

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

LEISURE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance. The Leader of the Council is asked to consider this application, as the Cabinet Member had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application
- 1.2 The main points in this report are:
- There are four different leisure grant aid schemes.
 - We have received a 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 in our grant aid schemes for assistance up to the levels shown in the attached table. There are sufficient funds in our various grant budgets to provide the amount recommended.

4.2 Offering grant support at a reduced level, or rejecting of an application could mean that the applicant's project might not progress.

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

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Community Centre Grant Aid budget for this year is £5,000. There is £5,000 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £800.

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 We are working hard to reach our diversity plan outcomes. One way of doing this is by increasing access to community buildings.

6.2 One of the benefits of increasing participation in active recreation is the opportunity to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. This is by using active recreation as a diversionary activity. Our grant aid schemes help facilitate increased participation.

6.3 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 have often been frustrated by their inability to lever in sufficient funds to bring a deserving community project to fruition. They often need a grant from the Council to help lever in enough funds from other sources to make their project happen.

7.2 We have consulted with Sports Aid regarding how we can best work together to support talented young athletes. We have agreed that their scheme to support young athletes from our area compliments our sports grants to individuals.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.2 That we offer support to the groups 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 – June 2008

ORGANISATION	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Greeson Hall Community Association	To achieve accreditation for the Community Matters VISIBLE quality standard	£1,500	£800 Community Centre Grant Aid	Lincolnshire Community Foundation Network will contribute £700	This application meets the criteria and is to enable the Community Association to undertake the accreditation process for the Community Matters VISIBLE quality standard. £800 grant recommended