

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 are set out in Appendix One.

3.2 The options available to the Cabinet Members are as follows.

- approving the application 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 £127,472 has been committed. This leaves £20,528 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £1,933.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £684,000 (including slippage) for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. To date, a total of £348,185 has been committed. This leaves £335,815 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £27,400.

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 – 17 October 2016

Application for Community Grant – Individual

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Officer Comments	Contribution to council priorities & Community Support	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical
Demi Cox	Selected to England Boxing Talent Programme Discover Phase	£600	£600	Own funds only	Demi has been selected by England Boxing to attend their talent programme £500 grant recommended including off peak gym and swim package	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Crosby

Application for Community Grant – Children & Young People Focus

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities & Community Support	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical
1 st Belton Brownies	Premises hire at Belton All Saints Primary School @ £15/hr x 1½ hrs x 10 weeks and All Saints Parish Church @ £15/hr x 1½ hrs x 16 sessions And 4 sessions at £19.50/session with full use of kitchen	£543	£483	Group have allocated £60 (11%) from bank balance of £778 for normal operating costs Beneficiaries: 35	This application is for the cost of venue hire. Group fundraising from subscription fees and coffee evening event £380 grant recommended (70%)	Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Axholme Central
1 st Hibaldstow Brownies	Premises hire at Hibaldstow Academy @ £22.95/hr x 1½ hrs x 30 sessions	£1,032	£850	Group have allocated £190 (18%) from bank balance of £704 for normal operating costs Beneficiaries: 33	This application is for the cost of venue hire. Group are actively fundraising £720 grant recommended (70%)	Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ridge

Application for Community Grant – Capital

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Officer Comments	Contribution to council priorities & Community Support	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical
Gunness Village Hall Fund	Provision of new Village Hall	£295,931	£22,000	The project has received funding from the following: Veolia Trust - £100,000 WREN - £50,000 NLC - £55,000 £30,000 (Minute 18(1) 30 May 2013 refers) & £25,000 (Minute 10(9) 21 October 2015 refers)	Group are requesting an additional £22,000 towards the cost of the project. There is a shortfall in funding to get the building completed to a stage it can be used. Attempts to raise the funds from other sources have proved unsuccessful. Members to determine the level of support, if any, to be offered	Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable Shape the area into a prosperous place to live, work, invest and play • Create attractive and healthy places to live, work and play	N/a	Gunness and Burringham
Haxey Parish Council	Refurbishment of play area at Westwoodside		Additional £5,400	PC allocated £500 and have received £500 offer from Lions. Westwoodside Playing Field Association have also offered £400. Beneficiaries: local residents and visitors	Haxey Parish Council are requesting an additional amount of £5,400 on top of the £3,600 offer in June (Minute 2(2) 20 June 2016 refers). This is to cover an increase in costs that the council are unable to find funding for. Members to determine the level of additional support, if any, to be offered	Enable communities to thrive and live active and healthy lives Support safeguard and protect the vulnerable Shape the area into a prosperous place to live, work, invest and play • Create attractive and healthy places to live, work and play	N/a	Axholme South