

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 ten 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 £117,894.29 has been committed. This leaves £30,105.71 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £5,075.

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 £649,531 has been committed. This leaves £208,559 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 £18,185.

	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	£239,457	£60,543
Total	£858,090	£649,531	£208,559

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 – November 2013

Application for Community Grant – Individual

Individual	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Daniel Drayton	Safety equipment for Participation in the ACU/Norasport British Superbike series and Aprillia Superteen challenge	£485	£485	Own funds only.	This bid for funding does not satisfy the normal criteria for grant funding as individual sports participants have to have been selected to represent GB in international competition. However, the Cabinet Members have the discretion to approve an exception to normal criteria if they see fit. Recommendation: That the Cabinet Members consider whether to approve an exception to the normal grant criteria in this instance and if so, to determine the level of grant to be awarded.	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Kingsway with Lincoln Gardens	People directorate currently working to put together a motor cycle project through positive activities, in partnership e.g. YOS, and NLH. Plan to approach Daniel to become involved in some way

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
Brigg Bowling Club	Removal and replacement of fencing and foundations	£5,800	£4,800	Group currently have £1,000 committed to project with £5,200 in bank for normal operating costs. Beneficiaries: 65 club members and visiting teams	Current fence beyond repair and in need of replacement. £4,800 grant recommended subject to constitution and policies being updated to comply with current good practice	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg & Wolds	

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Epworth War Memorial Playing Field	Memorial plaque	£850	£850	£4,500 in bank towards playing field and pavilion running and maintenance costs. Beneficiaries: Whole community	The recreation field is a living war memorial but there is no public plaque recording the names of the fallen. However this scheme does not satisfy the normal criteria as the minimum contribution rate has not been achieved. Recommendation: That the Cabinet Members determine the level of grant to be awarded	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme Central	
South Humberside Community Radio	Purchase of professional broadcast mixer desk and audio limiter	£4,535	£4,535	£6,500 including £500 from ONGO already allocated to previous elements of the project. £50 in bank.	Based at the Ark in Winterton. This scheme does not satisfy the normal criteria as the minimum contribution rate has not been achieved. Recommendation: That the Cabinet Members determine the level of grant to be awarded	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Support from M P's, Winterton 2022, All Saints Church and others.
The Old School Hall, Winterton	Replace existing kitchen window with new unit to include ventilation and installation on insect zapper	£3,282.56	£1,000	Winterton Town Council have confirmed support of £1,000. Group putting £1,282 to project and have £21,264 in bank Beneficiaries: all users	Project meets scheme criteria and is to improve ventilation and pest control in the kitchen. £1,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Problems with lingering unpleasant smells and condensation report al almost every meeting

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Friends and Parents of Winterton Junior School	Year 6 and youth club playground comprising seating, artificial grass, plant tubs and climbing frame.	£13,500	£7,000	Group have £2,000 from Town Council, £1,000 from Lions, £1,000 from Freemasons and have £3,000 of their own funds available. Current bank balance is £4,077 which forms a reserve for repair and maintenance Beneficiaries: Approx 230 regular users	This bid for funding does not satisfy the normal criteria for grant funding as schools are excluded. However, the Cabinet Members have the discretion to approve an exception to normal criteria if they see fit. Recommendation: That the Cabinet Members consider whether to approve an exception to the normal grant criteria in this instance and if so, to determine the level of grant to be awarded.	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	Members of Parents and friends of the school, ward councillors. School is currently in negotiation with Positive Activities regarding them working more closely with providers and maximising the use of the Youth building and shared outdoor space.

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
1 st Belton Rangers	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition training, Walking Group Leader	£393.95	£343.95	Group have already purchased some equipment towards this project at a cost of £50 and currently have £667 in the bank	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £340 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in activities. Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Axholme Central	Recent communication with group to offer support through NLC Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator
1 st Hibaldstow Brownies	Support for cost of weekly Brownie session at Hibaldstow Academy Monday evenings 30 x 1.5 hour sessions @ £21.63/hr	£973.50	£873.50	The group are contributing £100 from fundraising. Current bank balance is around £200. Beneficiaries: approx. 24	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £870 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in activities. Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ridge	n/a

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Outcasts Cricket Club	Support for costs of indoor winter training at Axholme Academy for junior cricket teams Mondays 6 x 1 hour sessions @ 50/hr	£300	£270	Club have £30 to winter training costs (10%). Bank account balance allocated to cover additional costs of running facilities following break in and winter maintenance of grounds equipment. Beneficiaries: approx. 16	Group are actively engaged in fundraising and this year have raised approximately £3,000 which has been used to cover club operating costs. £270 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Axholme Central/ Axholme North	n/a
Dale Park Youth Group	Support for cost of indoor training at Winterton Community Academy, Mondays 22x2hrs, Tuesdays 22x2hrs & Wednesday 22x1hr all at £37/hour	£4,144	£3,108	Club have £1,036 (25%) for winter training. £6,000 in bank but awaiting invoice from NLC for hire of astro turf facility which will use most of available funds	Group are actively engaged in fundraising which has been used to cover club operating costs. £3,110 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	n/a