

**REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER SAFER AND ENGAGED
COMMUNITIES****GRANT AID 2012/13 – ANNUAL OVERVIEW TO GRANT AID SUB-
COMMITTEE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide members of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee an overview of the Grant Aid Programme during 2012/13.

Information and Advice

2. At the November 2011 County Council Meeting members agreed a Grant Aid Strategy for the County Council, the key elements of this Strategy included:-
 - § Centralising the funds and streamlining processes
 - § A Member led approach
 - § Longer term agreements – 3 Years where possible
 - § Proportionate payment and monitoring arrangements
3. In April 2012 members approved grant aid to around 130 Voluntary & Community Sector organisations. The majority of those being awarded Grant Aid were for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2015.
4. Appendix 1 provides a summary of information about the 2012/13 grant aid programme.

Other Options Considered

5. No other options are necessary as this report is for noting only, and to provide an overview to members of decisions already approved

Reason/s for Recommendation/

6. This is an overview of the Grant Aid programme and expenditure already approved.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. There are no new financial implications as a result of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- i) Members to note the report and are invited to raise questions.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 07/08/2013)

Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority for grant aid as set out in the Council's Grant Aid Strategy and is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments

There are no new financial commitments contained in this report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Grant awards made during 2012/13 were the first made following a comprehensive review of the County Councils approach to Grant Aid.

The adoption of the Grant Aid Strategy in November 2011 sought to bring about a number of significant changes in the way that NCC worked with the Voluntary and Community Sector of Nottinghamshire. The application process which led to awards of £2.2 million being made was significantly over subscribed.

Over 130 individual organisations were successful and we also saw a number of successful joint bids, for example the Citizens Advice Bureaux, the MIND Network and Infrastructure Organisations working collaboratively.

Some of the changes introduced with this round of grant aid included:

- § The centralisation of the grant aid process – all previous grant funds bought under the stewardship of a corporate team.
- § Members initially through a Reference Group and more recently through the Grant Aid Committee being at the centre of decision making.
- § Three-year grant aid agreements for most groups – to enable longer term planning.
- § Proportionate monitoring and payment arrangements – reducing transactions by over 60%.

The Community & Voluntary Sector continue to make a significant contribution to the well being of Nottinghamshire residents. All of the services we support through grant aid adding value to the work of the County Council.

The sector is reporting increasing demand for services at a time when grant sources are reducing. A recent national study involving over 1000 small charities predicted 1 in 5 will be closed within 5 years as a result of reducing revenue.

The following pages give a snapshot of the volume of activity that our grant aid helps to support – There are some impressive numbers, but more importantly there are real differences being made to the lives of individuals across the county.

We would also like to thank Cathy Harvey and the Community & Voluntary Sector Team for all their hard work in managing the delivery of the grant aid process.

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Deputy Leader

Chair of Grant Aid Sub Committee

Cllr Martin Suthers OBE

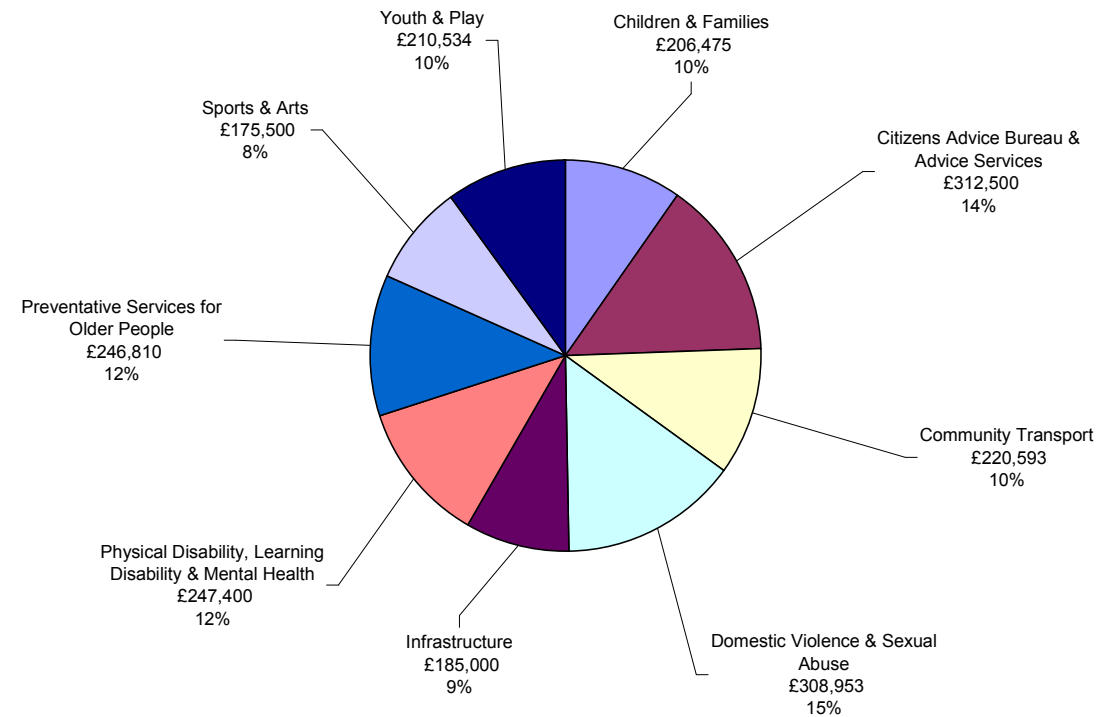
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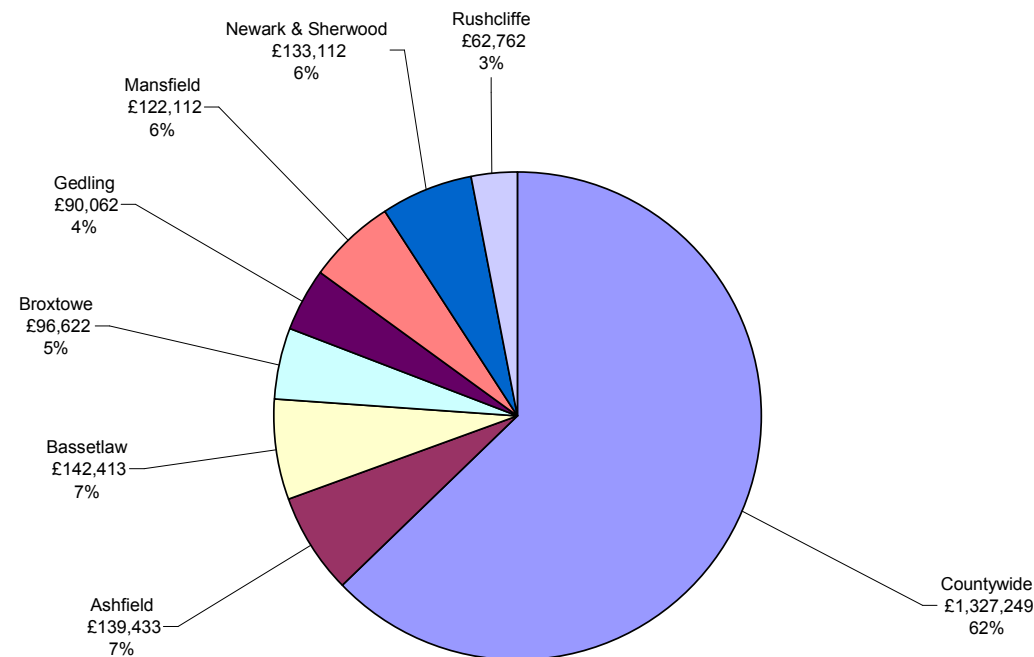
Grant Aid – Expenditure 2012/13 – By Theme

Category	Spend 12/13	%
Children & Families	£206,475	10
Youth & Play	£210,534	10
Infrastructure	£185,000	9
Arts & Sports	£175,500	8
Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse	£308,953	15
Transport	£220,593	10
Citizens Advice Bureau & Advice Services	£312,500	14
Physical Disability, Learning Disability & Mental Health	£247,400	12
Preventative Services for Older People	£246,810	12
	£2,113,765	100



Grant Aid – Expenditure 2012/13 – By Geographical area

Breakdown by Borough/District	£	%	No of Orgs
Ashfield	£139,433	7	10
Bassetlaw	£142,413	7	18
Broxtowe	£96,622	5	10
Gedling	£90,062	4	10
Mansfield	£122,112	6	14
Newark & Sherwood	£133,112	6	15
Rushcliffe	£62,762	3	10
*Countywide	£1,327,249	62	51
	£2,113,765	100	138



Note:

* Countywide - this figure is so large because it includes a wide range of awards, which include Infrastructure, CAB Services, Domestic Violence, Sports, Arts and a proportion of several other award categories

Community Transport

£220,593

Minibus miles

176,325

Minibus passengers

57,280

Minibus groups

219

Car miles

264,331

Car trips

69,909

Car volunteer drivers

292

CAB & Advice Services

£312,500

Benefit gains for clients of

£13.4 million

Debt & Benefit account for 74% of all enquiries

6300 clients helped with £77 million of debt

86,000 Volunteer hours

CAB
31,879 clients helped
122 every working day



Domestic & Sexual Violence

£308,953

Helpline answered
2,544 calls – from
County locations

Outreach supported
730 women

95 Professionals
provided with
training resources

Children's workers
supported **464**
children

30,000 leaflets &
posters distributed
to public places

Infrastructure

£185,000

Recruited to **1225**
new volunteering
opportunities

769 Voluntary
organisations
offered practical
support

125,887 individual
website hits & **188** e-
bulletins sent to
500+ subscribers

£2,706,665 of
additional funding
secured with support

202 Voluntary
organisations annual
accounts completed

20+ public
consultations
supported and
responded to

Physical Disability Learning Disability Mental Health

£247,400

755 county residents
advised on equipment
& adaptations

225 home
assessments for
equipment &
adaptations

1800 social events
organised for people
with Mental Health
issues

25 NCC
professionals –
trained on
adaptation options

2406 Disabled
clients offered
advice on benefits

301 service users
with mental health
problems given
1 to 1 support

Older People

£246,810

18,500 meals
provided at **11**
Lunch Clubs

267 old people
visited each week by
176 be-friending
volunteers

31 VCS Groups across
Notts helping reduced
isolation and improve
well being

672 Lunch Clubs
during the year

10,680 volunteer
hours visiting
isolated older people

Sports & Arts

£175,000

Audiences of
38,886 through
Community Arts
fund

58 sports people
supported through
Rising Stars

17 Sports Clubs
supported through
Community Sports
Fund

237 volunteers at
Community Arts
events

21 Shining Stars
representing their
country

15,060 individual
attendances at
voluntary managed
youth clubs

1,004 youth club
nights delivered
through voluntary
clubs

4 Countywide umbrella
organisations co-
ordinating **140+** local
youth groups

9,036 hours of
support to youth
clubs from
volunteers

3,323 children
attending play
schemes we support