

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 16 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 is proposing a revenue budget of £148,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £16,050 has been provisionally committed. This leaves £131,950 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £14,740.

5.1.2 The council is proposing a capital budget of £300,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £190,000 has been previously committed. This leaves £110,000 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £20,550.

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 – February 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
Phil Gibbs	European Duathlon Championship	£561	£500	Own funds only	Selected to represent Great Britain at the European Duathlon Championship in Alcobendas, Spain in April 2015 £500 grant recommended plus off-peak swim & gym package.	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ferry	

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 Hibaldstow Brownies	Premises hire at Hibaldstow Academy	£1,002.60	£900	Group have £102.60 towards the costs of premises hire £699.12 in bank Beneficiaries: 34	Funds currently raised through subs and regular fundraising events and activities £900 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ferry	n/a
Barnetby Youth Activities	Premises hire at Barnetby Village Hall	£450	£405	Group have £45 towards costs of premises hire with £582 in bank Beneficiaries: 45	Funds currently raised through subs and regular fundraising activities £450 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in fun activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Brigg & Wolds	n/a
Barton Broncos Football Club	Premises hire at Baysgarth School	£346.40	£311.76	Group have ££34.64 towards the costs of premises hire with £140 in bank Beneficiaries: 25	Funds currently raised through subs £310 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Barton	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
Big Sky (North Lincolnshire Arts Forum)	Big Sky Festival	£5,500	£2,200	£300 of own funds available. Also unconfirmed requests for a further £2,500 from Arts Council England and other local companies. Bank account shows £983. Beneficiaries: approx. £4,000	This application aims to bring all cultural activities under one umbrella. Big Sky will produce one publication advertising all information together and also on a purpose built website. Application is to cover the costs of building the website and printing costs £2,200 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Barton	
Catwalkers of Barton	Charity fashion shown	£3,490	£2,340	Group have £1009 in bank but have allocated £750 to project which they hope to raise through ticket sales. Beneficiaries: approx. 1,000	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. This group have previously been refused a community grant on 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 Recommendation: Nil	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Barton	
Epworth Music Day	Epworth Music Day 2015	£1,820	£720	Epworth Town Council has donated £1,000 and Woolgar Insurance has donated £100. Group have £10.68 in bank. Beneficiaries: approx. 1,000	Eligible project. To hold annual event in Epworth. Positive impact on local traders. Previously received grant support of £1,670 for 2014 event. £720 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme Central	
Isle of Axholme Horticultural Society	Gardening for Everyone	£2,430	£2,000	Group have allocated £430 to project with £2,894 in bank for other events, trips and premises hire Beneficiaries:	Application is to celebrate the 25 th anniversary of the Garden Club. Special events will be held throughout the summer and will include a talk entitled The Life and Times of a Gardener by Christine Walkden (BBC Presenter and gardener) £2,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Isle of Axholme	

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Kay Traviss Youth Dance Group	Memorable 60s Music – Time to Dance (original production at Plowright Theatre)	£4,148	£2,000	Group have £933 in bank for this project with further funding requested from Lions Association but not yet confirmed. Group putting ticket/ programme sales income towards other costs. Beneficiaries: approx. 400 including audience	Application is towards the cost of staging the production. Grant Condition of 18 July 2012 offer no further application. Further £1,000 grant offered April 2014. Recommendation: Nil	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Town	
Room 21 Big Band	Fabulous Forties Celebration at Haxey Memorial Hall	£3,165	£2,665.81	Group have £1,205 in bank for subscriptions, insurance and website costs. Have been offered £500 by North Lincolnshire Music Education Hub Beneficiaries: approx. 390	Application is to host two 1940s themed events. First will be a 1940s afternoon tea and then an evening 1940s dance and supper with live music. It is hoped that ticket sales for this first year will allow for funding of the project as an annual event. £2,660 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme South	
Winterton Scout Group	Purchase of camping equipment	£8,475	£5,000	Group have £850 from own fund raising projects and a further £1,150 from Winterton Lions, Rotary Club, Nisa Today and Winterton 2021. Beneficiaries: 67	Application is to purchase camping equipment, mess tent and trailer for use by the Scout Group including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. £5,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	

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
Barton Town Cricket Club	Roller replacement	£17,229	£8,000	Club have £1,300 from own funds with current bank balance of £1,771. A further £8,000 has been requested from Sport England Beneficiaries: approx. 1,500	Application is for assistance with the cost of replacing the 30 year old road roller with a specifically designed cricket wicket roller to allow surface to be kept to a higher standard. £8,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Barton	
Cadney cum Howsham Village Hall	Improvement project	£10,106	£9,086	Applicant has allocated £1,020 to project with current bank balance of £2,208. Beneficiaries: all existing and potential users of hall	Application is to provider new central heating boiler and updated kitchen facilities to encourage more users of the Hall. £9,090 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge	
Hibaldstow Astronomical Society	Purchase of equipment	£1,600	£1,440	Group have allocated £160 of £277 bank balance to project Beneficiaries: currently 20	Application meets the criteria and it to purchase a portable telescope, projector, computer and astronomical software to allow group to share with other groups ie guides, scouts and WI groups. £1,440 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge	
Messingham Bowls Club	Security improvements	£2,522	£2,022	Group have no funds available for project. Bank account shows £7,000 which is less than half the annual turnover. £500 has been donated from Messingham Parish Council Beneficiaries: approx 300	Application is to improve security of the ground by erecting fencing to the east side to completely surround the green. This in turn will reduce maintenance costs by preventing vandalism. £2,020 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge	

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Scunthorpe Society of Model Engineers	Upgrade of Normanby Hall Model Railway	£11,500	£10,000	Group have allocated £1,500 to project with £4,083 in bank for further ongoing maintenance work Beneficiaries: approx. 90 members and all visitors to Normanby Hall Country Park	Application meets the criteria and is to build ten new passenger trucks and purchase an electric entry level locomotive. £10,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Letter of support from Susan Hopkinson, Museums Manager at Normanby Hall