

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 four 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 £7,090 left in this budget. The amount required to support the applications in this report totals £3,504.

5.1.2 The Leisure Capital Grant Programme budget for this year is £200,000. There is £58,800 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £42,000

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 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**

8.1 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 – August 2009

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Angels Table Tennis Club	Purchase of additional equipment to allow more members to play table tennis	£1,000	£1,000 Sports Grant Scheme – Groups		This application meets the criteria but exceeds the maximum grant proportion allowed. £600 grant recommended
Haxey & District Bowls Club	Purchase of powered sprayer	£708.25	£354 Sports Grant Scheme - Groups	Remainder of costs will be met from club funds	This application meets the criteria and is to replace aged equipment essential for the maintenance of the playing surface. £354 grant recommended
North Lincolnshire School Sports Association	The North Lincolnshire School Sports Association plays a vital role in assisting with the delivery of the council's sports development objectives by the provision of after school coaching and competition for secondary school pupils		£1,300 Sports Grant Scheme - Groups	Subscriptions from North Lincolnshire Schools	This is an annual grant to support sports development activity for secondary school pupils in North Lincolnshire providing after school sports activities and competitions. Although exceeding the normal maximum grant of up to £600, the Cabinet Member is asked to consider this application as an exception given the nature of the application. £1,300 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	<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 External funding</p> <p>£30,000 grant recommended</p>
Scunthorpe Rugby Union Football club	Security fencing to Burringham Road site as part of a phased development to facilitate junior development. The fence is needed to protect the playing pitches and needs to be in place before new changing accommodation is constructed as a future phase	£40,000	£12,000 Leisure Capital	<p>RFU Groundmatch £6,000 (TBC) RFU Community Club Facilities Development £20,000 (TBC) Ashby Parkside reported as being unable to contribute parish 5%</p>	<p>This application meets the criteria, with the exception of the parish contribution. Although outside the Scunthorpe boundary, the project aims to primarily support Scunthorpe residents Junior rugby development is strong and improved facilities contribute to strategic aims of increasing participation</p> <p>£12,000 grant recommended</p>

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Richard Traviss	Selected to England Squad for the World Senior Badminton Championships in Spain, September 2009.	£819	£250 Sports Grant Scheme - Individuals		Richard's secection to the England squad meets the scheme criteria and is eligible for support. £250 grant recommended
Scunthorpe and District Athletics club	Festival of Athletics, Quibell Park 30/31 August 2009 A new major athletics event for North Lincolnshire, the event is expected to draw athletes from across the country and be of national significance	£4,098	£1,000 Sports Grant scheme - Groups	North Lincolnshire Athletics Development Group	The application meets the scheme criteria. The standard maximum grant from this scheme is £600 but the cabinet Member may wish to provide additional support for this first event. £600 grant recommended