

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 seven 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 £146,600 has been committed. This leaves £1,400 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested this financial year is £1,500.

5.1.2 The council has indicatively approved a revenue budget of £148,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. Revenue and capital budgets are currently under review, taking account of changes to funding streams and policies which may impact on the overall amount of budget available once approved in February 2016. To date, a total of £49,010 has been committed leaving £98,990 available to allocate. There are three applications totalling £2,522 which will need to be funded in 2016/17.

5.1.3 In the budget review of 26 January 2016, the council has indicatively approved a capital budget of £315,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2016/17. Revenue and capital budgets are currently under review, taking account of changes to funding streams and policies which may impact on the overall amount of budget available once approved later in February 2016. To date, a total of £63,440 has been committed leaving £251,560 available to allocate. There are three applications totalling £53,495 which will need to be funded in 2016/17.

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 – February 2016

Application for Community Grant – Individuals

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
Harry Spavin	European Waterski Championships	£1,350	£600	Own funds only	Harry has again been selected to Team GB for the European Waterski Championships to be held in Norway in July 2016 £500 grant recommended	£500	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge
Ruth Wilson	Talent squad Rio Paralympics	£5,000	£500	Own funds only	Ruth has been invited to join the talent training squad for the Paralympics in Rio £500 grant recommended	£500	Make our communities safer and stronger – encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Axholme South

Application for Community Grant – Children and 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 Hibaldstow Brownies	Premises hire for Hibaldstow Academy 33 x 1.5hrs x £22.28 per hour	£1,002.60	£850	Group have allocated £150 towards the costs with bank balance of £1,245 Beneficiaries: 34	Active with own fundraising. £850 grant recommended	£850	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ridge
1 st Hibaldstow & Scawby Scout Group	Premises hire for Hibaldstow Village Hall @ £19.00 per hour and St Hybalds Church Hall @ £6.00	£975	£650	Group have allocated £325 towards the costs with bank balance of £9,500 with insurance costs to pay in February Beneficiaries: 84	Active with own fundraising. £650 grant recommended	£650	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in guiding activities	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Ridge

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
Owston Ferry Society	Annual Insurance costs	£1,522.74	£1,522.74	£4,900 in bank - group have not allocated anything to the insurance Beneficiaries: approx. 400	Application is for 100% of the costs of the annual insurance costs. We do not normally support ongoing running costs except in exceptional circumstances. Applicant has received support in 2 previous years Recommended: that members determine whether to provide support, and if so to what level.	£250	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects 158 visitors last year	N/a	Axholme South

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
Saxby All Saints Parochial Church Council	Pathways and fencing project	£12,518	£2,000	Application for LAG for Lincolnshire for £9,500, church funds providing £1,018 Beneficiaries: whole community and tourists/visitors	Application for help with the cost of renewing pathways and fencing for improving visitor experience. Support necessary to draw down other funding. £2,000 grant recommended	£2,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects Community use of church and church visitors	N/a	Brigg & Wolds
Scawby Parish Council	Sports pavilion enhancement	£27,485	£21,495	Application has reserves of £29,400 for normal operating costs and has allocated £6,000 to this project Beneficiaries: 2000+	Application for help with the cost of refurbishing sports pavilion at Scawby Playing Fields. Normal maximum grant for a project this size would be £15,000 Recommended: that members determine the level of support, if any, to be offered	£10,000	Make our communities safer and stronger – Encourage volunteering and support community projects	N/a	Ridge