

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

LEISURE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.2 To consider applications for financial assistance.

1.2 The key points of the report are as follows.

- There are four different leisure grant aid schemes.
- We have received one bid for grant aid. This needs considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 There are four separate grant aid schemes.

▪ Aid to Communities Capital Scheme

This is for community sport, arts or heritage capital projects of community benefit. The maximum award is 50% of project costs up to a maximum grant of £30,000.

▪ Sports Grant Aid

For grants to organisations, the scheme helps small sport projects. Normally the maximum award is 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of £1,000

For sport/recreation grant aid to individuals, the scheme helps athletes selected to national teams/squads with travel and training costs. Normally the maximum award is 50% of costs, up to a maximum of £250.

Only those sports recognised by Sport England are eligible.

▪ Arts Grant Aid

This is for grants to organisations or individuals. The scheme helps small arts events, exhibitions or development projects in North Lincolnshire. Normally the maximum award is £1,000.

- Community Centre Grant Aid
For grants to Community Centres in Scunthorpe. The Scunthorpe Special Levy funds the scheme. The scheme helps programme development or enhance the quality of services offered. Up to 100% is available depending on financial circumstances.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 A summary of the application received is set out in Appendix 1.

3.2 Our options are limited to:

- approving the application as submitted;
- refuse support; or
- offer grant support at a reduced level.

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 The application received meets the criteria under the Arts Grant Aid scheme within the criteria “*projects that involve the development or promotion of a new cultural activity, arts organisation or venue*”.

4.2 There are sufficient funds in the Arts Grant Aid budget to provide the amount recommended.

4.3 Offering grant support at a reduced level, or rejecting the application would mean that there is financial support to others during the year but could mean that the applicant project will not progress.

4.4 Support of this application will make a positive contribution towards delivering on the shared ambitions in the Community Strategy by contributing to the Shared Ambition SI 3/4 *Improve well being by promoting participation in leisure and cultural activities*, and National Indicator NI 11 (*Engagement in the Arts*).

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

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Arts Grant budget for this year is £5,000. There is £2,350 left in this budget. The amount required to support the application amounts to £550.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

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

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

6.1 This grant is to provide Haxey Village Hall with a piano to support regular orchestral and singing concerts and for hire to groups. The aim is to increase leisure and participation activities in a culturally deprived rural area.

6.2 There are no other related implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 A lot of work is done to support the groups applying for grant aid. They have worked hard to develop projects for their communities. They are often frustrated by their inability to lever in sufficient funds to bring a deserving community project to fruition. They occasionally need a grant of sufficient proportions to help lever in enough funds from other sources to make their project happen.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.2 That we offer support to the group requesting grant aid as detailed in Appendix 1.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Leisure Services Grant Aid – Application pack

Leisure Services Grant Aid – November 2008

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Stephen Jones Community Hall, Haxey Methodist Church	To purchase digital piano for new community hall	£1,099	£550 Arts Grant	Own funds	This application meets the criteria and is for the purchase of a new digital piano for the new community hall. £550 grant recommended