

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 £95,313 has been committed. This leaves £52,687 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £14,205.

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 £189,130 has been committed. This leaves £310,870 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £7,526.

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 – 18July 2016

Application for Community Grant – Individual

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
Marcus Robinson	Selected to Team GB – Water Skiing	£9,905	£500	Own funds only	Marcus has been selected to the British Water Ski & Wakeboard 2016 Squad £500 grant recommended including off peak gym and swim package	£500	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg & Wolds
Ryan Whitney	Represent Team GB at ITU Triathlon Cross World Championships	£1,655	£1,000	Own funds only	Ryan has been selected to the compete at the ITU Triathlon Cross World Championships in Australia £500 grant recommended including off peak gym and swim package	£500	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge

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
Scunthorpe Cooperative Junior Choir	Premises hire at Oasis Academy Henderson Avenue	£3,607.50	£2,705	Bank balance of £21,473 of which £21,000 is restricted funds for other programmes. Beneficiaries: 122	Actively fundraising. This application is for help with the cost of venue hire for their activities to March 2017 £2,520 grant recommended (70% of costs)	£2,000	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in choral activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	North Lincs (based in Crosby)

Application for Community Grant – Revenue

Rhubarb Theatre Company	Happily Ever After - story telling pilot project	£23,102	£10,000	Group have allocated £2,400 to project (10%) with £2,000 confirmed grant from Santander A further £5,900 is from in-kind contributions and subsidised costs. Unconfirmed grants from Arts Council England £14,202 and FundNK £1,000 – responses still outstanding Beneficiaries: c.2,835	Application for £10,000 help with the anticipated £33,102 cost of story telling pilot project. Council funding if approved would be leverage to draw down funding from other sources including ACE. Only £4,400 normal eligible costs other costs in kind, staffing and travel costs £4,400 grant recommended	£4,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	North Lincs
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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
Brigg Town Cricket Club	Facilities Redevelopment	£8,362	£7,526	Group have allocated £836 to project with bank balance of £192	Application for £7,526.27 towards the anticipated £8,362.52 cost of equipment for maintaining and playing cricket at Brigg Recreation Ground. £7,520 grant recommended	£7,500	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Brigg & Wolds