

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT AND LEISURE
ASSETS, CULTURE AND HOUSING,
and
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
CABINET MEMBERS**

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications received for financial assistance via the Community Grant Fund.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
 - We have received 10 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 normally £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 2015/16. To date, a total of £114,120 has been committed. This leaves £33,880 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £18,830.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £696,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £583,197 has been committed. This leaves £112,803 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £61,200.

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 1.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application packs

Community Grant Aid – October 2015

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
3 rd Barton upon Humber Scout Group	Premises Hire Baysgarth School Session prices vary depending of times but average £20.20	£1,818.20	£1,818.20	Bank statement shows £6,600 but £4,000 of this spent on trip to Isle of Man and remainder for replacement storage Beneficiaries: 58	Fund currently raised through subs and fund raising activities. Normal maximum grant would be 90% £1,630 grant recommended based on 90%	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in scouting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Barton	
Appleby Frodingham Cricket Club	Premises Hire for Frederick Gough School £25/session x 8 sessions(1½ hrs)	£200	£180	Group have allocated minimum 10% (£20) to costs with bank balance of £3,515 which is to cover repayments for investment in facilities. Beneficiaries: 15	Funds currently raised through subs and fund raising activities. £180 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Bottesford	

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
Barnetby Community Club	Christmas functions	£2,040	£1,740	Club have raised £300 towards the costs. Currently £891 in bank with commitments in excess of £1,240. Further fundraising will be undertaken to cover costs. Beneficiaries: approx. 200	Group has successfully delivered a range of trips outside the area and wish to host Christmas activities to foster community spirit and bring people together. Application is towards the cost of providing Christmas functions including entertainment, Christmas Tea and a visit from Santa for the children. £1,740 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	Verbal requests from the community for these activities. Ward Councillors support the application.

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Barnetby Youth Activities	Christmas functions	£310	£310	Requesting 100% Bank statement shows £788 Beneficiaries: c.55	Group wish to provide two social events, one for young people to prepare and serve afternoon tea to pensioners and one for young people to have their own tea party. £280 grant recommended at 90%	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	Similar events successful with positive feedback
Rescue Day	Rescue Day 2016	£42,000	£15,000	£27,000 from group with £10,000 in bank. Costs covered by footfall on day Beneficiaries: Approx 25,000	One day community event showcasing emergency services to promote community safety messages and develop positive relationships between these services and the community. £15,000 grant recommended subject to receipt of satisfactory supporting documentation	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	North Lincs wide Event held in Axholme North	Large numbers of visitors reported in previous years

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
Burton upon Stather Playing Field Association	Play area refurbishment	£90,043	£15,000	Group have allocated £5,043 to project and have applied to WREN for £50,000, Awards for All and Burton Town Council for £10,000 each Beneficiaries: approx. 250	Application is for assistance with the cost of refurbishing the children's play area to include replacing current equipment and providing additional items for children of all abilities. £15,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Extensive local consultation has been undertaken
Goxhill Memorial Hall Bowls Club	Electric Fence	£415.96	£400	Group have offered to pay £15.96 to this project. Beneficiaries: approx. 400	Electric fence required for badger protection. Club have previously installed solar lights to deter badgers and foxes but this has been unsuccessful with the badgers that are digging up bowling green £400 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ferry	

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Gunness Sports and Community Centre	Car parking facilities	£39,250	£30,000	Group have allocated £9,250 to project with £5,136 in the bank at present.	Application for help with the cost of providing car parking at the new village hall. This is a planning condition however, the group do not have sufficient funds. Groups are normally allowed one grant of £30,000 in any five year period. This group have already had one (Minute 18(1) of 4 June 2013 refers). Members determine the level of support, if any, to be given.	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Gunness & Burringham	
St Andrew's Church, Burton upon Stather	Outreach hosted Post Office	£10,000	£10,000	No partnership funding to date. Post Master to be supported by volunteers where appropriate. Beneficiaries: whole community	Project to provide continued community post office services by using the church. Application is for help with the cost of refurbishing the area to be used and improving access. Normal maximum grant is 90% of total project cost. Members determine the level of support, if any, to be given.	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Closure of post office has left village with no facility
Wrawby Local History Group	Restoration of tapestry	£6,488	£5,800	Group have £688.40 allocated to this project from £1,850 bank balance	Application to help with the cost of restoring a heritage asset. Tapestry gifted to parish in 1882 is of historical significance and has been on display at North Lincolnshire Museum. £5,800 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg & Wolds	