

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 a number of applications for financial assistance, via our leisure grant aid schemes.
- 1.2 The key points of the report are as follows.
- There are four different leisure grant aid schemes.
 - We have received 14 applications 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 applicants project will not progress.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Sports Grant Aid budget for 2009/10 is £10,390 There is 10,140 left in this budget. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £2,950.

5.1.2 The Aid to Communities (Capital) budget for 2009/10 is £200,000. There are no prior commitments and this budget is available in full. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £183,000.

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 community project to fruition. They often need a grant 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

Where appropriate the report has been seen and commented on by (✓ or n/a)

Cabinet Member	Human Resources	Legal & Democratic	Finance	Property	IT	EMT
✓	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	n/a

Approved by Service Director(s) (✓)	✓
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ORGANISATION/ INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Emily Hickman	Selected to train and compete with the British National Judo Squad and England Talent Development Judo Squad	£1,170	£450 Individual Leisure	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is for travel expenses associated with training with the British National Judo Squad and England Talent Development Judo Squad. £250 grant recommended
George Bowles	Selected to train and compete with the Royal Yachting Association National Youth Windsurfing Squad	£3074	£250 Individual leisure	Own funds only	This application meets the criteria and is for travel expenses associated with training with the Royal Yachting Association National Youth Windsurfing Squad £250 grant recommended
Scunthorpe Poly Cycling Club	To host National Track Cycling Championships at Quibell Park	Approx £2,500	£800 Sport & Recreation Grant Aid	Balance from competitors fees and club funds	This application meets the criteria and is for sponsorship of £800 for hosting of national cycling events in North Lincolnshire. £800 grant recommended
SportsAid (Yorkshire & Humberside)	Request for support towards the cost of their 2009/10 grant programme. In previous years the level of awards made to North Lincolnshire residents has far exceeded the council's grant to SportsAid.		Appropriate donation: Sport & Recreation Grant Aid	Fundraising, sponsorship, other local authorities	SportsAid provides financial assistance to young people to develop their sporting potential. The request remains eligible for support. £700 grant recommended

ORGANISATION/ INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Epworth & District Riding Club	Portable fences for cross country course	£1,895	£995 Sports Grant Aid	£900 sponsorship of materials & machinery by local companies	This application is for £995 towards the cost of providing new jumps for the club's cross country course to enhance the riding facilities the club has. They have been successful in raising funds towards materials and machinery, but need help with the cost of the fences. £950 grant recommended
Axholme Radio Club	Provision of new facilities for community radio	£73,901	£13,500 Aid to Communities	Applications for funding submitted to BIFFA and WREN landfill tax credit schemes, 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	This application is for £13,500 contribution 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. £13,500 grant recommended

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Barnetby Central Bowls Club	New bowls club pavilion	£58,750	£30,000 Aid to Communities	Mondegreen Environmental Body Ltd £25,875 Own fundraising £2,875	This group relocated facilities to the village playing field and have successfully constructed a new green and security fencing. This application is for the construction of a much needed pavilion. The project already has significant partnership funding secured. The parish council have provided the land for the project as an "in kind contribution" The club are actively working to develop junior bowls to give young people an alternative recreation in this community. This application meets the criteria and is for £30,000 to build a new pavilion. £30,000 grant recommended
Bottesford Town Football Club	Provision of multi-purpose changing rooms and meeting complex at Birch park, Bottesford	£357,635	£30,000 Aid to Communities	Funding confirmed from WREN (£46,760), BIFFA (£38,372), Bottesford Town Council (£5,000) and club funds (£20,000) An application is with the Football Foundation for £217,503	This application meets the criteria and is for £30,000 for the provision of multi-purpose changing rooms and meeting complex. Bottesford Town Football club have achieved charter standard for good practice in football development and are one of the largest and most developmental football clubs in North Lincolnshire. They have a strong commitment to youth and women/girls football. £30,000 grant recommended

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Broughton Village Hall	Replacement of central heating and hot water system and complete electrical rewiring	£29,109	£26,198 Aid to Communities	Broughton Town Council have approved funding of £2,911 Applications to WREN and Mondegreen EB for landfill tax credits have been rejected. Awaiting confirmation of own funding contribution.	This application meets the criteria for support when a child protection policy is developed. However the amount requested is in excess of the normal grant maximum % and is for £26,198 for improvement works that will make the facility more sustainable by reducing energy usage/costs and improving customer safety and comfort £14,550 recommended - subject to partnership funding being identified and child protection policy being adopted
Flixborough Parish Council	Refurbishment of Village Hall to accommodate disabled access to include widening of doors, toilet facilities and lowering of light switches	£36,500	£15,300 Aid to Communities	Applications for support have been made to a number of sources including WREN (£13,350), Jotun (£1,000) and Ridgewood Wind Farm (£5,000). Parish funds have raised a little over the required 5% of £1,850.	This application is for support to improve the village hall to better meet the needs of the community it serves. The project meets the scheme criteria and is for £15,000 for the refurbishment of the village hall to provide disabled access. £15,000 grant recommended
North Lincolnshire Community Pot	Small grants scheme that is quick and easy to access. The Scheme is open to small community groups in North Lincolnshire		£12,000 Aid to Communities		This grant is made on an annual basis and helps lever in other funding to the community pot. This grant is consistent with previous approvals. £12,000 grant recommended

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Westwoodside Playing Field Association	Playing Field Development Project to construct a multi use games area (MUGA)	£71,925	£30,000 Aid to Communities	Applying to the Football Foundation for £12,000 Applying to Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) for Landfill Tax Credit scheme contribution of £20,000 Awaiting confirmation of own and parish funding	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 scheme criteria, subject to confirmation of partnership funds being available. £30,000 grant recommended subject to confirmation of own and parish funding
Parish Church of St Mary, Barton upon Humber	Enhancement and refurbishment of St Mary's Church Bells and the provision of simulator facilities for training purposes and silent practice	£15,900	£13,333	Barton Lions £250 Lincoln Guild Bell Repair Fund £1,800 Lincoln Guild Bell Repair £500	Bell ringing is managed independently to worship, so the project is eligible. The majority of the bell ringers are not active worshippers and the group have worked very successfully with all the Barton primary schools. £7,950 grant recommended