

**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 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 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 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 applicant project will 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 £4,200 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £4,000.

5.1.2 The Aid to Communities (Capital) budget for this year is £200,000. There is £19,737 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £12,629.

5.1.3 The Arts Grant budget for this year is £5,000. There is £1,850 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £600.

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 often 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**

- 8.1 That a grant of £4,000 is made to the **Central Community Centre Organisation**.
- 8.2 That a grant of £12,629 is made from the Aid to Communities fund to the **North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club**, subject to them satisfactorily agreeing to deliver a programme of additional sailing related activities for young people directed to them via the Council's Sports Development team.
- 8.3 That a grant of £400 is made from the Arts Grant fund to the **Bootleggers Appalachian Dancers and the Lootbeggars Old Tyme Band**.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

Leisure Services Grant Aid – Application pack

## Leisure Services Grant Aid – December 2008

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Central Community Centre Organisation	To upgrade kitchen appliances to bring centre in line with Health and Safety regulations	£6,396	£4,000 Community Centre Grant	Associations own funds	This application meets the criteria and is for the upgrade of kitchen appliances.
North Lincolnshire & Humberside Sailing Club	Purchase of boats and equipment to build on success of youth windsurfing by developing a youth dinghy sailing programme	£28,913	£12,629 Aid to Communities	£1,500 own funds £9,584 Awards for All £5,200 Youth Opportunities Fund	This application meets the criteria and is for the purchase of boats and equipment to develop youth dinghy sailing activities
Bootleggers Appalachian Dancers and the Lootbeggars Old Tyme Band	To organise concert with a professional group of singers dancers and musicians from USA	£1,110	£600 Arts Grant	Other funding will be raised through ticket sales	This application meets the criteria and is to organise a concert with a professional group. The application assumes an estimate for sales of only 50 tickets for the event and the sum applied for in effect covers the costs of staging the event net of this forecast of ticket sales. It is recommended that a lower grant offer be approved as an incentive to increase ticket sales.