

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEISURE & CUSTOMER SERVICES,
ASSETS, CULTURE & 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 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 22 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 2015/16. To date, a total of £52,880 has been committed. This leaves £95,120 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £24,150.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £550,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £236,350 has been committed. This leaves £313,650 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £59,500.

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 on a provisional basis with formal approval being subject to funding being made available for 2015/16.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application packs

Community Grant Aid – June 2015

Application for Community Grant – Individuals

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Amy Fincham	National Youth Theatre	£1,889	£1,000	Own funds only	Selected to National Youth Theatre from 4,100 applicants. (only 100 places) Application for help with cost of mandatory attendance on Epic Stage Course. Amount requested exceeds normal maximum grant £500 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens	
Marcus Robinson	British Water Ski & Wakeboard	£2,560	£600	Own funds only	Selected to British Water Ski & Wakeboard Talent Development Programme £500 grant recommended plus off-peak swim & gym package	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	

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
1 st Barnetby Brownies	Premises hire at St Barnabas C E Primary School 30 wks x £10/hr x 1.5hrs	£450	£405	Group have allocation £45 towards the costs of premises hire with £687 in bank Beneficiaries: 31	Funds currently raised through subs £405 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Brigg and Wolds	n/a
1 st Brigg Rainbows	Premises hire at Demeter House, Brigg @ £5 per week	£1,250 (including census, training and resources)	£250	Group have allocated £1,000 towards the running costs with £1,220 in bank. Beneficiaries: 25	Funds currently raised through subs and group are actively fundraising throughout the year £135 grant recommended based on maximum grant of 90% cost premises hire costs only	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Brigg and Wolds	n/a

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
1 st Scawby Brownies	Premises hire at Scawby Village Hall 20 wks x £20/hr x 1.5hrs	£600	£600	Group currently have £88 in bank Beneficiaries: 23	Funds currently raised through subs and planned fundraising events. £540 grant recommended based on maximum grant of 90%	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ridge	n/a
3 rd Bottesford Rainbows	Premises hire at Holme Valley Primary School 30 wks x £19/hr x 1hr	£570	£500	Group have £70 towards the costs of premises hire with £290 in bank Beneficiaries: 18	Funds currently raised through subs and regular fundraising events and activities £500 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Bottesford	n/a
3 rd Winterton Guides	Premises hire at Old School Hall Winterton 38 wks x £6/hr x 2hrs	£456	£400	Group have £56 towards costs of premises hire with £1,248 in bank. High bank balance is due to a number of other large projects due for payment Beneficiaries: 17	Funds currently raised through subs and regular fundraising activities £400 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in fun activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	n/a

Application for Community Grant – Revenue

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Brigg Singers	Brigg Singers on the Move	£1,980	£1,580	£400 of own funds available with bank balance of £2,075	Application is for help with cost of purchasing music, coach hire and attending a choir festival in Leicester £1,580 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Catwalkers of Barton	Charity fashion show	£3,490	£2,340	Group have £100 in bank but have allocated £750 to project which they hope to raise through ticket sales. Beneficiaries: approx.. 1,000	<p>Application is to cover the costs of organising and hosting a charity fashion show at The Baths Hall, surplus income will be donated to local good causes.</p> <p>This group have previously been refused a community grant on the grounds that they do not meet current criteria. Criteria states: What we cannot normally fund: k) grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to individuals or groups.</p> <p>This application has previously been deferred pending receipt of further information. This information has now been received and it is reported that 50% of all surplus funds will be given to good causes and the balance of funds will be held for next year. The applicant states that this application is purely to cover the costs of hiring The Baths Hall.</p> <p>NIL grant recommended</p>	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg & Wolds	
Haxey Parish Council	Installation of Braodband/WIFI at Parish Council Centre	£2,000	£1,800	Council had allowed for standard telephone line in parish precept but broadband line requires more expense. Council have £200 for costs. Beneficiaries: Parish Council, Parish Clerk, centre users and all residents	<p>Project is to install telephone line, broadband and WIFI to Parish Centre (Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside) to allow Parish Council to contact residents electronically. Previously deferred twice for alternative suggestions to be investigated. No alternative funds viable to date.</p> <p>£1,800 grant recommended</p>	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme South	

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Insight Open Studios	Annual artist open studios event promoting visual arts and crafts practitioners in North Lincolnshire.	£14,750	£1,000	Group have £100 for project, currently only have £109 in bank. A further £250 has been received from North East Lincolnshire Council and an application for £9,900 from Arts Council England is still unconfirmed. The balance will come from participants entry fees and brochure advertising income Beneficiaries: Last years event attracted 45 artists and over 5,000 visitors	Application meets the criteria and is towards the cost of marketing the event. £1,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Barton/North Lincolnshire wide	N/a
Isle Dance for Health	Continuation of dance project	£5,870	£2,000	Bank balance £12.89. Beneficiaries: up to 50 people at each dance	Application is for assistance with the cost of venue hire and hire of band. Activity not sustainable without grant help. £2,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Isle of Axholme	
Rotary District 1270 Disability Games	Disability Games 2015 and 2016 Games	£25,000	£4,000	Rotary clubs have allocated £20,972 to project. Currently bank account shows £18,432 to facilitate the Games over two years. Beneficiaries: approx. 450	Application is towards the cost of facility hire at The Pods and Brumby Hall to host the Games for two years £4,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens	
South Axholme Community Swimming Pool Association (SACSPA)	Free Swimming Summer 2015	£4,287	£4,287	SACSPA contributing additional staffing, running costs, cleaning and operational supplies required by increased use	As in previous years SACSPA wish to offer free swimming to school children during the summer holiday period in line with other council run swimming pools. The application is for the income that would have otherwise been received. £4,290 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme Central	

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir	Men of Steel (25 th Anniversary performance in May 2016)	£6,480	£5,000	Group have allocated £1,080 to project.	Application is for assistance with the costs of staging an anniversary performance at The Baths Hall with choirs from across the country and a famous name soloist. £5,000 grant recommended Subject to budgetary provision in 2016/17	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Town	
Smart Creations	Supporting Stroke survivors	£1,248	£500	Group have allocated total of bank balance of £748 to project	Project is to provide social group for stroke survivors and their carers to socialise and try new creative skills. £500 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens	
SportsAid	Request for support towards the cost of their 2015/16 grant programme. In previous years the level of awards made to North Lincolnshire residents has far exceeded the council's grant to SportsAid.	awards to N Lincs residents typically in excess of £3,500	Contribution to support 2015/16 awards	Fundraising, sponsorship, other local authorities.	SportsAid provides financial assistance to young people to develop their sporting potential. Last year SportsAid spent £2,750 supporting athletes from the North Lincolnshire area. £1,000 grant recommended	Value for tax payers money – leverage. Stronger communities – raising aspirations and empowering young people	N/a	North Lincolnshire wide	N/a

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
Ashby Decoy Golf Club	Development of training programme	£13,957	£12,561	Club are putting £1,395 (10%) to project with £2,926 in bank	Application is to develop training facilities to include new practice holes and build an area to contain practice nets and video recording/ playback facilities for swing analysis etc. £12,560 grant recommended subject to receipt of satisfactory proof of security of tenure	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Gunness and Burringham	

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Brigg Bowling Club	Installation of security gate and concrete path	£5,300	£4,800	Club have allocated £500 towards the costs. Latest bank statement shows £6,200 with annual turnover of £9,100. Beneficiaries: members and visiting teams	Application is for the cost of installing security gate to minimise vandalism and a new pathway from car park to gate to assist access for disabled users. £4,800 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	
Goxhill Bowling Club	Purchase of new scarifier	£824	£740	Club have allocated £84 to project. Bank account shows £2,700 Beneficiaries: approx. 400	Application is to purchase new grounds maintenance to replace irreparable item. £740 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ferry	
Saxby All Saints Parochial Church Council	Restoration and improvement to local cemetery facilities	£12,692	£12,000	PCC have £2,000 available funds for project with £2,700 bank balance	Application is to provide new gates and boundaries to site along with new footpaths to cemetery. Church has been designated a site of 'Special Interest' by English Heritage and is experiencing increased visitor figures. £11,400 grant recommended based on maximum 90%	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	
St Johns Parish Hall	Refurbishment of community room	£68,670	£30,000	Group have not allocated anything to the project with £8,000 in bank Application to WREN for £50,000 awaiting confirmation	Eligible application to refurbish the hall to include new heating system, insulation, flooring and redecoration works. £30,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg and Wolds	