

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT AND LEISURE
ASSETS, CULTURE AND HOUSING,
and
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
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 eight 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 2015/16. To date, a total of £127,520 has been committed. This leaves £20,480 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £3,260.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £696,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £598,468 has been committed. This leaves £97,532 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £32,000.

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 – November 2015

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 Kirton Scout Group	Hall hire at KLASSIC Pavilion	£1,575	£1,417.50	Group have allocated £157.50 (10%) to the cost of the hire with a bank balance of £2,343 earmarked for camping and walking trips and equipment Beneficiaries: 69	Application for help with the cost of hiring KLASSIC pavilion for scouting activities. Applying for max 90% but have fundraised towards cost of trips & equipment. Cheaper venue than school facilities previously used £1,410 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in scouting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ridge	
3 rd Berkeley Brownies	Premises hire for St Augustine Webster School 30sessions @ £20/session (1½ hrs)	£600	£540	Group have allocated £60 from club fund with bank balance of £137. Beneficiaries: 18	Funds currently raised through subs and fund raising activities £540 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Crosby & Park	
Alkborough Cricket Club	Hire of Winterton Academy hall for indoor winter training	£555	£450	Group have allocated £105 (19%) to cost of hall hire Beneficiaries: 40	Funds currently raised through subs £450 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	
Lincs Twirlers	Hire of Old Brumby United Church Hall for extra training sessions £30/week x 10 weeks	£300	£270	Group have allocated £30 (10%) to cost of hall hire with bank balance of £1,823 earmarked for other hire costs and equipment Beneficiaries: 35	Funds currently raised through subs and fund raising activities (supermarket bag packs have raised approx. £1,200). £270 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Kingsway with Lincoln Gardens	
Messingham Junior Cricket Club	Hire of Melior Academy hall for indoor winter training	£840	£600	Group have allocated £240 (29%) to cost of hall hire with bank balance of £1,461 for general running costs Beneficiaries: 150	Funds currently raised through subs and fund raising activities (raffles and bbqs have raised approx. £800). £600 grant recommended	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in sporting activities.	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	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Epworth Mechanics Institute Library	Improvement to heating and lighting	£2,320	£2,000	£320 allocated to project from bank account of £12,078 for normal running expenses	The application is for help with the cost of replacing old storage style heaters and inadequate lighting with energy efficient alternative. The project aims to reduce electricity bills and help secure long term sustainability of the facility. £2,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme Central	
Messingham Cricket Club	Grounds maintenance equipment	£19,800+ vat	£15,000	Private donation of £5,000 received and balance of £3,760 to come from club funds. Bank balance currently stands at £1,461 Beneficiaries: 300	The application is for assistance with the cost of purchase an outfield mower. £15,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge	
St Norberts PCC	Street Scene improvements	£26,000	£15,000	Group have raised £4,340 towards project and received £900 from Crowle Town Council. Further fundraising efforts taking place for funding gap	The application is to improve vehicular access and off road car parking for the community hall and improve the safety of this area which is next to a school. £15,000 grant recommended	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme North	