

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 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 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 £96,212 has been committed. This leaves £49,788 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £4,747.50.

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 £196,630 has been committed. This leaves £303,370 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £24,354.

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 – August 2016

Application for Community Grant – Children & Young People Focus

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
1 st Crosby Rainbows	Premises hire at Oasis Academy, Henderson Avenue	£450	£315	Group have allocated £135 from bank balance of £427 Beneficiaries: 19	This application is for the cost of venue hire for April 2016 to March 2017 £310 grant recommended	£310	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in choral activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Crosby & Park
1 st Crosby Brownies	Premises hire at Oasis Academy, Henderson Avenue	£675	£472.50	Group have allocated £202.50 from bank balance of £1,068 of which £750 is required to pay for pack holiday Beneficiaries: 17	This application is for the cost of venue hire for April 2016 to March 2017 £470 grant recommended	£470	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in choral activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Crosby & Park

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
North Lincolnshire Youth Council	Positive Steps for emotional health and wellbeing event for young people	£7,920	£3,960	Group have £3,960 (50%) for project Beneficiaries: 200	Application is for £3,960 towards the £7,920 projected cost of a young people's emotional health and wellbeing event to be held in council venues in Scunthorpe Town centre this Autumn. £3,960 grant recommended	£3,960	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	North Lincs

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
Broughton Village Hall	Provision of new roof	£21,657	£21,657	Committee have no funds available for this project. Bank balance of £3,749 for normal running costs Beneficiaries: local community	Application for £21,657.60 help with the £21,657 cost of providing a new roof for Broughton Village Hall. Response to email suggests a small amount of £1,080 could be made available from own funds towards the cost of the work, but any balance not funded by NLC would have to be found from other fundraising such as applying to Town Council. Normal Max for projects under £60,000 is £15,000 which leaves an unachievable funding gap. Recommendation: Members to determine whether to make an exception to the normal maximum grant and if so the amount to be awarded.	£12,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Broughton and Appleby
North Lincs Astronomical Society	Purchase of a Solar Telescope, filter and mount	£3,197	£2,697	Group have £500 towards the cost with £650 in the bank. Beneficiaries: 27 members plus other attending solar observation days	Application for £2,697 help with the £3,197 cost of purchasing a solar telescope and filters. Good contribution rate of 16% from limited funds. £2,700 grant recommended	£2,697	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Barton