

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

LEISURE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 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 two grant aid schemes covered by this report.
- Sports Grant Scheme - Groups
For grants to groups, the scheme helps small sport projects. Normally the maximum award is 90% of project costs, up to a maximum of £600.
 - Leisure Capital Grant Programme
This is for community sport, arts or heritage capital projects of community benefit. Normally the maximum award is 50% of project costs up to a maximum grant of £15,000. For projects with a total capital cost in excess of £60,000 groups could be eligible for one grant of up to £30,000 in any five-year period.

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 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 £3,086 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report totals £500.

5.1.2 The Leisure Capital Grant Programme budget for this year is £200,000. There is £28,800 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report fully is £6,470.

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 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.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 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 – September 2009

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Epworth Colts AFC	Assistance with initial costs for developing new girls football team.	£542	£500 Sports Grant Scheme – Groups.	£42 own fundraising.	This application meets the sports development criteria of the sports grant aid scheme and is for help with the hire of training facilities for a new girls football squad. £500 grant recommended.
Epworth Colts AFC	Goalpost replacement.	£2,381	£1,220 Leisure capital grants.	£258 own fundraising £903 Football Foundation, goalpost safety scheme.	This application meets the criteria and is to help replace goals which do not meet current safety standards. £1,220 grant recommended.
Bottesford Village Hall	The village hall car park plays a vital role in providing access to the Bottesford infants and junior schools, as well as servicing the village hall. It is in need of urgent repairs.	£10,500	£5,250	Own fundraising and school/education funds.	A grant of £4,700 was approved at the end of the 2008/9 financial year but there was insufficient time to complete all necessary agreements and do the work. This is a reapplication and meets the scheme criteria. £5,250 grant recommended subject to satisfactory completion of legal agreement regarding access to the Bottesford schools.

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Worlaby Recreation Committee	Construction of new village hall	£301,310	£30,000 Leisure capital grants	Leader programme £69,423 Parish council/bequest £147,513 WREN £50,000 Own fundraising £4375	This application meets the criteria in principle, subject to receipt of satisfactory child protection and equal opportunities policies, but exceeds the budget available Deferral of grant recommended.