

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 for financial assistance.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
- We have received 5 applications for Community grant aid. These need considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The new 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 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 Options are limited to the following:

- 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 in the relevant Community grant aid scheme for assistance up to the level shown in the attached table.

4.2 Offering Community grant support at a reduced level, or rejection of an application, could mean that the project will not progress.

5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Community Capital Grant budget for financial year 2012/13 is £300,000. £24,440 has been previously committed to capital projects leaving £275,560 currently remaining in the budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £55694.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no issues for staffing, property or IT.

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

6.1 The service is working hard to reach diversity plan outcomes. One way of doing this is to support community provision, building stronger communities and supporting the community to take responsibility for positive activities.

6.2 Getting more people to take part in active recreation may contribute to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 There are no other implications.

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 travel, training and accommodation costs.

- 7.2 Funding for community projects in North Lincolnshire is often difficult. Community organisations have told us that they need the Council's support to help lever in other funding 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 – June 2012

Application for Community Capital Grant Award

Organisation	Scheme	Total Cost	Amount Requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution To Council Priorities	Contribution To Statutory Duties	Geographical	Community Support
Winterton Town Council in partnership with Newport Drive Playing Field Association and Dale Park Youth Group	Newport Drive Playing Field Clubhouse – purpose built changing facilities and training hall/social room	£558,724	£22,224	Cemex £50k Leader £25k Wren £75k Biffa £50k Football Foundation £194k Sport England £50k Winterton Town Council £100k Total council fund £150902 – balance budgeted for other council activity. The council has also already spent an additional £50k on extending the playing field and architect fees,	This application meets the criteria and is to cover the shortfall in funding and third party funding for the project. £22,224 grant recommended	Stronger communities – much needed changing accommodation to support playing field natural turf sport activities. Club room will provide venue for volunteer education, committee meetings etc and be available to the wider community.	N/a	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	Widespread community support for much needed facilities. Numerous letters of support from across the community and participation appraisal exercise
South Axholme Community Swimming Pool Association	Energy management and pool water improvements	£14,970	£13,470	Town council contributed £5000 two years ago to another scheme £50 Wroot £100 Owston Ferry £50 Eastoft Upto £550 Epworth At 31/5/2011 balance in accounts was £54,623, £37,944 after liabilities deducted	This application meets the criteria and is to install variable speed drivers to the circulation and air handling motors to run with data supplied from the pool water chemical control unit. This will help with running costs and has been done at our centres. £13,470 grant recommended	Stronger communities – reducing the environmental impact of running Epworth Swimming Pool and increasing sustainability of the business plan by reducing operating costs.	N/a	Located in Axholme Central but supports the whole of the Isle area	N/a
All Saint's Church, Winterton (Winterton Parochial Church Council (WPCC))	Improvements to the access and amenities within the building to meet wider variety of community needs and the creation of space within the church for heritage study, interpretation and display enabling the church to become a focus for community heritage.	£850,000	£30,000	Heritage Lottery Fund £640,000 already passed stage 1 assessment WPCC - £40,000 There is currently a project shortfall of £170,000,	This application meets the criteria but it is anticipated funding would be required during financial year 2013/14. Recommend agree in sentiment subject to the other funding being in place by 2013/14	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Burton upon Stather & Winterton	Consultations involving congregation and wider community. Much local interest especially in heritage focus and additional luncheon club. Many letters of support received.
Brigg Wheelers	The addition of two new ramps within the existing skate park at Ancholme Leisure Centre	£18,000	£15,000	Own funds of £6120 - of which £3000 has been allocated to this project. Remainder is allocated for insurance and maintenance costs.	This application meets the criteria and is to install two new ramps. £15,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – improved facilities for young people. More than 100 young people are park users.	N/a	Physically located in Ridge ward to supports Broughton & Appleby and Brigg & Wolds	User survey undertaken. Local business and Rotary/Lions all support the project. Verbal and financial from community at supermarket bagpack

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Bottesford Town Bowls Club	Installation of irrigation system	£8,260	£5,000	Applications to Sport England Small Grants and Cash for Clubs – awaiting outcome Club have £3,866 in bank	Grounds maintenance is provided by Bottesford Town Council who own the greens. Club have very short security of tenure but public investment protected by Town Council ownership. Constitution would require dissolution clause amendment as condition of grant if offered. £5,000 grant recommended subject to confirmation of Town Council permission, constitution amendment and agreement to develop junior programme.	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Bottesford	Members of the bowls club from immediate area