

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES – RURAL CABINET MEMBER

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications for financial support against the eligibility criteria of the scheme and available funds.
- 1.2 To confirm the level of community grant support to be awarded as outlined in Appendix 1.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Community Grant Fund supports activities, services and facilities that contribute to council priorities:
 - Grants to Individuals - for talented individuals resident in North Lincolnshire who are able to demonstrate excellence in sport, art or culture. The grant offer is up to £500 towards travel and training costs. For sports related applications, individuals also receive free off-peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities for the financial year in which the grant is awarded.
 - Community Revenue Grant Programme - for non-profit making organisations with social aims. The grant offer is up to 70% of revenue costs for premises hire for junior and youth organisations and up to 90% for other revenue projects. The Community Revenue grant includes support for North Lincolnshire in Bloom projects.
 - Community Capital Grant Programme - for non-profit making organisations with social aims to deliver community sport, arts or heritage capital projects. The grant offer is up to 90% of the project cost to a maximum of £15,000. Groups can apply for one grant of up to £30,000 in any five-year period if the total cost of the project is more than £60,000.
- 2.2 The council has approved additional capital budgets for:
 - Enhanced and Prosperous Community Programme – for non-profit making organisations with social aims. The fund is to support the delivery of capital infrastructure projects, which improve existing or contribute towards new community facilities. It also includes the Enhancing our Environment scheme.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Option 1

3.1 Approve the amounts recommended for applications shown in Appendix 1.

Option 2

3.2 Do not approve the amounts recommended or vary the proportion of contribution.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The applications included in Appendix 1 meet the required eligibility criteria for grant funding and the award amount reflects relevant match funding or suggested match funding.

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

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 Community Grant Fund – Revenue

Total Budget 2021/22* £	Commitments to date £	Balance £	Sum Recommended £
55,124	49,318	5,806	Nil

*Includes income generated by Lincs Lotto April-Dec 2021.

5.1.2 Community Grant Fund – Capital

Total Budget 2021/22 £	Commitments to date £	Balance £	Sum Recommended £
989,000	226,792	762,208	16,000

5.1.3 Community Grant Fund – Enhanced & Prosperous Communities

Total Budget 2021/22 £	Commitments to date* £	Balance £	Sum Recommended £
1,108,000	296,293	811,707	Nil

*Includes £137,335 committed to Enhancing our Environment Fund.

5.2 The figures above include decisions pending approval from Cabinet Member Report dated 7 January 2022.

5.3 The payment of grant awards is subject to evidence of expenditure being provided; it is anticipated that there may be a delay in organisations incurring costs due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 The community grant fund criteria includes compliance with relevant legislation and supports the priorities set out in the council plan, notably Enabling Resilient and Flourishing Communities.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 No conflicts of interest identified.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the grant awards set out in Appendix 1 (column D).

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application packs

Community Grant Aid – January 2022

1.1 Application for Community Grant – Community Capital

(A) Group	(B) Scheme	(C) Total cost	(D) Amount requested	(E) Match funding	(F) Additional Information and recommendation	(G) Geographical
Scunthorpe Sea Cadets	Purchase of land at Keadby Basin to ensure continuity of riverside access	£20,000	£16,000	Group has allocated £4,000 from own funds	Requested amount is below maximum level of grant. Recommend award amount requested	Ferry