

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE  
CABINET MEMBER**

**ART AND ART DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the amount of funding available for Arts Grants and Art Development Grants for 2009-10
- 1.2 The key points of the report are as follows:
- To consider allocating £3,000 for Arts Grants in 2009/10 with a maximum grant of £600.
  - To consider allocating £10,000 for Art Development Grants in 2009/10.
  - To consider changing the name of the Arts Grants to the **Community Art Grants**.
  - To consider changing the name of the Arts Development Grants to the **Key Art Organisation Grant**.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 In the last three years the Arts Grant fund has been under subscribed and it is felt that the funding could be more usefully allocated.
- 2.2 In 2007/8 only two Arts Grants were approved with a total spend of £1,550. In 2008/9 five Arts Grants were approved with a total spend of £3,600. The majority of requests for funding were for around £600.
- 2.3 In light of this the proposal is to allocate £3,000 for this grant scheme with a maximum grant available of £600.
- 2.4 It is proposed to make the total amount of funding available in 2009/10 in the Arts Development Grant Scheme amount to £10,000. This sum would cover the ongoing commitment to the Ropewalk as part of its new Regularly Funded Organisation status, and other strategic initiatives which may arise during the year.

2.5 It is proposed to rename the existing two funding streams available to community and art groups in North Lincolnshire: The proposal put forward in this paper is for the:

- Arts Grant to become the **Community Art Grant**, and
- Arts Development Grant to become the **Key Arts Organisation Grant**.

2.6 It is felt that this would demonstrate more clearly the purpose of the funding and the difference between the two grants schemes.

### 3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### 3.1 Arts Grant Scheme

3.1.1 Option 1 - To agree to reduce the amount of funding available in the Art Grant scheme to £3,000 with a maximum grant available of £600.

3.1.2 Option 2 – To have a different amount for Arts Grants with an alternative maximum size of grant.

#### 3.2. Arts Development Grant Scheme

3.2.1 Option 3 - To allocate £10,000 to the Arts Development Grant scheme.

3.2.2 Option 4 - To allocate a different amount of funding to the Arts Development Grant scheme.

#### 3.3 Changing the name of the two Grant Schemes

3.3.1 Option 5 - To change the names of the two funding schemes to clearly differentiate between the schemes.

3.3.2 Option 6 - To keep the name of the two grant schemes as they are currently known.

### 4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

#### 4.1 Arts Grant Scheme

4.1.1 The preferred option is Option 1 – to allocate £3,000 to the Arts Grant scheme, with a maximum grant available of £600.

4.1.2 The scheme has proven under subscribed over the last three years. It is proposed that this money could be better used to develop other strategic arts development projects in North Lincolnshire.

## 4.2 Arts Development Grant scheme

4.2.1 The preferred option is Option 3 – to allocate £10,000 to the Arts Development Grant scheme for 2009/10.

4.2.2 This option takes into consideration that the Council has a commitment to grant £5,000 per year to the Waterside Artists Co-operative until 2011 as a condition of their increase in RFO (Regular Funded Organisation) from the Arts Council.

4.2.3 Should the amount of budget allocated to the Arts Development Grants be more than £10,000, it would jeopardise some other Arts Development projects such as Humber Sound and the Buzz Youth Arts Festival from taking place.

4.2.4 Should the amount of budget allocated to the Arts Development Grant be less than £10,000, it would restrict the amount of grants we could allocate in 2009/10.

## 4.3 Changing the name of the two Grant Schemes

4.3.1 The preferred option is Option 5 – to change the name of the grant schemes.

4.3.2 The grant names have caused some confusion over the last year since the Arts Development Grant scheme was introduced. It is proposed to change the name of this fund and re-launch them with an advert and/or article in Direct Magazine.

## 5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 It is expected that the Arts Development Project budget will amount to around £30,000. The above proposals mean that £3,000 will be allocated to Art Grants, £10,000 to Art Development Grants and £17,000 to Arts Development projects, which totals the £30,000 expected.

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

6.1 Several of the projects which Arts Development is committed to deal with offer diversionary activity for young people and are in partnership with other agencies such as youth services, youth offending, police, and other voluntary sector groups working in deprived areas. These include The Buzz youth arts festival, The Young Peoples Film Festival, Music4U (Youth Music Action Zone). This proposal will allow development of further work within these priority areas.

6.2 This proposal will make a positive contribution towards delivering on the shared ambitions in the Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement by contributing to the Shared Ambition SI 3/4 *Improve well being by promoting participation in leisure and cultural activities*, and National Indicators NI 110 (*Young Peoples engagement in positive activities*) and NI 11 (*Engagement in the Arts*).

## 7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation regularly takes place with relevant bodies on the use of Arts Development funding. The recommendations set out in this paper reflect these consultations and experience of applications for grants in recent years.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

### 8.1 Art Grants

8.1.1 To agree to allocate £3,000 to the Arts Grant scheme, with the maximum grant amounting to £600.

### 8.2 Arts Development Grant

8.2.1 To allocate £10,000 to the Arts Development Grant scheme.

### 8.3 Changing the name of the two grant schemes

8.3.1 To change the name of the Art Grant scheme to the **Community Art Grant** scheme.

8.3.2 To change the name of the Arts Development Grant scheme to **Key Arts Organisation Grant**.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** None