

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 six 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
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.

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 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 applicants 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 £161,842 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £77,105.

5.1.2 The Sports Grant Aid budget for this year is £10,390. There is £5,000 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £1,000.

5.1.3 The Arts Grant Aid budget for this year is £5,000. There is £4,350 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £1,000.

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 are often frustrated by their inability to lever in sufficient funds to bring a deserving community project to fruition. They may 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 complements 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 – July 2008

ORGANISATION	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Winterton Rangers Football and Social Club	Improvements to football and community facilities including new floodlighting, new medical/treatment room and disabled access	£99,784	£20,000 Aid to Communities	Applications for further funding have also been made to WREN, Winterton Town Council, SITA and Football Stadia Improvement Fund	This item was deferred from the previous meeting pending further information. This application meets the criteria and is for new floodlights, a new medical/treatment room and various internal works to improve disabled access. £20,000 grant recommended
Kirton in Lindsey Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Charity	Major refurbishment of town hall to include disability access to provide a community heritage centre that is warm, comfortable and accessible by all residents of Kirton in Lindsey	£1,033,159	£30,000 Aid to Communities	Further funding of £968,500 has been secured from Heritage Lottery Fund, Kirton Town Council, Comma and Awards for All	The applicant has previously been offered financial support of £30,000 towards the cost of this project. This grant was cancelled on 31 March 2008 following project funding delays. The project organisers have worked hard to secure the further funding and now require third party funding to complete the project. £30,000 grant recommended

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Winteringham Village Hall	Phase 2 of development of sustainable hall	£219,550	£21,955 Aid to Communities	Many funding streams have been confirmed including Wren, BIFFAward, Yorkshire Forward, Rugby Cement Benevolent Fund totalling	The applicant has previously been offered financial support of £24,960 towards the cost of this project. This grant was cancelled on 31 March 2008 due to project delays as a result of the appointed builder going out of business. The project has been re-tendered and a new builder appointed. This application is for a lower amount. £21,955 grant recommended
Whitton Village Hall	Village hall refurbishment and improvement project to include disabled access and energy efficiency improvements which will help increase usage of the hall by improving customer comforts and reduce running costs	£48,310	£5,150 Aid to Communities	Applications for further funding have been submitted to Awards for All and WREN	This application meets the criteria and is to refurbish the village hall to include disabled access and energy efficiency improvements. £5,150 grant recommended
North Lincolnshire Combined Gateway	To enable members to take part in the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Leicester in July 2009	£4,875	£1,000 Group Leisure	The group received £1,000 towards the cost of attending the Games in 2001 and 2005	The group provides opportunities for adults with a disability to take part in sport. It is recommended that this project be supported and is for £4,050 to assist with the costs of sending 15 Olympians to the Special Olympics in Leicester in July 2009. £1,000 grant recommended

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Gunness Village Hall Fund Committee	To support the Gunness Festival of Music and Fun that takes place every two years.	£23, 466.18	£1000 Art Grants	Gunness Parish Council £16,000, Unite the Union £1,000, Corus £500. Income from ticket sales is estimated to be £5,000	This grant would “make a significant contribution to the achievement of council or community strategy priorities.” £1,000 grant recommended