

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

<p>CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT & LEISURE ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE & HOUSING, AND PEOPLE CABINET MEMBERS</p>
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COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS

<p>1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT</p>

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| <p>1.1 To consider applications received by the council for financial assistance via the Community Grant Fund.</p> <p>1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have received 6 applications for community grant aid. These need considering against the scheme criteria and available funds. |
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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 £114,503.66 has been committed. This leaves £33,496.34 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £1,420.

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 £605,244 has been committed. This leaves £252,846 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 £43,410.

	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	£195,170	£104,830
Total	£858,090	£605,244	£252,846

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 – October 2013

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
Ealand Victory Hall	Resurfacing of village hall car park	£11,116	£8,116	Group have application to Crowle Town Council for £1,000 and have £2,000 of their own funds available. Current bank balance is £6,526 which forms a reserve for repair and maintenance of the hall. Beneficiaries: Approx 350 regular users	Application is for resurfacing the car park at the hall. £8,120 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme North	Lindsey Blind Society use the village hall on a regular basis. These users need a clear and regular walking surface.
Epworth Mechanics Institute Library	Phase 2 of conservation of newspaper collection	£3,630	£3,260	Group have £370 allocated to the project. Bank accounts show a balance of £9,703. This money has been earmarked for building repairs and internal stair repairs. Also roof repairs are required. Beneficiaries: approx. 5,000	This application meets the criteria and is to continue the conservation of local historical newspaper collection £6,300 awarded 2012/13 for phase 1 £3,260 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme Central	
Hibaldstow Cricket Club	Purchase of grounds maintenance equipment	£18,042	£14,778	Group have allocated £264 for club funds and have requested £3,000 from Lincolnshire Community Foundation. Bank statement show £2,176.03 balance. Beneficiaries: 100 for cricket & football, it is anticipated a further 2300 playing field casual users will also benefit	The club need fine turf maintenance equipment to participate in the Lincs League and to host county matches. This application meets the criteria. £14,780 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge	

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Scunthorpe Divers	Purchase of replacement RIB to meet the needs of members and to train members on boat handling	£16,590	£15,000	Club have bank balance of £2,087 and have allocated £1,590 to this project. Members attending the boat handling course have also agreed to pay £100 each towards this cost. Beneficiaries: current members (24) and future members	The only local dive club able to offer North Lincolnshire residents open water diving with it's own boat. Existing craft needs to be replaced due to age beyond economic repair. This application meets the criteria and is towards the cost of purchasing a replacement boat and engine, safety equipment and insurance and for training on boat handling £15,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	North Lincolnshire	
Winterton Bowling and Recreation Club	To introduce short mat bowling	£3,680	£2,250	Bank account balances of £9,895 of which £680 has been committed to this project. Winterton Town Council £250 and North Lincolnshire Homes £500. Further funding bid to Sport England for £1,500 is pending Beneficiaries: anticipated at 100+	This application is to purchase equipment and rental of a hall to allow members to play short mat bowls outside of the normal bowling season with a view to increasing participation during winter months. Taster sessions are also planned for children from local junior school Grant of up to £2,250 recommended depending on outcome of Sport England application	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	Club members have been surveyed. Members have borrowed equipment from another club and would like to be able to arrange their own regular sessions

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
Normanby Park Sports & Activities Club	Support for costs of indoor winter training at Winterton Academy for football and cricket teams Tuesdays/Thursday 32 x 1 hour sessions and 8 x 2 hour sessions @ £37/hr	£1,776	£1,420	Club have allocated £355 to winter training costs (20%). Bank account balance of £4,007 to cover additional costs of running facilities Beneficiaries: approx. 1200	Group are actively engaged in fundraising and this year have raised approximately £5,000 which has been used to cover club operating costs. £1,420 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 and Winterton	n/a