a wide and diverse range of social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in support of our diversity aims.

6.2 Getting more people to take part in active recreation can have a positive impact towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 There are no other implications to consider.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 Participating in sport at a national level and above is expensive. Sports governing bodies and applicants have consistently told us they need help with costs.

7.2 Funding community projects can often be difficult for community groups. Community organisations have told us that they need the Council's support to help get other grants for their projects.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Members approve the recommended level of community grant support set out in the table at Appendix One.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application packs

Community Grant Aid – June 2013

Application for Individual Grant

Individual	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Richard Triviss	Selected to represent England at the World Senior Badminton Championships in Turkey in September 2013	£1,330	£500	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is towards the costs of travel and accommodation £500 grant and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities for 2013/14 recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Ridge	
Mark York	Selected to represent Great Britain in the World Duathlon Championships in Canada during August 2013	£2,156	£500	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is towards the costs of travel and accommodation £500 grant and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities for 2013/14 recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	

Application for Community Grant – Revenue

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Barton Partners in Play	Summer Playscheme for children aged 3-11 during summer holidays providing fun and special activities	£2,330	£2,500	Club currently have £4.60 in the bank £100. Charge of £1 per child per session Beneficiaries: Can accommodate upto 40 children each day	The playscheme will be open to all local primary children and their families. The local community is semi rural and has a high proportion of families on benefits and in receipt of FSM. Group were supported in providing this facility during Summer 2012 with a grant of £2,000 £2,100 grant recommended.	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Barton	

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Winterton Community Hub CIC	To provide a coordinator to fully develop the Hub into a facility that hosts a variety of projects relevant to local people in particular the most vulnerable and disadvantaged	£24,964	£15,000	Application to Awards for all for £9,964. Group have £765 in bank. Beneficiaries: 450	This application is to support the transfer of a council asset to community management and is to provide a coordinator to develop the Hum. £15,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	

Application for Community Grant – Capital

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Alkborough & Walcot Parish Council	Low Wells Improvement Project. Low Wells is a site of local historic interest which has fallen into disrepair due to land slippage	£3,000	£2,700	Parish Council currently have £2,269 in bank of which £300 has been earmarked for this project Beneficiaries: There are over 10,000 visitors per annum to Alkborough Flats who will pass Low Wells. It is on the Nev Cole Way so ramblers will benefit from the provision of a picnic bench	Project will improve village amenities. Eligible for support. £2,700 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Support from residents association, history group, church and school. Village survey 2010 supports village green
Barrow Parish Council	Installation of gateway signs to improve street scene and reflect and enhance local heritage on four principle entry routes into Barrow	£7,600	£5,600	Parish Council currently have £28,220 in bank. £1,000 has been allocated to this project. Further donations of £500 each have been confirmed from Better Barrow and a private donation	This application is to install gateway signs on four entry routes into Barrow. Investigating allocation of reserves. £5,600 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Ferry	Petitions/ resident action

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Haxey and District Bowls Club	To purchase grounds maintenance equipment to provide suitable bowling surface.	£3,230	£2,230	Bank accounts show current balance of £2,627 of which £1,000 is allocated to project and balance is for general running costs Beneficiaries: Club members (26) plus visiting teams	This application meets the criteria and is to purchase a high quality lawn mower to maintain a high quality playing surface. They have been fundraising for a number of years towards this equipment. £2,230 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Axholme South	
Haxey Playing Field Association	To install skate park	£29,989	£26,990	Group have approximately £4,00 in bank accounts and are able to offer 10% (£2,999) to project but would have hoped to save this for other improvements works as part of the project. Beneficiaries: whole communities and visiting family and friends	This application meets the criteria and is to install a skate park at the playing field in Haxey. £26,990 grant recommended with condition that constitution, child protection policy and equal opportunity policy are provided	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Axholme South	Community consultation has taken place via door to door survey. Report is being produced but initial findings were that most of the community were in favour of the project