

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ASSET AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT,
SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

LEISURE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications for financial assistance.
- 1.2 The key points of the report are as follows.
- There are two different leisure grant aid schemes.
 - We have received seven applications for grant aid. These need considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 There are two different leisure grant aid schemes. These are:
- Sports Grants to Individuals
The scheme helps athletes selected to national teams/squads. The maximum grant is £500 towards travel and training costs and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities. Only those sports recognised by Sport England are eligible.
 - Leisure 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 Options are limited to the following:
- 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 in the relevant grant aid scheme for assistance up to the level shown in the attached table.
- 4.2 Offering 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 Sport Grant budget for this year is £10,390. The amount required to support the applicants in this report is £2,000. There is currently £6,890 in the budget.

5.1.2 The Capital Grant budget for this year is £150,000. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £17,030. There is currently £145,000 in the budget.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no issues for staffing, property or IT.

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

- 6.1 The service is working hard to reach diversity plan outcomes. One way of doing this is to support community leisure provision.
- 6.2 Getting more people to take part in active recreation may contribute to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 6.3 There are no other implications.

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.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the recommended level of grant support set out in the table at Appendix One.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Leisure Services Grant Aid – Application pack

Leisure Services Grant Aid – July 2011

Application for Sports Grant Awards

INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
SportsAid	Request for support towards the cost of their 2011/12 grant programme. In previous years the level of awards made to North Lincolnshire residents has far exceeded the council's grant to SportsAid.		Contribution to 2011/12 funding programme in excess of £3,500	Fundraising, sponsorship, other local authorities.	SportsAid provides financial assistance to young people to develop their sporting potential. Last year SportsAid spent £6,000 supporting athletes from the North Lincolnshire area. The request remains eligible for support. Normal maximum grant for this scheme is £600 however a larger amount has been offered in previous years. £1,000 grant recommended
Philip Binch	Selected to represent Team GB at the World Quadrathlon Championships in Czech Republic in August 2011		£500	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is for assistance with the costs of training with the GB squad and travel and accommodation to attend the World Quadrathlon Championships in Czech Republic in August 2011. £500 grant and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities to 31 March 2012 recommended.

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Steven Clark	Selected to represent Team GB at the World Quadrathlon Championships in Czech Republic in August 2011 and European Championships in Bude in September 2011		£500	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is for assistance with the costs of training with the GB squad and travel and accommodation to attend the World Quadrathlon Championships in Czech Republic in August 2011 and European Championships in Bude in September 2011. £500 grant and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities to 31 March 2012 recommended.

Applications for Leisure Capital Grant Award

ORGANISATION	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Appleby Frodingham Works Athletics Club	To upgrade tennis facilities, create new synthetic turf hockey pitch and synthetic turf football training facilities	£775,000	£10,000	£73,750 confirmed from Lawn Tennis Association and a possible £50,000 from Football Foundation	This application meets the criteria and is to assist with the provision of pitch furniture for a new hockey facility. £10,000 grant recommended.

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Worlabby Crew	Development of new youth club in Worlabby	£1,540	£1,540	£300 Worlabby Parish Council, £150 Brigg Lions and Brigg Round Table are donating a table tennis table	This application meets the criteria and is to purchase equipment to develop a new youth club. £1,090 grant recommended
Community Heritage Arts and Media Project (CHAMP) Ltd	To supply, install and commission a closed circuit television system	£442.80	£442.80	None	In the past CCTV has not been a priority and scheme criteria requires a contribution from the local town council and applicant group. However this request is for a relatively small amount of funding and group funds are being channelled into developing other areas. £440 grant recommended

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Crowle and Ealand Playing Field Association	Construction of a new skate park facility in Crowle	£55,685	£5,500	WREN £49,000 (not yet confirmed). Crowle Town Council £500 (not yet confirmed). Group fundraising £685	This application meets the criteria and is to provide third party funding to help lever in additional funding for the construction of a new skate park facility in Crowle as a result of community consultation. Normally a five per cent contribution is required from the town/parish council but as this is a new project the council has not precepted for this and a smaller contribution has been offered. £ 5,500 grant recommended