

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 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 £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 £191,888 has been committed. This leaves £8,112 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £3,969.

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 £294,795 has been committed. This leaves £5,205 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £2,300.

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 – January 2013

Application for Community Grant – Individual

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Peter Connolly	Selected to the GB Team for Triathlon European Championships	£1000	£1000	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is for travel and accommodation costs. £500 grant and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities for 2012/13 recommended.	Active volunteer supporting local triathlon	N/a	Brigg & Wolds	N/a

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
Bottesford Town Council	To extend the range of activities available at The Tea Pot Hall including trips and speakers	£670	£500	Bank account currently £29,944. Allocated for Town Council running costs Beneficiaries: approx. 80	This application meets the criteria. £500 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Bottesford	Survey of 1200 households
Apple of your Isle	Equipment and activity to support and encourage the growing and consumption of fruit on the Isle of Axholme	£1242	£1100	£63 in bank Haxey Parish Council agreed £100 Application to Festival of the Plough pending decision Epworth Town Council unsuccessful	The application meets the scheme criteria Recommendation: That members consider the level of grant appropriate	Improve the health & wellbeing of residents by encouraging them to grow, press, eat and drink fresh fruit and its products	N/a	Isle of Axholme	Feedback from trial sessions

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
Messingham Parish Council	Urgent drainage works to Holme Meadow sports pitches	£2,650	£2,300	Bank account currently £11,546 for normal council operating costs Beneficiaries: all residents & visitors	This application meets the criteria and is for urgent drainage works £2,300 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Ridge	Following high rainfall this year the grounds are waterlogged indicating existing drainage is inadequate

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
Scunthorpe Sea Cadets	Help with cost of running own premises to deliver youth activities	£2081	£1869	Other costs met through fundraising: Electrical safety checks, boat & building maintenance etc. Bank account balance £136 Beneficiaries: 29	Funds raised through subs and fundraising activities – supermarket bag packs, sponsored events etc.. Constantly looking into future fundraising opportunities. £1869 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in water related activities.	Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing	N Lincs wide	N/a