

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT & LEISURE
ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE & HOUSING,
AND
PEOPLE
CABINET MEMBERS**

COMMUNITY GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications received by the council 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 £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 £200,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2012/13. To date, a total of £76,193.16 has been committed. This leaves £123,806.84 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels recommended by officers amounts to £8124.75.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £300,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2012/13. To date, a total of £169,453 has been committed. This leaves £130,547 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels recommended by officers amounts to £61,800.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no staffing, property or IT related implications to consider.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

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**

- 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 One.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
Community Grant Aid – Application pack

Community Grant Aid – October 2012

Application for Community Grant – Revenue Award

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Scunthorpe Museum Society Art Group	The group are arranging a year long programme of events consisting of three speakers, outdoor painting trip and a visit to the internationally acclaimed Patchings Arts Fair.	£2,200	£1,980	Club have £220 available for the project. Bank statement currently shows £2,000 Beneficiaries: 33	Officers recommend safeguarding policy and constitution updates in accordance with good practice as condition of any grant offer. Recommended that members determine the level of grant awarded if any	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Based in Brumby ward	
Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire	To provide work experience, training and development opportunities in a youth-led coffee and music house (and social enterprise incubator) at the heart of the community, serving as a resource to improve disadvantaged young people's chances in life to make successful transitions.	£667,466	£30,000	Confirmed £301,703 from Big Lottery Reaching Communities. £65,000 application to Arts Council – Creative People Creative Places. £10,000 application to NLC Positive for Youth fund. VANL contributing £283,263 to projects VANL bank account shows £465,520. £107,641 restricted funds and there is an annual turn over of £688,430	The project is set to run over a five year period and the application is for £30,000 to cover staffing costs over the five years. Recommended that members determine the level of grant awarded if any	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a		

Application for Community Grant – Capital Award

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	Library holds a full collection of the Epworth Bells newspaper dating back to 1872. Early years volumes have been damaged with use and are in need of repair to prevent further damage. Later years editions have not been bound and this project aims to ensure all newspapers are bound.	£7,001.70	£6,300	Group have allocated £700 of own fundraising towards this project Bank account shows £9,533 which is to pay for a new fire alarm system and additional roof and staircase maintenance Beneficiaries: Isle of Axholme residents – approx 5,000	Project is to complete the conservation of important local heritage documents. £6,300 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Axholme Central Axholme North Axholme South	Several letters of support from various members of the community including a local historian and town council
Goxhill Parish Council	Installation of a double court multi use games area (MUGA)	£120,000	£25,500	£15,000 from parish council, £50,000 from WREN, £35,000 from Leader. Bank account shows £95,972 Beneficiaries: Whole community	Application meets scheme criteria and is to install a double court multi use games area on the playing field at North End, Goxhill. This application is also to cover the third party funding towards the WREN funding. £25,500 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/o	Ferry	Letters of support
West Butterwick Parish Council	Installation of multi use games area (MUGA)	£69,670	£30,000	Parish Council £10,000 – re-apply to Leader for the remaining balance of £29,670. Bank account shows £64,921 (£10,000 earmarked for project, balance intended for other projects) Beneficiaries: whole community	Application meets scheme criteria and is to install a multi use games area on the playing field. £30,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/o	Axholme South	Consultation event and resident questionnaire

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
3 rd Barton upon Humber Scout Group	Use of school for provision of sessions	£1,768.20	£1,768.20	Other costs met through subs. Bank account balance Sept 2012 £8,675 (costs of Olympics trip still to be deducted) Beneficiaries: 60	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £1,592 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant.	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Rainbow activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Barton	n/a
1 st Barnetby Brownies	Use of school for provision of sessions	£247.50	£247.50	Other costs met through sub. Bank account balance £683 Beneficiaries: 27	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £222.75 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant.	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Rainbow activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Brigg & Wold	n/a
2 nd Messingham Brownies	Use of school for provision of sessions	£900	£900	Other costs met through sub. Bank account balance £649 Beneficiaries: 28	Funds currently raised through subs. Looking into future fundraising opportunities. £810 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant.	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Rainbow activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	Brigg & Wold	n/a