

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND 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 £148,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2013/14. To date, a total of £60,875.75 has been committed. This leaves £87,124.25 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £7,190.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £300,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2013/14. In addition, there is £250,000 for skate parks and multi use games areas and a £300,000 enhancement fund. To date, a total of £361,414 has been committed. This leaves £488,586 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £104,720.

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 One.

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

Community Grant Aid – May 2013

Application for Community Grant – Revenue

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Insight Open Studios	Annual artist open studios event promoting visual arts and crafts practitioners in North Lincolnshire.	£2,700	£700	Group have £300 for project, currently only have £7.08 in bank, A further £500 has been received from North East Lincolnshire and the remainder coming from participants entry fees Beneficiaries: Last years event attracted over 6,800 visitors	Application meets the criteria and is towards the cost of marketing the event. £700 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Barton/North Lincolnshire wide	N/a
Scunthorpe Malayalee Association	Onam 2013. Onam is a traditional harvest festival in the south Indian state of Kerala. The festival includes traditional folk dances, laying intricate wreaths of flowers	£1,970	£1,170	The group have £752 in the bank but with further fund raising taking place they aim to have £800 available for this project Beneficiaries: Approx 110	Annual event - cultural tradition of the Malayalee community. Last year group were awarded £1,150 Recommendation: That members consider the level of grant appropriate	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Activities will be held within Ashby Ward but visitors expected from Scunthorpe wards	Previous events well supported
Scunthorpe Malayalee Association	Provision of dance classes	£5,370	£4,170	We anticipate that the applicant contribution will come from session fees. Current bank balance £752. Beneficiaries: Approx 20	Continuation of project supported 2012/13. The group wish to teach south Indian classical dance to people in North Lincolnshire. Last year group were awarded £3,475 Recommendation: That members consider the level of grant appropriate	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Scunthorpe wards	Young people consultation, Normanby Hall Open Day and Museum Service request for performances

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UMEED	Group working with children from deprived areas and are developing an indoor football session at Central Community Centre with a focus on healthy eating and exercise.	£6,880	£6,192	Group currently have £5 in bank but are putting £688 towards cost of project Beneficiaries: 25-30 young people	Application includes staffing costs for this new organisation. Group are not charging for sessions so would not be sustainable. Eligible element of rent is £1280 £1150 grant (90% of rent element) recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Crosby and Town	Requested by young people currently engaged with group

Application for Community Grant – Capital

Group	Scheme	Total cost	Amount requested	Added Value: other funds	Comments	Contribution to council priorities	Contribution to statutory duties	Geographical	Community support
Gunness Village Hall Fund Committee	To provide multi purpose facility to provide much need focal point for village residents. Hall will provide space of clubs and private functions but also house changing rooms and showers for users of sports field	£400,000	£30,000	Group have currently raised £75,000 towards the cost of the project. Funding bids for £50,00 each have been submitted to Wren, Biffa and Rural Fund. Beneficiaries: approx. 4500 residents	Application meets the criteria and is to build a new multi purpose facility in Gunness. Any offer of grant support would be with the condition the group develop and adopt a child protection policy and equal opportunities policy. £30,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Gunness	
Scunthorpe Pisces Angling Club	Purchase of fishing pond. The club pond is for sale by the landlord and the club is at risk of losing it's home water. The club have been offered the option to purchase the site.	£70,000	£55,000	Own funds of £15,000 have been used to put a deposit on the land. Offered for sale at £70,000, independent valuation was £120,000-£150,000.	Previously deferred to Estates for comment. Members to decide level of support offered	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. Good track record of working with agencies to deliver positive opportunities for young people and people with additional needs.	N/a	Burringham Based but North Lincolnshire wide easily accessible to Riddings/ Westcliff	

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Winterton Rangers	Changing room improvements for football club.	£11,435	£4,720	Group have £1,000 toward project. Bank statement currently shows £8,344. Application also submitted to Football Stadia Improvement Funding for £5,717. Beneficiaries: All users of Rangers site	Health and safety issues have been identified following other works in the building. Works will include removal of asbestos and curing rising damp issues Group previously been supported with grant for £10,000 in 2012/13 £4,720 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	
Messingham Methodist Church	“Big Lunch” event for approximately 40 people	£100.00	£100.00	If successful could lead to regular luncheon club.	Application meets scheme criteria. £100 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Ridge	