

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 an application 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 two 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 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 Sports Grant Aid budget for this year is £10,390. There is £3,050 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £250.

5.1.2 The Aid to Communities (Capital) budget for this year is £200,000. There is £7,108 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £4,700.

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 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 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 – January 2009

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Alan Rayment	Selection to GB Disabled Triathlete Squad - attendance at national squad training and international competition	£970	£250 Sports Grant Aid	(2007) SportsAid £500	This application meets the criteria and is for attendance at national squad training and international competition £250 grant recommended from 2009/10 financial year, subject to budgetary provision
Bottesford Village Hall	Car Park improvements The village hall is well used by a wide cross section of the community and has a busy programme. The car park is also used for access to the neighbouring schools and serves to reduce on street parking, but is in urgent need of attention. Contractor advises work could be undertaken in the February Half Term.	£9,406	£4,700	£4,706 own funds	This application meets the scheme criteria and is for urgent improvements to the village hall car park to safe allow access to this busy site £4,700 grant recommended subject to agreed terms for access to Bottesford Infant School