

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**SPORT, LEISURE 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 4 bids for grant aid. These need considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 There is one grant aid scheme to which the bids for funding contained in this paper relate.

▪ **Leisure Capital Grant Programme**

This is for community sport, arts or heritage capital projects of community benefit. The standard maximum award is 90% of project costs up to a maximum grant of £15,000, subject to the following.

The maximum possible grant shall normally be £15,000, excepting for projects with a total capital cost in excess of £60,000 where applicant groups could be eligible for one grant of up to £30,000 in any five-year period. There is no restriction on the number of smaller grants a group may apply for, but priority may be given to groups who have previously not received support from this programme.

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 unless stated otherwise.

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 Leisure Capital Grant Programme budget for this year is £200,000. There is £65,050 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report to the levels recommended amounts to £51,000.

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 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 – July 2009

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Axholme Radio Club	Provision of new facilities for community radio	£73,901	£13,500 Leisure Capital Grant Programme	Applications for funding submitted to BIFA and WREN landfill tax credit schemes. WREN unsuccessful Remainder from club fundraising. Epworth Town Council unable to contribute due to insufficient budgetary provision for community projects this year and believe this project benefits residents North Lincolnshire wide, making it ineligible for a section 137 contribution from parish funds	Previously deferred This application is for £13,500 towards the cost of building works to provide new facilities. The club are a relatively new organisation operating out of temporary accommodation. They already have made links with community groups for young people and delivered communications training for local scouts. There is another Radio Club within the locality Recommend application rejected as partnership funding unlikely to be in place within required time period

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Broughton Village Hall	Replacement of central heating and hot water system, complete electrical rewiring and redecorate afterwards	£38,109	£19,109 Leisure Capital Grant Programme	£4000 own funds Broughton Town Council have approved commitment to bridge the funding gap of up to £15.000 Applications to WREN and Mondegreen EB unsuccessful	Previously deferred This application meets the criteria for support. The management committee have investigated the potential for longer term development of community facilities such as local library services, but need to improve the building now to meet community needs and encourage bookings to sustain the business plan £15,000 grant recommended
Messingham Playing Field Association	New security fencing	£28,732	£6,000 Leisure Capital Grant Programme	Awards for All unsuccessful Aggregate Levy - Unsuccessful Confirmed: £6,000 from sports club donations and own funds Parish council fund main grass cutting, an annual maintenance grant of £1,000 and have just resurfaced playing field car park at a cost of £12,000 for safety reasons	Previously deferred. The applicant has problems with broken glass on, and vehicular damage to, sports turf as a result of anti social behaviour after hours. They would like to improve security to prevent unauthorised access and protect the playing surface which is heavily used, especially for well established junior sport. This application meets the criteria £6,000 grant recommended

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Westwoodside Playing Field Association	Playing field development project to construct a multi use games area (MUGA)	£85,000	£30,000 Leisure Capital Grant Programme	<p>Applying to :</p> <p>(WREN) for Landfill Tax Credit scheme contribution of £30,000.</p> <p>Football Foundation small grants £10,000 Sport England small grants £10,000 Investigating other funding opportunities</p> <p>Confirmed own funds £3,300 Confirmed Parish council £3,300</p>	<p>Previously deferred</p> <p>This is the last phase of a programme of improvements to play facilities in this village. There are no similar facilities serving this rural community and the application meets the strategic aims of Active Choices Active Futures</p> <p>External funding £30,000 grant recommended</p>