

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 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 £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 £55,099 has been committed. This leaves £92,901 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £5,699.

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 £273,564 has been committed. This leaves £576,436 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £89,350.

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 – May 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 |
|---|--|------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Bottesford Town Council | Big Lunch | £400 | £370 | | Town Council celebrating 40 years this year and would like to celebrate by holding a Big Lunch and inviting groups who use the facilities £370 grant recommended | Stronger communities – raising aspirations and empowering young people | N/a | Bottesford | N/a |
| P.A.S.T.U.R.E Residents Association | Big Lunch | £385 | £385 | Sanctuary Housing contributing 2 staff to support the event | Bringing together residents/families for social event as part of Big Lunch £385 grant recommended | Stronger communities – raising aspirations and empowering young people | N/a | Riddings | N/a |
| SportsAid | Request for support towards the cost of their 2013/14 grant programme. In previous years the level of awards made to North Lincolnshire residents has far exceeded the council's grant to SportsAid. | | Contribution to 2013/14 funding programme in excess of £3,500 | Fundraising, sponsorship, other local authorities. | SportsAid provides financial assistance to young people to develop their sporting potential. Last year SportsAid spent £3,750 supporting athletes from the North Lincolnshire area. £1,000 grant recommended | Value for tax payers money – leverage. Stronger communities – raising aspirations and empowering young people | N/a | North Lincolnshire wide | N/a |
| South Axholme Community Swimming Pool Association | Request for support with help towards the cost of providing free swimming to people aged 16 and under in the Summer school holiday | £3144 | £3144 | Additional pressure on facility revenue costs – eg. staffing and energy consumption arising from increased usage | The council offers this opportunity at all its pools in North Lincolnshire. Including the pool at Epworth makes free swimming more accessible to the Isle of Axholme communities as in previous years. £3,144 grant recommended | Stronger communities – raising aspirations and empowering young people | N/a | Axholme Central | |

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| Kay Traviss Youth Dance | Request for support with help towards hire of premises for rehearsals and performance | £2,279.20 | £776.76 | Nisa £250 John Leggott College £240 Clive Thompson £150 Scunthorpe Lions £1,000 | Repeat of project funded last year. Decision not to fund Plowright in future years. Remainder of grant standard RYO assistance with premises costs. £760 grant recommended | Stronger communities – raising aspirations and empowering young people | 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 |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Redbourne Parish Council | Urgent repair works to 19 th century Fire Engine Shed | £4,830 | £4,347 | Parish Council have allocated £483 to the project and have £4,005 in the bank. This is normal running expenses for the council | This application is to carry out urgent repair works to the fire engine shed. The shed houses the old car fire engine and can be viewed through new glass doors that have recently been installed by the Parish Council. Building Control Officers have recently instructed the council remove the bell tower as a matter of urgency. £4,350 grant recommended | Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. | N/a | Ridge | |
| Scunthorpe and District Pony Club | Purchase of equipment for use at events including radios, course timing equipment, dressage arena equipment, judges box/trailer and replacement of x country jumps. | £25,770 | £15,000 | Club have good level of match funding from own funds and have recently spent £15,000 on replacement of some of the jumps. | This application meets the criteria and is to purchase equipment to eliminate the need to keep hiring items in for events. £15,000 grant recommended | Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. | N/a | Burton upon Stather and Winterton based but open to all North Lincs residents | |
| Gunness Community Sports Initiative | Development of a Multi Use Games Area for Gunness | £67,740 | £30,000 | Own funds of £4,212 available Landfill Tax credits £30,000 applied. Gunness Parish Council £3,527 | Community group set up to achieve a MUGA for Gunness. £30,000 grant recommended | Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. | N/a | Gunness | Extensive list of signatures of support received |

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| Winterton Newport Drive Playing Field Association | Re-instatement and improvement of playing surfaces and levelling of field to provide extra pitches. | £16,514 | £10,000 | Own funds of £500 available. Negotiations with Winterton2022 ongoing for £1,000 | Works required following installation of geothermal heating to the clubhouse and an extension of the playing pitches £10,000 grant recommended | Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. | N/a | Burton upon Stather and Winterton | |
| Westwoodside Playing Field Association | Essential improvements to infrastructure and facilities | £34,130 | £34,130 | Other funds committed to maintenance & running costs | Works identified as required since playing field transferred to Parish council . £30,000 grant recommended | Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. | | | Haxey parish plan |