

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEISURE & CUSTOMER SERVICES
ASSETS, CULTURE & 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 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 7 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 2015/16. To date, a total of £77,925 has been committed. This leaves £70,075 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £11,500.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £550,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £266,890 has been committed. This leaves £283,110 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £9,120.

5.1.3 The council has approved a capital grant of £100,000 to Barnetby Parish Council. If the scheme reduction requested in this report is approved the budget will require virement from Skate Parks and MUGAs Capital to Community Grants Capital.

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 – June 2015

Application for Community Grant – Individuals

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Curtis Burton	World Scout Jamboree	£3,695	£500	Own funds only	Curtis has been selected to be part of the International Service Team at the World Scout Jamboree in Kirarahama in Japan. We do not normally support the cost of attending overseas charity work. However, applications for attendance at the same event were previously agreed. (Minutes 43 (9) 2.10.14 and 50 (15) 13.04.15 refer)	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	
Nathan Togun	GB Junior Bobsleigh Squad	£2,737	£500	Own funds only	Selected to Great Britain Junior Bobsleigh Squad £500 grant recommended plus off-peak swim & gym package subject to confirmation of selection being received	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Town	
Richard Traviss	World Senior Badminton Championships	£750	£500	Own funds only	Selected to national team of World Senior Badminton Championships in Sweden in September £500 grant recommended plus off-peak swim & gym package	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens	

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
Crosby Employment	Bike recycling project	£11,112	£10,000	£1,112 from organisational reserves Beneficiaries: 36	Application for help with the cost of training three volunteers to refurbish donated bicycles to help disadvantaged clients get to work or education. Recommendation: That members determine the level of grant, if any, to be awarded	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Principally Town and Crosby	

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
Amber Project	Outdoor Play Equipment	£10,000	£5,000	Police and Crime Commission have potentially agreed to match fund with £5,000	Application is for help with cost of outdoor play equipment at the women's refuge. £5,000 grant recommended subject to confirmation of match funding	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	North Lincolnshire wide	Supported by Stuart Minto NLC and Matthew Grove PCC
Barnetby Parish Council	Redevelopment of recreation field	109,629	£100,000	£9,629 from own funds £27252 own funds also to refurbish car park	Original project to redevelop community facilities on the village playing field supported minute 36(2) 09.07.14 refers. However, planning issues with regard to the proposed multi use games area and skate park have delayed the project. Applicant seeks approval to use the grant approved to deliver a reduced scheme to improve the playgrounds as phase one. The normal maximum grant for such projects is £30,000. Recommendation: That members determine whether to support the reduced scheme and the level of grant, if any, to be awarded	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	

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Broughton Allotment Association	Community Cabin	£5,120	£4,120	Group have allocated £1,000 from bank balance of £1,513 to the project. Beneficiaries: approx. 350	Application is to install a steel cabin as a focal point for training, meeting room and storage facilities to allow the group to grow its relationship with local schools and youth groups. £4,120 grant recommended subject to receipt of outstanding documentation	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Broughton and Appleby	Broughton Town Council support this project in principal and have made cash allocations to other expenditure at the allotment site