

4th July 2022**Agenda Item: 1****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES****LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND CAPITAL AND SMALL REVENUE
RECOMMENDATIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval to the award of funding that supports the delivery of the Council Plan through meeting the Local Communities Fund (LCF) 2022 – 26 criteria. These are for:
 - Capital Grants
 - Revenue funding – Small Grants under £5,000

Information

2. At its September 2021 meeting, Communities Committee approved a new approach to encouraging applications for capital and revenue small grants funding on a rolling basis.
3. For revenue small grants, applications are invited from organisations to help fund activities that address identified needs, encourage innovation to strengthen communities and supports vulnerable residents, the programme aims to encourage local networks where people help themselves and each other to be resilient, neighbourly, healthier, and safe.
4. For capital grants, applications are invited which demonstrate that the investment would contribute to helping to address local priorities e.g., improving access to new or existing services, such as sports and leisure, protecting the environment, reducing loneliness, improving physical and mental health and that help to address climate and environmental change, or at least, to minimise any potential negative impact.
5. At the March 2022 Communities Committee, 12 small revenue grants (totalling £48,582) and 58 large revenue grants (totalling £1,048,933) were approved. The budget allocation for LCF revenue 2022/23 is £1,190,480 of which £50,000 is allocated to the Talented Athletes Fund.
6. As members may be aware, Mansfield Play Forum (awarded £8,175) closed in April 2022 and Broxtowe Play Forum (awarded £3,600) declined their funding offer, as they intend to close later this year. This means a total of **£54,740** remains unallocated.
7. At the March 2022 Communities Committee, 12 Capital awards (totalling £133,048) were approved and a further 14 Capital applications (totalling £169,395) were approved giving a

total committed spend of £302,443. The annual 2022/23 budget for Capital is £500,000. This means a total of **£197,557** remains unallocated.

8. Since the decisions were made at the March Committee, 12 further applications have been received and processed as part of the rolling programmes and are now recommended for approval. 11 of those recommended are considered in this report.
9. The final recommended application is a Small Revenue Application for £5,000 by Inspire, a Community Benefit Society. Given the Cabinet Member for Communities sits on the Board of Directors for Inspire, that application will be considered at the same time as these 11 by the Leader of the Council.

10. **Appendix 1** below provides a summary of:

- 6 Capital applications received, assessed against the criteria of the fund, and recommended for funding to the value of **£60,064**. If these recommendations are approved a total of **£137,493** remains.
 - 5 Small Revenue applications received, assessed against the criteria of the fund, and recommended for funding to the value of **£19,300**. If these recommendations are approved a total of **£35,440** remains. If the application for **£5,000** from Inspire is approved by the Leader, then **£30,440** would remain if all outstanding applications are approved.
11. Applications for LCF awards should demonstrate how they contribute to achieving the Council's ambitions for helping our people to live healthier and more independent life's; supporting communities and families; keeping children, vulnerable adults, and communities safe; protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint which creates empowered and self-sufficient local communities and in turn supports the voluntary and community sector to grow and thrive.
12. The key funding principles of LCF, agreed by Communities Committee are:
- Member led – Members take the lead for decision making on design of the scheme, and approval of awards.
 - Takes a corporate and coordinated approach – decisions are aligned to the Council's ambitions, priorities and outcomes sought.
 - Recognises the role of the sector – values the enormous contribution made.
 - Takes account of any Compact's in place that set out the nature of our relationship with VCS.
 - Is proportionate at all stages – including a simple application process, simplified monitoring etc.
 - Makes the best use of digital technologies.

Other Options Considered

13. Not to recommend these applications for funding

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

14. The applications recommended for funding as listed in **Appendix 1** to this report meet the published criteria and priorities for the LCF 2022-26 and therefore these projects contribute to the wider strategic priorities of the County Council. The recommended applications have the support of a Nottinghamshire County Councillor.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

16. **6** applications have been received for capital funding. It is recommended that these are awarded as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report to the value of **£60,064**.

17. **5** applications have been received for revenue small grants funding. It is recommended that these are awarded as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report to the value of **£19,300**.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1) Approves the **£60,064** of applications for capital funding and **£19,300** for revenue funding as recommended in **Appendix 1** to this report.

Derek Highton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, 0115 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (CEH 21.06.2022)

18. The Cabinet Member for Communities has the authority to consider and approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (RWK 01/06/2022)

19. The report proposes the award of grants totalling £79,364. These grants will be funded from an existing revenue budget allocation of £1.19 million and a capital programme allocation of £500,000.

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.

- 'None' Electoral
- Retford West, Blidworth, Misterton, Southwell, Retford East, Newark West, Carlton East, Leak and Ruddington, Radcliffe on Trent

APPENDIX 1

LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND – CAPITAL RECOMMENDATIONS

	Organisation	Project summary	Supporting Councillor	Amount Recommended
1.	Goodwin Hall Management Committee	Replace the existing central heating boiler at Goodwin Hall, which has broken down twice in the last 2 months, with a Modern Energy Efficient Gas Boiler.	Mike Quigley	£1,400
2.	Gringley Parish Council	The local park is in desperate need of updating. The current equipment is tired and uninspiring. We would like to install new, exciting playground equipment.	Tracey Taylor	£17,916
3.	Ordsall Bridon Cricket Club	Installation of new ball stop protective netting & replacement of existing netting.	Michael Introna	£11,000
4.	Sutton-cum-Lound Village Hall	Upgrade our CCTV system and install a series of measures to improve the overall safety and security of the village hall and its users.	Tracey Taylor	£2,138
5.	The Social Action Hub	Funds to replace the roof on the centre to make it both safe, watertight, and insulated, for beneficiaries, service users, volunteers, and staff.	Tom Smith	£7,610
6.	Thurgarton Cricket Club	Extend and refurbish pavilion facilities providing access for all users including women and girls and disabled and to bring the pavilion in line with the beauty of the ground.	Roger Jackson	£20,000
TOTAL				£60,064

LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND - SMALL REVENUE RECOMMENDATIONS

	Organisation	Project/Activity	Supporting Councillor	Amount Recommended
1.	Soar Valley Bus Community Transport LTD	Primarily providing outings/ day trips for the lonely and isolated and vulnerable. Many now with dementia. Funding, as a contribution towards the costs of transport and volunteer expenses.	Matt Barney	£3,300
2.	Sutton Bonington Playscheme	Summer holiday Playscheme for children up to 13 years old. Funding, as a contribution towards equipment and volunteer expenses	Matt Barney	£1,000
3.	The Richard Whitehead	'Run with Rich' is a full inclusive charity run event for disabled and non-disabled people. Funding, as a contribution towards equipment and volunteer expenses	Roger Upton	£5,000
4.	Newark and Sherwood Community Hub	To provide Play opportunities for children and young adults in Newark and Sherwood, to support other organisations providing play and promote the value of play in children's development. Funding, as a contribution towards equipment and volunteer expenses	Keith Girling	£5,000
5.	Loco Youth Centre	The project will support groups along with youth clubs to continue to operate within a safe space offering a variety of activities from sports to drama & disability groups & beyond. Funding, as a contribution towards venue hire, technical support and supporting volunteers.	Mike Adams	£5,000
TOTAL				£19,300