

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT AND LEISURE
ASSETS, CULTURE AND HOUSING,
AND
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
CABINET MEMBERS**

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications received for financial assistance via the Community Grant Fund.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
 - We have received three 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 normally £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 indicatively approved a revenue budget of £148,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. Revenue and capital budgets are currently under review, taking account of changes to funding streams and policies which may impact on the overall amount of budget available once approved in February 2016. To date, a total of £53,271 has been committed leaving £94,729 available to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £1,000.

5.1.2 In the budget review of 26 January 2016, the council has indicatively approved a capital budget of £315,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. Revenue and capital budgets are currently under review, taking account of changes to funding streams and policies which may impact on the overall amount of budget available once approved later in February 2016. To date, a total of £90,440 has been committed leaving £224,560 available to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £5,125.

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 1.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application packs

Community Grant Aid – February 2016

Application for Community Grant – Individuals

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds		Cabinet Members agreed amount	Contribution to council priorities & Community Support	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical
Branden Marshall	Selected to GB Development Squad (Figure Skating)		£500	Own funds only	Branden has been selected to the GB Development Squad in Figure Skating £500 grant recommended including off peak gym and swim package	£500	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ferry
Gemma Richardson	England Junior Development Team (Boxing)	£1,500	£500	Own funds only	Gemma has been selected to the England Boxing Junior Development Team £500 grant recommended including off peak gym and swim package	£500	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Kingsway with Lincoln Gardens

Application for Community Grant – Capital

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Officer Comments	Cabinet Members agreed amount	Contribution to council priorities & Community Support	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical
Broughton Cricket Club	Electronic Score Board	£5,694	£5,124	Group have allocated £570 towards costs with bank balance of £4,250. Remaining funds for normal running costs	Application for help with the cost of the purchase and installation of an Electronic Score Board £5,125 grant recommended	£5,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Broughton & Appleby