

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 two 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 £134,288.93 has been committed. This leaves £13,711.07 to allocate. The total amount required to support the application covered by this report to the level requested is £500.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £250,000 for skate parks and multi use games areas. To date, a total of £176,990 has been committed. This leaves £73,010 to allocate. The total amount required to support the application covered by this report to the level requested is £50,000.

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 – January 2014 (2)

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
Harry Spavin	Selected to the Under 17 British Water Ski Team in Summer 2014	£8,000	£500	Harry has received a grant from SportsAid of £650 otherwise own funds only	Harry has been selected to the British Water Ski Team to compete in the World Championships in Ukraine and European Championships in Spain £500 grant recommended and standard off peak gym & swim package	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Ridge	

Application for Community Grant – Skateparks and MUGAs

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Messingham Parish Council	Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	£85,000	£50,000	The balance of the project will be paid through parish council reserves or Public Works Loan. Bank accounts show £29,646 including fixed term deposit of £10,569. Six month budget is estimated at £23,500 with the remainder held in reserve for projects as required. Beneficiaries: Approx 1,200 young people	Application for the construction of a MUGA meets the scheme criteria. This bid for funding is for more than the normal maximum grant of £30,000. 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	Ridge	