

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATION

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application received for financial assistance via the Community Grant Fund.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
 - We have received one application for community grant aid. This needs 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 application received is 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 application received does not meet the criteria for grant funding.

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 £64,396 has been committed. This leaves £83,604 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £10,000.

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 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 determine the level of grant, if any, to be offered.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application pack

Community Grant Aid – March 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
Crosby Community Association	Welfare Advice Service	£12,114	£10,000	CCA allocated £2,114 to project Beneficiaries: approx. 400	Application is for help with staffing costs to continue welfare advice service. We do not routinely support this type of project from this fund. Recommendation: Members determine the level of grant, if any, to be offered	£10,000 This is an exceptional grant to allow CCA to continue its existing level of service until the council's commissioning process takes place in October.	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Crosby & Park