

## 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 a number of applications for financial assistance, via our leisure grant aid schemes.
- 1.2 The key points of the report are as follows.
  - There are four different leisure grant aid schemes.
  - We have received three applications 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  
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 applications we have received is set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Our options are limited to:
- approving the applications as submitted;
  - refuse support; or
  - offer grant support at a reduced level.
- 3.3 Two options exist when considering a review of the grant aid scheme:
- Review
  - Continue with the existing Grant Aid Scheme

### 4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The applications received meet 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 amounts 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 applicants project will not progress.
- 4.3 A review of the current Grant Aid Scheme is needed to ensure it is fit for purpose and helps deliver shared ambitions for North Lincolnshire.

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

#### 5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Aid to Communities (Capital) budget for 2009/10 is £200,000. There is £112,050 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £22,250.

#### 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 providing support to Village Halls and disabled athletes.

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 are often frustrated by their inability to lever in sufficient funds to bring a community project to fruition. They often need a grant to help lever in enough funds from other sources to make their project happen.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.2 That we offer support to the applicants 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 – March 2009

ORGANISATION/ INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Barton Town cricket Club	To purchase new roller	£4,500	£2,250 Aid to Communities	Balance from club funds	This application meets the criteria and is £2,250 towards the cost of purchasing a new roller. The club has appropriate safeguarding policies in place and is committed to the development of junior sport, with u11, u13, u15 and u17 teams in addition to the senior teams and other sports which play at the ground. <b>£2,250 grant recommended</b>
Messingham Playing Field Association	New security fencing	£28,732	£5,000 Aid to Communities	Aggregate levy £7,000 Awards for All £9,000 Own fundraising £6,000	Sports facilities on the village playing field have been subject to damage due to nuisance visits out of hours. The addition of security fencing will help reduce this. The facilities will still be available during normal hours for the benefit of the community. The project seeks significant partnership funding from other sources. Young people are key beneficiaries of facilities at this site. This application meets the criteria and is for £5,000 towards the cost of a security fence. <b>£5,000 grant recommended</b>

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Broughton Village Hall	Replacement of central heating and hot water system and complete electrical rewiring and redecorating	£29,109	£26,198 Aid to Communities	<p>Applications to WREN and Mondegreen EB for landfill tax credits have been rejected.</p> <p>Own Funds £4,000 Leader programme £9,989</p> <p>Town Council to underwrite any shortfall</p>	<p>This application was deferred at the last meeting, but now meets the criteria for support and is for £15,000 for refurbishment and improvement works that will make the facility more sustainable by reducing energy usage/costs and improving customer safety and comfort</p> <p><b>£15,000 grant recommended</b></p>