

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT & LEISURE
ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE & HOUSING,
and
PEOPLE
CABINET MEMBERS**

COMMUNITY GRANT AID 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 11 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 qualification criteria for grant funding up to the levels shown in the appendix attached.

4.2 Offering community grant support at a reduced level, or rejection of an application, 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 £200,000 to support the Community Grant Fund for 2012/13. To date, a total of £61,219.16 has been committed against previous applications received and approved by Cabinet Members. This leaves a sum remaining to allocate of £138,780.84. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels recommended by officers amounts to £4,670.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £300,000 to support the Community Grant Fund for 2012/13. To date, a total of £145,093 has been committed against previous applications received and approved by Cabinet Members. This leaves a sum remaining to allocate of £154,907. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels recommended by officers amounts to £27,035.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no staffing, property or IT related implications to consider.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

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 cases of crime and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 There are no other implications to consider.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

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 travel, training and accommodation costs.

7.2 Securing funding for community projects in North Lincolnshire can often prove difficult for community groups. Community organisations have told us that they need the Council's support to help lever in other funding 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 pack

Community Grant Aid – September 2012

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
Scott Robinson	To attend World Field Target Championships in Norway	£462	Contribution	Own funds only	Sport England recognised sporting activity. Selection confirmed with governing body. £415 grant recommended (90%)	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Ferry	

Application for Community Grant – Revenue Award

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Messingham Cricket Club	Training of coaches. Additional qualified coaches required for the increased number of young people who wish to play active grass-roots sport.	£1,880	£1,600	Club have £280 available for the project. Bank statement currently shows £539 Beneficiaries: 211	Increases the number of qualified volunteer coaches to respond to increased demand as a result of developmental activity. £1,600 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Ridge	Response to increased demand – waiting list
Winteringham Parish Council	Restoration of the parish pump on the village green	£600	£600	The Parish Council will cover any additional costs incurred Bank accounts show £14,300, majority of parish precept is committed for planned activity including salary costs for clerk and handyman. Beneficiaries: whole community	Current pump is village feature but does not work and is in need of restoration. Was restored for the Queen's Silver Jubilee and is appropriate to consider restoration in this Jubilee year. £540 grant recommended (90%)	Make our Communities Stronger - Localism – communities have defined what they want	N/a	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	Local residents campaigned to parish council for something to be done

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Winteringham Parish Council	Reprinting of Winteringham Walks Leaflets	£105	£105	The Parish Council will cover any additional costs incurred Bank accounts show £14,300, majority of parish precept is committed for planned activity including salary costs for clerk and handyman. Beneficiaries: whole community and tourists	Potentially a resource to help people lead healthier lifestyles. £90 grant recommended (90%)	Make our Communities Stronger - Localism – communities have defined what they want Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	Public demand – walkers ask in local shop/pub for route information.

Application for Community Grant – Capital Award

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Broughton Cricket Club	Replace/upgrade ground maintenance equipment	£8,442	£7,442	Club will put £1,000 towards project. Currently have £932 in bank Beneficiaries: 213 plus visiting teams	Purchase of power unit and cassette system grounds maintenance equipment. Broughton Cricket Club uses council facilities at Broughton Recreation Ground and part of the agreed relationship is for the cricket club to maintain the cricket square. £7,442 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Broughton & Appleby	
Crosby United Junior Football Club	Refurbishment of former tennis pavilion to form changing rooms and kitchen at Foxhills Sports Ground	£16,486	£14,986	Club have allocated £1,500 of own fundraising towards this project Bank account shows £2,968 Beneficiaries: 182 plus visiting teams	Facilities licensed from Council to club. Fits community asset transfer agenda. Unfit for use in present condition. Support accommodation essential for delivery of local football. £14,986 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Crosby	Surveys and questionnaires. Large amount of young people with football as their main interest in the local area

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PCC of St Oswalds Church Althorpe & Keadby	This is the second phase of a project to make the church building more available for community use as well as worship. Phase one was completed in 2010/11 and consisted of new kitchen, toilets, mains water and drainage along with furniture and carpets for a café area.	£36,829	£1,962	£500 from parish council, £17,839 from WREN, £16,990 from Leader and £1,500 from church funds. Bank account shows £2,900 Beneficiaries: Whole community	Phase two of project will include removal of some pews to increase the community space, improvement to heating system, installation of solar-voltaics, decoration to the interior and equipment to improve vision and sound. This application is to cover the third party funding towards the WREN funding. £1,962 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/o	Axholme North	Community consultation of all Althorpe residents. Letters of support. Petition from heritage coffee morning, support of church wardens, deanary, diocese, parish council and NLC

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 & 2 nd Brigg Scout Group	Internal Decoration of HQ to enhance the experience of young people	£600	£300	Other costs met through subs Bank account balance £4,852 Beneficiaries: 79	£300 grant requested, repair and maintenance not usually granted.	To provide an inspirational environment. Enhance the experience of young people and enable them to enjoy activities to a greater extent		Brigg & District	
8 th Ashby Rainbows	Use of School for provision of sessions	£900	£900	Other costs met through subs. Bank account balance June 2012 £417.08 Beneficiaries: 20	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £810.00 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant.	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Rainbow activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Scunthorpe South	
8 th Ashby Brownies	Use of School for provision of sessions	£1350	£1250	Other costs met through subs Bank account balance £900 (required for capitation fees) Beneficiaries: 28	Funds currently raised through subs and grant from local bank. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £1215.00 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant.	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Brownies activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Scunthorpe South	