

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE SERVICES
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 main points in this report are:

- There are four different leisure grant aid schemes.
- We have received three bids for grant aid. These need 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 This is for grants to community centres in Scunthorpe. The Scunthorpe Special Levy funds the scheme. The scheme helps programme development or enhancements the quality of services offered. Up to 100% is available depending on financial circumstances.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 A summary of the applications we have received is set out in the appendix to this paper.

3.2 Our options are limited to:

- 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 revised 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 rejection of an application would mean that there is financial support to others during the year but could mean that the applicant's project will not progress.

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

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Aid to Communities (Capital) budget for this year is £200,000. There is £176,290 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £10,832.

5.1.2 The Arts Grant Aid budget for the year is £5,000. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £650. No other grants have been made from this budget this financial year to date.

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 need a grant of sufficient proportions 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 sports people. We have agreed that their scheme to support young sports people 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 – April 2008

ORGANISATION	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Kirton Lindsey Bowls Club	Purchase of sectional timber building for use as a pavilion	£2,695	£1,350 Aid to Communities	£500 KLASSIC (Part of Town Council donation)	The club need to replace the existing timber pavilion, which is over 70 years old and no longer fit for use. The pavilion will help to keep Bowls running whilst a wider plan to develop a new sports ground for Kirton is progressed. This application meets the scheme criteria. £1,350 grant recommended
South Ferriby Parish Council	Conversion of derelict tennis courts into community Multi Use Games Area	£86,200	£9,482 Aid to Communities	Wren £38,359 (applied) BIFFA £38,359 (applied) Parish Council maintenance funding commitment - min £5,000 over 10 yrs. Cemex - Land lease at peppercorn rate	This is an excellent response to providing opportunities for community sports as a result of community consultation and will benefit young people particularly. This application is for North Lincolnshire Council to act as third party funder to lever in landfill tax credits and meets the scheme criteria. £9,482 grant recommended
Barrow & District Society of Church Bell Ringers	Barrow Ringing Centre – new bells	£650 as part of £40,000 refurbishment project	£650 Arts Grant Aid	£10,000 Foundation for Sport & the Arts £5,000 fundraising, Four bells sponsored by Garfield Weston Foundation, Batty Charitable Trust and the D'oyly Carte Charitable Trust	The application is for the purchase a training dumb bell, as part of the ringing centre project. The application meets the scheme criteria. £650 grant recommended

