

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 15 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 qualification criteria for grant funding up to the levels shown in the appendix attached.

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 council has approved a revenue budget of £200,000 to support the Community Grant Fund for 2012/13. To date, a total of £40,094.68 has been committed against previous applications received and approved by Cabinet Members. This leaves a sum remaining to allocate of £159,905.32. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels recommended by officers amounts to £37,722.90.

5.1.2 The council has approved a capital budget of £300,000 to support the Community Grant Fund for 2012/13. To date, a total of £87,350 has been committed against previous applications received and approved by Cabinet Members. This leaves a sum remaining to allocate of £212,650. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels recommended by officers amounts to £57,750.

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 cases of 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 travel, training and accommodation costs.

7.2 Securing funding for community projects in North Lincolnshire can often prove difficult for community groups. 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 – September 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
Apna Sahara	To cover staffing expenses to coordinate and develop the 'Chill n Chat' sessions in addition to venue and event costs and other costs including activities, materials and training	£11,308	£9,808	Apna Sahara have £1,753 in the bank of which £1,500 will be allocated to this project Beneficiaries: 55	Apna Sahara are looking to expend the successful 'Chill n Chat' sessions that currently run on a monthly basis to weekly sessions. The sessions offer participants the chance to celebrate and share cultural diversity and promote better understanding and community cohesion. Participants are encouraged to share culture and heritage differences with each other in a relaxed and supportive environment. Recommendation: That members consider the level of grant appropriate (if approved)	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities. Promote equality and celebrate diversity.	N/a	Crosby and Park	Community survey with BME residents in Crosby area. When asked to identify how they would like to get involved in the community the top answer was cultural events and celebrations
Scunthorpe Malayalee Association	Onam 2012. Onam is a traditional harvest festival in the south Indian state of Kerala. The festival includes traditional folk dances, laying intricate wreaths of flowers	£1,900	£1,150	The group have £750 available for this project and further fundraising will take place if application unsuccessful Beneficiaries: Approx 120	The project will encourage and strengthen the local community and promote cohesion among the population by making everyone understand the cultural traditions of the Malayalee community. Recommendation: That members consider the level of grant appropriate (if approved)	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 United Community Sports and Education Trust	Expanding the power chair football activity delivered in partnership with a local CP day care centre (Lincolnshire House), and schools. Present activity is extremely popular and the group want to develop so more players can participate.	£6,300	£4,700	Fundraising in partnership with The Chancel pub £1,600 Funds in bank ringfenced for other projects Beneficiaries: 32 people waiting to use the service	Potentially large demand. Scheme to run alongside, but in addition to projects funded from other sources such as On Target Recommendations: 1) That members consider the level of grant appropriate (if approved) 2) That any grant offer be subject of grant condition restricting work with schools to extra curricular activity	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Mainly Scunthorpe wards, but client base potentially North Lincolnshire wide	Discussion with client base

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Westcliff Drop-in Centre	The centre wish to increase access to recreational activities for disadvantaged children facing exclusion and isolation. Grant support required to continue the Junior Volunteers (JV) programme. JVs have the opportunity to discuss areas of concern in a supported environment.	£9,328	£8,395	Currently organisation has £121,278 in the bank of which £109,712 is restricted to other projects funded by Lottery and Home Office. Currently the group are offering £925 towards the project Beneficiaries: last year 225 young people engaged with the project	Continuation costs of existing programme, not new or additional activity. Activities will be unable to continue if no funding. Recommendation: That members consider the level of grant appropriate (if approved)	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Community consultation has shown that key area of concern was community safety in particular the number of young people hanging around. Activities for young people was the key priority for the community at 63%	N/a
Winterton Community Hub	The group are looking for funding to enable them to bring Winterton Library and Resource Centre into community ownership. Any support will be used towards running costs eg utilities, rates and salaries	£8320	£7,320	The group do not have any funds at the time of application. Further details of income have yet to be agreed eg: guaranteed income streams from the library and local link Beneficiaries: 1573 people used the facilities in the previous year	Fits community asset transfer agenda and grant scheme aims especially “Encouraging and supporting voluntary groups to run existing Council facilities, services and activities” £7,320 grant recommended subject to satisfactory receipt of constitution, equal opportunities policy, safeguarding policy and evidence of an independent bank account	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	The Public Libraries & Museums Act 1964 - statutory duty for all local authorities to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service, set in the context of local need: that is, specifically of those who live, work and study in the local area.	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	2010 Winterton needs assessment VANL

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
East Halton Village Hall	Village hall improvements	£11626	£10,770	Parish council £760 Own fundraising £400 (only have £979 in bank) Beneficiaries: all residents of East Halton and surrounding area	Village hall in isolated community in much need of improvement. Scheme will replace aged and unreliable boiler for modern energy efficient type, along with essential refurbishment and improvement works to building as phase 1 of larger scheme to improve this much needed facility £10,770 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Ferry	Community groups which use village hall, parish council, Womens Institute, Friendship club
Epworth War Memorial Playing Field	Regeneration work to a pavilion which was built in 1988. Updated facilities will provide modern disabled access and equipment to make the facilities more social inclusive to a wider range of the community.	£83,610	£9,996	£29,818 from WREN, £38,098 from LEADER and £3,000 from Epworth Town Council. Group have £5,798 own funds available for the project leaving a shortfall of £10,176 Beneficiaries: 2740 users with annual footfall of £19,171	Despite best efforts, shortfall in funding to complete the project to refurbish/upgrade community hall. £10,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Axholme Central	Consultation letters from user groups
Heslam Park in association with Scunthorpe Town Cricket Club	Building of a new pavilion incorporating changing, showers and disabled toilet	£100,260	£30,000	Inspired Facilities (£49,999) Enhancing Communities SITA (£45,000) unsuccessful Heslam Park are putting £3,000 towards the project and currently have £7,224 in the bank. Balance from further fundraising and Cricket Trust loan if necessary Beneficiaries: approx 120	Appointed centre for women & girls cricket. Need facilities. Aim to attract new members and allow the centre to develop and become recognised as a regional centre for female and disability cricket. (The new pavilion will provide disabled access and equipment.) Sport England Inspire Facilities grant approved, but needs match funding. Attempts to secure funding from other sources unsuccessful. £30,000 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Mainly Scunthorpe wards, but client base potentially North Lincolnshire wide	Lincolnshire Cricket, Study Heslam, Back to Sport, Chance to Shine (schools)

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Normanby Park Sport and Activity Club	To update the grounds maintenance equipment used by volunteers to keep the playing surfaces safe and suitable for the many sports that take place during the year. They need to purchase a new cricket roller to ensure all surfaces are fit for purpose.	£7,752	£6,977	£259 from Burton upon Stather Parish Council and £258 each from Flixborough Parish and Winterton Town Councils. Also £775 own funds available. Group have £5,230 in the bank to cover insurance, utilities and premises costs. Beneficiaries: 250	Roller needed for turf maintenance to provide sports facilities, without which sport cannot be delivered. £6,980 grant recommended	Stronger communities – creating opportunities for local people to take part in community activities.	N/a	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Several parish councils

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
1 st Ashby Brownies	Use of Hall for provision of sessions	£1,150	£500	£650 funded through subs and fundraising – coffee evenings and tokens from cash for the community Beneficiaries: 32	£500 grant recommended. To enable the group to continue running sessions and activities within their own community. Bank balance June 2012 £377.44	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Brownie activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Ashby & District	
1 st Belton Guides	Use of Hall for provision of sessions	£675	£607.50	Other costs met through subs Beneficiaries: 28	Fund raising activities are carried throughout the year in aid of charities. £607.50 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant. Bank account balance June 2012 £111.38	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Guides activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Belton & District	
1 st Kirton In Lindsey Scout Group	Use of Hall for provision of sessions	£2655	£2389.50	Other costs met through subs Beneficiaries: open to all	£2389.50 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant. Due to high rental costs of premises encourage group to explore alternative premises which meet the groups needs. Bank account balance June 2012 £6742.64	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Scout activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Kirton & District	

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2 nd Crosby Brownies	Transport Costs for Pack Holiday & Use of Hall for provision of sessions	£1156	£1040.40	Other costs met through subs Beneficiaries: 20	£1040.40 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant. Bank account balance June 2012 £111.38	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Brownie activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Crosby & District	
10 th Scunthorpe Scout Group	Use of Hall for provision of sessions	£950	£855	Other costs met through subs Beneficiaries: 40	£855 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant. Bank account balance June 2012 £340	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Scout activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Scunthorpe	
1 st Belton Brownies	Use of Hall for provision of sessions	£675	£607.50	Other costs met through subs Beneficiaries: 28	Fund raising activities are carried throughout the year in aid of charities. £607.50 grant recommended based on 90% max Community Grant. Bank account balance June 2012 £691.92	Providing opportunity for young people to take part in Brownies activities. Complies with Statutory Guidance for Improving Young People's Wellbeing		Belton & District	