

**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 seven 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 aid 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.

### 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 £84,697 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £35,000.

5.1.2 The Sports Grant Aid budget for this year is £10,390. There is £4,000 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £250.

5.1.3 The Arts Grant Aid budget for this year is £5,000. There is £3,350 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme 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 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 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 – September 2008

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Jacob Hawkins, Bryn Portas and Gareth Portas	Selected to represent Great Britain at the Ozawa Cup (Martial Arts) in Las Vegas, USA in April 2009	£1,000	£250 each (total £750 Individual)	Own funds only	These applications are for travel and accommodation expenses to represent Great Britain in the Ozawa Cup in Las Vegas. The National Shotokan Karate squad for this event is not Sport England/English Karate Federation approved and the applications may not be eligible. <b>Recommend refusal</b>
Connor Hambleton	Selected to represent Great Britain in Kart Racing at the World Finals in Italy	£1,354	£250 Individual	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is for travel and accommodation expenses to represent Great Britain in Kart Racing at the world finals in Italy. <b>£250 grant recommended</b>
Winterton Town Council	Provision of multi sports court and teen shelter in Marmion Drive Play Area.	£100,000	£5,000 Aid to Communities	£45,000 requested from SITA. £6,000 from Winterton Town Council and the balance being sought from other Landfill Tax Credit Scheme distributors.	This application meets the criteria and is for the provision of a multi sports court and teen shelter in Marmion Drive Play Area. <b>£5,000 grant recommended</b>

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Wroot Parish Council	To remove an existing basketball pitch and build a replacement multi-use games area including floodlights	£66,299	£30,000 Aid to Communities	£30,000 has been secured from WREN. Parish to finance balance from public works loans board	This application is for the provision of a multi-use games area in Wroot and is in response to identified community need. The project meets the criteria. <b>£30,000 grant recommended</b>
Association of Friends of the Scunthorpe Co-operative Junior Choir	To enable members of the main choir to attend the finals of Choir of the Year in Liverpool in November 2008	£4,450	£1,000 Arts Grant	£2,450 requested from Arts Council, remainder from group funds	This application meets the criteria and is to enable members of the choir to attend the finals of Choir of the Year in Liverpool. <b>£1,000 grant recommended</b>