

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 9 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 £88,600.59 has been committed. This leaves £59,399.41 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £12,625.

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 £566,284 has been committed. This leaves £291,806 to allocate. The table below shows how this allocation is divided. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £23,400.

	Budget	Committed	Balance Remaining
Capital (+slippage) (YL0028)	£308,090	£308,084	£6
Skate Parks & MUGAs (YL0042)	£250,000	£101,990	£148,010
Enhancement Fund (YL0051)	£300,000	£156,210	£143,790
Total	£858,090	£566,284	£291,806

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 – September 2013

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 Living Memorial Trust	Addition of missing names to memorial from First World War	£1614.60	£725	Barton Living Memorial Trust have £150 available for project with £450 in the bank. Additional funds are as follows: £590 from Memorial Trust, £200 from Barton Lions, and £100 from Lindsey Oil Refinery.	Application is to add second plaque to memorial with missing names following research and prior to 100 year anniversary £725 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Barton upon Humber	
Brigg Gymnastics Club	Development of club to allow delivery of more varied sessions and to attract and retain more participants	£17,593	£7,100	Applied for £9,994 from Sport England, £1,000 from club balances. Latest bank statement shows £2,200.33. Beneficiaries: Approx 200	Club currently running as a recreational club but would like to train coaches and purchase equipment to be able to develop further as a club. Application is for costs of volunteers to attend British Gymnastics coach course, transport to events and competitions and purchase of a full floor mat. £7,100 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Based in Ridge at Ancholme Leisure centre but open to all	
Family History Carer Group	Purchase of digital camera for use by member of the Family History Group at Carers' Support Centre, Brigg	£118.06	£100	Club have £18 available for the purchase of the camera Beneficiaries: 10 directly, up to 200 if loaned to other groups within the centre	Club would like to purchase a digital camera to document events activities and visits. Photos will be used to create publicity for the group and attract new members £100 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Based in Brigg & Wolds but open to all	

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Owston Ferry Society	Buildings and contents insurance for the Old Smithy Museum and Heritage Centre	£1,302.15	£1,302.15	Club expenditure is in excess of income. Help with the cost of the insurance cover is sought. Group have £12,000 in the bank for services, maintenance, coal and Santa 'gifts'.	Application is for retrospective support. There does not appear to be immediate financial need. Nil grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme South	
Scunthorpe Gateway	Transport costs for collecting/returning members for Friday evening social and leisure club	£8,250	£4,125	Club have 50% of project costs available with £5,800 in bank Beneficiaries: 79	Application is to cover the hire of a bus to transport members to social and leisure club. £3,700 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Scunthorpe	

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
Crosby United Junior Football Club	To provide fencing to secure changing facilities, storage and toilet facilities and to secure multi use games area to create enclosed all weather training pitch	£16,370	£14,732	Group have allocated 10% of project from own funds. Bank account currently shows £7,303 of which £5,300 is for rental, utility bills etc, £1,500 is a donation towards to cost of replacement goal posts and £1,000 is for new kit/equipment for the new season Beneficiaries: 1,000	Application meets the criteria and is towards the cost of erecting fencing and gates £14,730 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Crosby & Park	Surveys and questionnaires show strong support for safe environment

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West Butterwick Village Hall	Energy efficiency project to include installation of additional rood insulation, thermostatic radiator valves, cisternisers to toilets, supply and fit occupancy sensors and upgrade lighting to LED.	£6,737.60	£3,367.80	Applied for a Community Pot Energy Efficiency Grant of £3,367.80 (50%). Currently have £9,000 which is considered to be the minimum amount to manage the hall. Group have not allocated anything to project Beneficiaries: approx. 1,500/year	Application meets the criteria and is to carry out energy efficiency works to reduce energy bills in the future. £3,370 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme South	
Worlaby Parish Council	Installation of notice boards and community seating	£5,921	£5,330	Bank accounts show current balance of £2,332 of which £591 is allocated to project. The balance is for general running costs. Beneficiaries: Parish residents, local area and tourists	This application meets the criteria and is to install three notice boards and four benches around the village. £5,300 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg & Wolds	Current notice boards are rotten and allow moisture in making visibility of contents difficult

Application for Community Grant – Children and Young People Focus

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
2 nd Scunthorpe Seascouts	Maintenance grant for general running expenses of facility	£1,909	£1,000	Other costs met through club. Bank account balance £6,000 to cover additional costs of running scout group Beneficiaries:24	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £1,000 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in scouting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Frodingham	n/a