

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND LEARNING
AND
HEALTH AND WELLBEING
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 five 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 approved a revenue budget of £148,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. To date, a total of £97,932 has been committed. This leaves £50,068 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £5,250.
- 5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £500,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. To date, a total of £114,130 has been committed. This leaves £385,870 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £103,000.

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 – July 2016

Application for Community Grant – Revenue

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
Lydian Choir	Performances of 'Paradise Lost'	£56,750	£5,250	Potential £51,500 Arts Council England Beneficiaries: approx. 1,000	Application to fund the £5,250 cost of rehearsals for 3 performances of "Paradise Lost" in 3 historic churches across N Lincs (Winterton, Epworth and Barton). Possible seed funding to help draw down other funding of £51,500 Direction by Proper Job (who did Cycle Song) for the performances We do not normally fund staffing costs from this grant fund. Members determine level of funding if any to be awarded Any award to be subject to the group securing match funding.	£2,500	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	North Lincolnshire Wide

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
Bottesford Town Council	Improvements to Chancel Park	£30,000	£10,000	Council have £20,000 towards the cost of the work Beneficiaries: all local residents	Application for £10,000 towards the anticipated £30,000 cost of improving Chancel Park children play area. £10,000 grant recommended	£10,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Bottesford
New Holland Parish Council	Creation of Community Centre	£100,950	£50,000	Commercial sponsor to purchase premises and lease back at peppercorn rent if funding secured to make premises fit for purpose. £2,114 raised in other grants and fundraising so far. £7,800 from parish funds	Application is towards the cost of renovating old Lincoln Castle Club to turn it into a Community Centre for the village. Application is for higher than normal maximum of £30,000. There are no alternative community halls in the village. £50,000 from NLC Community Grants could cover essential items and act as leverage for other funding. Members determine level of funding if any to be awarded	£30,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ferry

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Redbourne Parish Council	Refurbishment of tennis court area and play equipment	£46,815	£43,000	<p>Applicant suggesting £3,815 parish contribution. Attempts to identify other funding unsuccessful to date.</p> <p>£19,000 in bank – allocated to precept activities and capital projects. Only £1,000 contingency reserves.</p>	<p>Application for refurbishment of tennis court area and play equipment. Replacement of some pieces of play equipment. Refurbish safety flooring surrounding the play equipment. The Parish Council submitted a grant request for all funding to determine the Council's position prior to pitching to other sources of funding due to the restricted availability in this area. Application is for higher than normal maximum of £15,000.</p> <p>Members determine level of funding if any to be awarded</p>	£10,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ferry
Trent Valley Gliding Club	Purchase of grounds maintenance equipment	£13,900	£5,000	<p>Club have raised £8,900 towards the cost with £46k in bank and annual turnover of £70k</p> <p>Beneficiaries: approx.. 300</p>	<p>Application for £5000 help with the £13,900 anticipated cost of purchasing a tractor, essential to maintain grass runways. Good contribution rate</p> <p>£5,000 grant recommended</p>	£5,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge