

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND LEARNING
AND
HEALTH AND WELLBEING
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 seven 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 are set out in Appendix One.

3.2 The options available to the Cabinet Members are as follows.

- approving the application 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 2016/17. To date, a total of £112,862 has been committed. This leaves £35,138 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £9,318.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £684,000 (including slippage) for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. To date, a total of £338,685 has been committed. This leaves £345,315 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £9,500

5.1.3 The council has approved a War Memorials budget of £25,000 for 2016/17. To date £1,000 has been committed. This leaves £24,000 to allocate.

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

Appendix 1

Community Grant Aid – 19 September 2016

Application for Community Grant – Children & Young People Focus

| Group | Scheme | Total cost | Amount requested | Added Value: other funds | Comments | Contribution to council priorities & Community Support | Contribution to statutory duties | Geographical |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| 1 st Ashby Rainbows | Premises hire at St Pauls Church Hall @ £9.50/session x 35 sessions | £332.50 | £250 | Group have allocated £82.50 from bank balance of £507 for normal operating costs Beneficiaries: 21 | This application is for the cost of venue hire. Group fundraising is only from subscription fees £230 grant recommended (70%) | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable | Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing | Ashby |
| 1 st Ashby Brownies | Premises hire at St Pauls Church Hall @ £15.50/session x 35 sessions | £542.50 | £442 | Group have allocated £100 from bank balance of £377 for normal operating costs Beneficiaries: 32 | This application is for the cost of venue hire. Group are actively fundraising £380 grant recommended (70%) | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable | Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing | Ashby |

Application for Community Grant – Revenue

| Group | Scheme | Total cost | Amount requested | Added Value: other funds | Comments | Contribution to council priorities & Community Support | Contribution to statutory duties | Geographical |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Scunthorpe Cooperative Junior Choir | Edinburgh Tour | £2,810 | £1,967 | £843 currently allocated by group with £21,473 in bank balance of which is allocated to normal operating costs. Beneficiaries: 40 | Application is for help with the cost of taking a group of 10 – 18 year olds on a music, culture and arts tour to Edinburgh to perform as part of the Fringe Festival £1,960 grant recommended | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable | N/a | North Lincolnshire wide |
| Street Beat | Epworth Community Pantomime | £5,534 | £3,974 | Group allocated £860 to project with bank balance of £7,723 which is ring fenced for other projects Beneficiaries: 300 | Application is for assistance with the cost of holding the 4 th annual community pantomime in Epworth £2,000 grant recommended | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable | N/a | Axhome North |
| Street Beat | Dance Showcase at Plowright Theatre | £5,785 | £2,685 | Group have allocated £3,000 with bank balance of £7,723 which is ring fenced for other projects Beneficiaries: approx. 375 | Application is for assistance with the cost of holding a dance showcase at the Plowright Theatre £1,340 grant recommended | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable | N/a | Town |

Application for Community Grant – Capital

| Group | Scheme | Total cost | Amount requested | Added Value: other funds | Comments | Contribution to council priorities & Community Support | Contribution to statutory duties | Geographical |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Ancholme Rowing Club | Purchase of boat | £12,600 | £9,500 | Group have allocated £2,600 to project with bank balance of £23,236. This has been earmarked towards a larger project Beneficiaries: approx. 50 | Application for £9,500 towards £12,600 cost of purchasing a new Four rowing boat. Application meets the criteria. Contribution from Town Council of £500. £5,000 grant recommended | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable Shape the area into a prosperous place to live, work, invest and play • Create attractive and healthy places to live, work and play | N/a | Brigg & Wolds |

Application for Community Grant – War Memorials

| Group | Scheme | Total cost | Amount requested | Added Value: other funds | Comments | Contribution to council priorities & Community Support | Contribution to statutory duties | Geographical |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Barton Living Memorial Trust | Battle of the Somme Memorial | £2,700 | £2,430 | Group have raised £350 towards the cost and currently have £384 in bank Beneficiaries: c. 1,500 | Application is for help with the cost of the creating and installing a sculpture to commemorate the local men who gave their lives in the first world war. £2,430 grant recommended | Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable Shape the area into a prosperous place to live, work, invest and play • Create attractive and healthy places to live, work and play | N/a | Barton |