

Grant Aid Sub-Committee

Monday, 08 September 2014 at 14:00

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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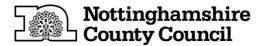
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minutes

Meeting GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

Date

Monday 21 July 2014 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Martin Suthers (Vice-Chairman)

John Allin Nicki Brooks Steve Carroll John Cottee David Kirkham Keith Longdon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally Gill Cathy Harvey Sue Cullen Dawn Lawrence Group Manager Planning Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector Arts and Sports Development Service Manager Assistant Democratic Service Officer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2014

RESOLVED 2014/015

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 May 2014 been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following change of membership, for this meeting only, was reported:-

- Councillor Steve Carroll to replace Councillor Joyce Bosnjak
- Councillor Nicki Brooks to replace Councillor Michael Payne

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

GRANT TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS COUNCIL FOR SPORT 2014/15

Sue Cullen presented a report seeking member's approval to award £29,325 to the Nottinghamshire Schools Council for Sport (NSCS) for the year 2014/15.

RESOLVED 2014/16

- a) That approval was given to award £29,325 to the Nottinghamshire Schools Council for Sport for the year 2014/15 from the Grant Aid Budget.
- b) That a Service Level Agreement with the NSCS be produced which would outline the conditions of the award. The Service Level Agreement will also include conditions around recording participation information.

ALIGNMENT OF CORPORATE GRANT AID WITH REDEFINING YOUR COUNCIL

Sally Gill presented a report to seek member's agreement to align the Corporate Grant Aid programme for 2015 to 2018 with the core functions defined in "Redefining Your Council".

RESOLVED 2014/17

Members agreed the following recommendations:-

- 1) That the two financial levels of working with the Voluntary and Community Sector were maintained: a Grant Aid programme that contributes to service provision, alongside the commissioning model.
- 2) That the key drivers of the 2012-2015 Grant Aid Strategy detailed in paragraph 8 of the report was endorsed for the new grant programme for 2015 -2018.
- 3) That Grant Aid service specifications were aligned with the Council's Core Functions as detailed in Redefining Your Council.
- 4) That Lead Officers are commissioned to write service specifications for consideration at the September 2014 Grant Aid-Sub Committee.
- 5) That where possible to agree that Grant Aid would be awarded over a three year period, subject to annual review.

- 6) Member's agreed that when a budget is approved 5% per year be set-aside for "new" or "innovative" proposals which would be advertised on an annual basis, being available for groups who did not apply as part of the three year programme.
- 7) Members proposed that where possible groups applying who offer similar/same services apply and are assessed as a consortium/group.

WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Committees work programme for 2014/15

RESOLVED 2014/18

That the report was note.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm

CHAIRMAN



Report to Grant Aid Sub Committee

8 September 2014

Agenda Item:5

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES

SPORTS GRANT AID 2014-15

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise members of the background and process for the allocation of grant aid to sports and recommended awards for 2014/15.

Background

2. The Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011- 2015 agreed the continuation of the two strands of grants to sports. These are:

Community Sports Fund (CSF) - Sports groups **Rising Stars -** Individuals

- 3. Grant aid was approved as it is recognised that funding to sports groups and individual sportspeople helps to deliver against NCC's current Redefining Your Council Core Functions, in particular Children's and Culture functions.
- 4. Unlike other NCC grant streams, sports grant aid does not represent revenue funding. For instance, grants made under the CSF are for time limited projects with specific outcomes, such as engaging more people in sport, with defined beginning and end dates. In this way, NCC grant-in-aid invests in groups to act as a catalyst for new and appealing activities, but it does not make groups reliant on this funding. The result is a sustainable sports sector more able to adapt and respond to opportunities.
- 5. As grants awarded are for specific projects with beginning and end dates, as in the case of CSF, these grants do not follow 3 year agreements and run to a different funding timetable to other corporate grant aid streams.

Current Processes

Community Sports Fund (CSF)

- 6. The CSF is a grant aid scheme aimed at helping local sports clubs and organisations, by supporting new projects that encourage additional people to get involved in sport, or retain those who would otherwise cease to be involved. The maximum award is £1,500.
- 7. The total funding available in this category for 2014/15 is £16,000. **Appendix 1** is a list of all the projects and the outcome of the assessment.
- 8. CSF has one round which opened for applications for a 7 week window at the beginning of June.
- 9. CSF is open to applicants through an online application process hosted on NCC's website. Assessments are made by a panel of officers using a scored decision matrix. The current system has worked well in providing assessing officers with the right information on which to base funding recommendations.
- 10. The scheme received 31 applications. Of the 31 applications 24 are new applicants to the CSF fund (i.e. they did not apply to fund a project in 2013/14). 29 of the applications did not receive funding in 2013/14.
- 11. The 31 applications cover a spread of 14 different sports.
- 12. Applications were received from all 7 Nottinghamshire areas. (Applications from the Bassetlaw area represented 23% of all applications received compared to 8% in 2013/14).
- 13. Evaluation and monitoring is undertaken of each successful project. Information gathered from 13 projects which concluded in January 2013 has evidenced that sports participation levels and volunteering had increased.

Rising Stars

- 14. The aim of 'Rising Stars' is to support talented young athletes (19 & under) who are resident in Nottinghamshire. The individual must be competing at a minimum of a regional level. The grant is to help with costs such as travel, training and accommodation. There is a maximum award of £400 per individual.
- 15. The total funding available in this category is £23,000. **Appendix 2** contains a list of proposed eligible athletes who are recommended to receive funding.
- 16. Rising Stars is open to applicants through an online application process hosted on NCC's website. Assessments are made by a panel of officers using a scored decision matrix. The current system has worked well in providing assessing officers with the right information on which to base funding recommendations.
- 17. The appropriate National Governing Body is also consulted and asked to provide information on each applicant which is put into the scoring matrix.
- 18. Rising Stars has one round which opened for applications for a 7 week window at the beginning of June.

- 19. The scheme received 93 applications. Of the 93 applications 53% are new applicants to the Rising Stars fund (i.e. they did not apply in 2013/14).
- 20. The 93 applications cover a total spread of 30 different sports.
- 21. Applications were received from all 7 Nottinghamshire areas. (Applications from the Ashfield area represented 23% of all applications received).

Options Considered

22. To cease the Rising Stars and CSF grant aid programmes, however this would have a significant impact on the sector and those who benefit from the programmes.

Financial Implications

23. The allocation for Sports forms part of the overall budget for Grant Aid for 2014/15 and sufficient funds are available.

Reasons for recommendations

- 24. <u>Community Sports Fund</u> recommendations are based on the outcome of an assessment process that allocates scores against criteria. The assessment process draws on the expert knowledge and experience of NCC Sports Officers and information taken from local Sports Development Officers.
- 25. Clubs or Organisations achieving a high assessment score have projects which demonstrated a significant level reflecting the criteria and the capability to meet the outcomes stated.
- 26. The 15 projects recommended for funding are those projects which scored the highest on the assessment process.
- 27. With all available funds being allocated projects ranked below the top 15 are not being recommended.
- 28. <u>Rising Stars</u> recommendations are based on the outcome of an assessment process that allocates scores against criteria. The assessment process draws on the expert knowledge and experience of NCC Sports Officers and information taken from National Governing Bodies.
- 29. Individuals with scores exceeding a threshold are recommended for funding. Those scoring beneath this threshold are not recommended.

Recommendation/s

30. It is recommended that Members note this report and:-

- i) Approve the list of CSF projects highlighted for funding in **Appendix 1**.
- ii) Approve the list of Rising Stars applicants highlighted for funding in **Appendix 2**.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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.

Sue Cullen Arts & Sports Service Manager Children Families & Cultural Services Ext 74687

Constitutional Comments (LM 18/08/2014)

The grant Aid Sub-Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendation in the report'

Financial Comments (SEM 27.8.14)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected All

Appendix 1

Applications received via Community Sports Fund - 2014/15

The scheme received 31 applications with 15 being recommended to receive grants.

Name of Club / Organisation (District)	Project Summary	Amount Requested £	Assessment Outcome
Worksop Cricket Club <i>(Bassetlaw)</i>	To train 4 new ECB Level 2 Coaches to enhance the hardball sessions at the club (ages 12 upwards).	£1,000	Recommendation: £1,000 towards the costs associated with training 4 new level 2 coaches.
Woodhouse Colts Football Club <i>(Mansfield)</i>	To recruit and retain 20 new Under 7 players and develop 4 new Level 1 Coaches.	£1,480	Recommendation: £980 towards the costs associated with training 4 new level 1 coaches and equipment (Maximum £500 to be spent on equipment).
Sutton-in-Ashfield Swimming Club (Ashfield)	To contribute towards the training costs for 2 Level 1 Coaches and 2 Level 2 Coaches in order to maintain the clubs ability to coach and develop swimmers and increase numbers.	£1,500	Recommendation: £1,500 towards the costs associated with training 4 new Coaches.
Retford Swimming Club <i>(Bassetlaw)</i>	Funding towards the cost of a Club helpers award course and a Level 1 and Level 2 coaching course. These courses will help the club sustain the quality of coaching on offer with a view to increase numbers at the club as well.	£1,500	Recommendation: £1,500 towards the costs associated with Helpers Course and training 2 new Coaches.
Sutton Harriers Athletics Club (Ashfield)	The club is looking to engage more people with a disability to become members ahead of the Midland Disability Games, Quadkids and Sportshall competitions. Looking to target day centres in and around the Ashfield area and Schools to new sessions at the club.	£1,441	Recommendation: £1,441 towards the project costs.
Beeston Road Club – Cycling <i>(Broxtowe)</i>	The project aims to increase the number of coaches within the club for both juniors and adults. This will enable the club to increase its membership, develop new and existing members and provide a level of sustainability. To enable the increase in membership new bikes are also needed.	£1,500	Recommendation: £1,500 towards the costs associated with a Level 1 and Level 2 Road and Time Trial Coaching Course and 3 new bikes.
Rushcliffe Swimming Club (Rushcliffe)	To train a minimum of 3 volunteers coaches to undertake their Level 2 teaching award. This will enable the club to have capacity to increase its membership.	£1,500	Recommendation: £1,500 towards the costs associated with training 3 new Level 2 teachers.
Broxtowe Triathlon Club	The club will recruit, develop and manage new leaders and coaches to ensure that	£1,000	Recommendation: £1,000 towards the costs

(Broxtowe)	the club retains and increase its membership. To achieve this the club will train 2 Level 1 Coaches and 1 Level 2 Coach along with training a number of young leaders.		associated with training 3 new coaches and training young leaders.
Mansfield Triathlon Club <i>(Mansfield)</i>	To provide the training of 3 Level 2 coaches in order to develop and increase the number of qualified coaches within the club.	£1,500	Recommendation: £1,000 towards the costs associated with training 3 new Level 2 coaches.
Five Boroughs Pentathlon Club (Rushcliffe)	Offer taster sessions in the format of Modern Pentathlon to increase participation within the club. The project will enable disabled people to try new activities by providing increased opportunities to do regular sport through the medium of multi sports.	£1,000	Recommendation: £850 towards the costs associated with Facility Hire, Coaching and Marketing.
Claypole & Fernwood Warriors Football Club (Newark & Sherwood)	To form a new Junior soccer school for ages 5 upwards and provide equipment to allow appropriate training and games to take place.	£1,309	Recommendation: £775 towards the costs of new portable goals and Marketing of the Soccer School.
Kirkby Portland Cricket Club (Ashfield)	To train 4 individuals to become ECB Level 2 coaches. This will enable the club to increase junior membership whilst maintaining recommended coaching ratios within the club.	£1,000	Recommendation: £1,000 towards the costs associated with training 4 new coaches.
Fernwood Foxes Football Club (Newark & Sherwood)	The club is starting a new soccer school (on a new site) aimed at 4-10 year age group. To support this project the club requires some new equipment.	£1,475	Recommendation: £560 towards the costs of new portable goals.
Bridon Cricket Club (Bassetlaw)	To increase the number of qualified coaches within the club to help to develop a women and girls section.	£1,500	Recommendation: £600 towards the costs associated with training new coaches.
Keyworth Cricket Club <i>(Rushcliffe)</i>	To increase the number of 10-16 year olds participating in cricket and joining the club. In order to do this a portable cricket cage is being requested to offer integrated sessions.	£1,500	Recommendation: £794 towards the purchase of a portable cage.
Nottinghamshire Amateur Swimming Association (County-wide)	Purchase of land training equipment to support the development of County swimmers.	£1,000	Recommendation: No award due to 100% of CSF fund being allocated. Project did meet minimum criteria but was viewed as weaker than the projects being recommended for funding.
Nottingham Casuals	To increase the number of members	£1,500	Recommendation:

Rugby Union Football Club (Broxtowe) Wheatley Tennis	across the 5-18 age range. To achieve this aim the club needs to increase the number of qualified coaches.	£1,000	No award due to 100% of CSF fund being allocated. Project did meet minimum criteria but was viewed as weaker than the projects being recommended for funding. Recommendation:
Club <i>(Bassetlaw)</i>	to 18 years.		No award Not recommended due to insufficient need demonstrated on the application.
Welbeck Tennis Club <i>(Bassetlaw)</i>	To increase participation in Tennis and provide taster sessions within schools.	£1,000	Recommendation: No award It was felt more information was required around the schools being targeted. School work could possibly be funded through other channels.
Bull Farm Football Club <i>(Mansfield)</i>	To recruit 7-10 years and 16 – 25 year olds into football	£1,324	Recommendation: No award Application didn't show enough evidence of an exit route and to sustain the participation levels.
Blidworth Welfare Football Club (Newark & Sherwood)	New soccer school for 4 to 5 year olds.	£1,500	Recommendation: No award Not enough evidence of need or sustainability.
Brierley Pond Community Project (Ashfield)	Aiming to help under 16's and People with disabilities into fishing through coaching and taster sessions.	£880	Recommendation: No award No clear targets, more information needed on what the new Level 2 coaches would bring to the club.
Mansfield Lawn Tennis Club <i>(Mansfield)</i>	Increase participation in Tennis amongst school aged children.	£1,392	Recommendation: No award Application was lacking information.
Nottingham Piscatorial Society (Newark & Sherwood)	Improve the existing facilities at Chestnut Lake Development site.	£1,000	Recommendation: No award More information was required around

			engagement and some elements included within the application were ineligible via this fund.
West Bridgford Table Tennis Club (Rushcliffe)	To attract new players of all ages to the club.	£640	Recommendation: No award Not recommend more evidence of need
			required in application.
Newark Swimming Club (Newark &	Secure designated session to develop competition swimmers.	£1,500	Recommendation: No award
Sherwood)			Project not seen as sustainable.
Nottingham Hockey Club (Gedling)	Purchase of new goals to support training and junior tournaments.	£1,500	Recommendation: No award
(county)			Application didn't show enough evidence around new activity or how participation would increase.
Fenland Mountaineers (Newark & Sherwood)	Have a go taster sessions for 50+.	£900	Recommendation: No award Application lacked some
			clarity and evidence around need.
Daneshill Sailing Club (Bassetlaw)	Provision of new Sails for boats.	£1,000	Recommendation: No award
			No evidence on any new activity within the application.
Burton Joyce Cricket Club (Gedling)	Purchase of 2 protective covers.	£750	Recommendation: No award
			No evidence of any new activity taking place within this project.
Ordsall Rangers Football Club (Bassetlaw)	To provide footballing activity to the club and community for 7 – 16 year olds.	£1,500	Recommendation: No award
			Not considered a sustainable project.

Appendix 2

Applications received via Rising Stars - 2014/15

The scheme received 93 applications with 85 being recommended to receive a grant of £270

			Assessment
Name	District	Sport	Outcome
Alessia Castronovo	Gedling	Figure Skating	Unsuccessful
Alexandra Roe	Ashfield	Hockey	Successful
Alice Cobb	Rushcliffe	Cycling	Successful
Alissia Barlow	Newark & Sherwood	Gymnastics	Successful
Anna Barnes	Ashfield	Basketball	Successful
Ashleigh Plumptre	Rushcliffe	Football	Successful
Bradley Fry	Broxtowe	Skiing	Successful
Caelidh Ross	Ashfield	Athletics	Successful
Cameron Coghill	Newark & Sherwood	Windsurfing	Successful
Caprice Miloro	Ashfield	Athletics	Successful
Charlotte McLennaghan	Rushcliffe	Athletics	Successful
Chloe Adcock	Gedling	Kickboxing	Ineligible
Chloe Johnson	Gedling	Basketball	Successful
Daniel Evans	Rushcliffe	Canoeing	Successful
Daniel Whaley	Newark & Sherwood	Badminton	Unsuccessful
Danny Brewer	Mansfield	Taekwondo	Successful
Dominic West	Newark & Sherwood	Tennis	Successful
Edmund Howlett	Newark & Sherwood	Fencing	Successful
Ellie Downie	Ashfield	Gymnastics	Successful
Ellie Muzeja	Ashfield	Taekwondo	Successful
Ellie Wilcoxson	Derbyshire	Netball	Ineligible
Elliot Dudley	Newark & Sherwood	Cycling	Unsuccessful
Emily Hall	Newark & Sherwood	Windsurfing	Successful
Emily Hedger	Rushcliffe	Equestrian	Successful
Emily Witts	Mansfield	Badminton	Successful
Emma Hooper	Newark & Sherwood	Badminton	Successful
Emma Sanders	Rushcliffe	Ice Hockey	Successful
Ethan Barrett	Rushcliffe	Canoeing	Successful
Ethan Davis	Mansfield	Skiing	Successful
Ewan Vernon	Rushcliffe	Canoeing	Successful
Felicia Miloro	Ashfield	Gymnastics / Athletics	Unsuccessful
Flo Tilley	Newark & Sherwood	Climbing	Successful
Frankie Monks	Gedling	Cycling	Successful
Freya Christie	Ashfield	Tennis	Successful
Georgia Lawson	Broxtowe	Tennis	Successful
Harvey Kay	Rushcliffe	Rowing	Successful
Henry Pak Fey Chiu	Rushcliffe	Taekwondo	Successful
Hollie Peach	Bassetlaw	Gymnastics	Successful
Holly Lounds	Ashfield	Wheelchair Basketball	Successful
lain Barrett	Rushcliffe	Taekwondo	Successful
Iman Thomas	Broxtowe	Netball	Successful
Imogen Gould	Ashfield	Swimming	Successful
Isaac Crum	Gedling	Shooting	Successful
Jack Halstead	Newark & Sherwood	Basketball	Successful

			Assessment
Name	District	Sport	Outcome
Jack Hopkins	Rushcliffe	Ice Hockey	Successful
Jack Urquhart	Gedling	Short-Track	Successful
Jacob Barrett	Rushcliffe	Canoeing	Successful
Jessica Urquhart	Gedling	Short-Track	Successful
Joanna Towndrow	Rushcliffe	Hockey	Successful
Joel Leon Benitez	Rushcliffe	Athletics	Successful
Joni Wildman	Rushcliffe	Cycling	Successful
Joseph Seage	Bassetlaw	Swimming	Successful
Joshua Nathan	Rushcliffe	Gymnastics	Successful
Joshua Tarry	Mansfield	Figure Skating	Successful
Katie Swales	Rushcliffe	Rowing	Successful
Katrina Bramley	Ashfield	Gymnastics	Successful
Kieran Harby	Newark & Sherwood	Modern Pentathlon	Successful
Kyra Edwards	Broxtowe	Rowing	Successful
Lauren Mills	Newark & Sherwood	Athletics	Unsuccessful
Lauren Muzeja	Ashfield	Taekwondo	Application withdrawn
Lewis Harby	Newark & Sherwood	Modern Pentathlon	Successful
Lewis King	Ashfield	Ice Hockey	Successful
Lewis Locker	Ashfield	Cycling	Successful
Liam Jury	Rushcliffe	Gymnastics	Successful
Libby Coleman	Ashfield	Triathlon	Successful
Luke Mitchell	Ashfield	Basketball	Successful
Luke Rees	Rushcliffe	Fencing	Successful
Max Littlewood	Rushcliffe	Canoeing	Successful
Molly Palmer	Rushcliffe	Gymnastics	Successful
Niall Monks	Gedling	Cycling	Successful
Nico Leivars	Ashfield	Boxing	Successful
Oliver Peckover	Rushcliffe	· · ·	Successful
Oliver Peckover Oliver Simms	Bassetlaw	Cycling	Successful
		Ice Hockey Modern Pentathlon	Successful
Olivia Hooper	Gedling		Successful
Paige Kingston	Ashfield	Badminton	
Paige Vick	Mansfield	Gymnastics	Successful
Poppy Wildman	Rushcliffe	Cycling	Successful
Prem Govind	Rushcliffe	Taekwondo	Successful
Rebecca Lowther	Gedling	Football	Successful
Rhys Taylor	Ashfield	Swimming	Successful
Rimini Miloro	Ashfield	Athletics	Successful
Robert Gray	Bassetlaw	Archery	Successful
Rowan Law	Rushcliffe	Rowing	Successful
Samuel Hay	Ashfield	Squash	Successful
Sophie Coldwell	Rushcliffe	Triathlon	Successful
Thomas Atkinson	Bassetlaw	Swimming	Successful
Thomas Howarth	Ashfield	Swimming	Successful
Thomas Howdle	Broxtowe	Swimming	Successful
Thomas Leatherland	Rushcliffe	Taekwondo	Successful
Tom Hovell	Gedling	Inline Hockey	Successful
Tom McIntosh	Bassetlaw	Table Tennis	Successful
William Bradley	Ashfield	Athletics	Successful
William Gayne	Gedling	Swimming	Successful



Report to Grant Aid Sub-Committee

8th September 2014

Agenda Item:6

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES

ARTS GRANT AID 2014-15

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise members of the applications received to the Nottinghamshire Arts Fund (NAF) and seek approval from members of funding for a portfolio of grant awards. Furthermore, members are asked to approve the opening of a second round of applications in line with current process.

Background

- 2. The Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011-2015 agreed the continuation of the NAF to fund arts projects, and is open to applications from individuals and groups for awards of between £500 and £2500.
- 3. Funds are made available through the NAF to supports arts projects that help to deliver against NCC's current priority of 'Supporting Safe and Thriving Communities'.
- 4. Unlike other NCC grant streams, arts grant aid does not represent revenue funding. For instance, grants made under NAF are for projects with specific outcomes, such as engaging more people in the arts, with defined beginning and end dates. In this way, NCC grant-in-aid invests in groups to act as a catalyst for new and appealing activities, but it does not make groups reliant on this funding. The result is a sustainable arts sector more able to adapt and respond to opportunities.
- 5. As grants awarded are for specific projects with beginning and end dates, NAF grants do not follow 3 year agreements and run to a different funding timetable to other corporate grant aid streams.
- 6. Having an open access scheme also has the benefit of identifying for NCC's Arts Service new partners and initiatives that we can work with to support and develop, even where applicants have been unsuccessful in their initial applications.

Current Processes

- 7. The Nottinghamshire Arts Fund is a grant aid schemes aimed at helping local communities engage with the arts. It is open to applications from artists, community organisations, or professional arts organisations. As such it is a vital tool in supporting grass roots activity.
- 8. The Nottinghamshire Arts Fund opened for applications at the start of June and remained open for applications for 7 weeks. For this round we particularly welcomed applications that worked with groups of people 'most in need'. We have received 16 eligible applications. See table in Appendix 1 for details.
- 9. Electoral division is based on the main postcode of the activity.
- 10. Officers assess each application received scoring against the published priorities and criteria of the Nottinghamshire Arts Fund. The priorities of the fund are:
 - Developing community engagement and participation in the arts
 - Developing the workforce of the arts sector
 - Developing the infrastructure of the arts sector

Financial Implications

11. The allocation for Arts projects forms part of the overall budget for Grant Aid for 2014/15 and sufficient funds are available.

Reasons for Recommendation

- 12. Recommendations are based on the outcome of an assessment process that allocates scores against the priorities and criteria of the fund. The assessment process draws on the expert knowledge and experience of NCC Arts officers. For this round of funding we particularly welcomed applications that worked with groups of people with additional barriers to benefitting from the arts.
- 13. Projects with scores exceeding a threshold are recommended for funding. Those scoring beneath this threshold are not recommended. The threshold for funding is 21. The maximum score is 40.
- 14. In this way we ensure that the strongest, most viable projects with the greatest benefits are recommended for funding
- 15. A second round of funding will allow the allocation of the remaining funds and ensure additional benefits are brought to Nottinghamshire citizens.

Recommendation

16. Members are asked to approve a portfolio of grants to applicants, based on the information provided.

17. The recommended portfolio represents 62% of the funds allocated to the Nottinghamshire Arts Fund for 2014-15 and approval is sought to open a second round of funding later in the financial year that will allocate any remaining funds.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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Sue Cullen Arts & Sports Service Manager

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Constitutional Comments (LM 18/08/2014)

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Financial Comments (SEM 27.8.14)

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Background Papers and Published Documents

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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Applicant	Project Name	£ request	Recommend	£ rec	Score	Project details and location	Electoral Division
TRADE GALLERY	Trade Gallery Residential Prog	2500	no	0	14	An artist networking and professional development project to establish more work in rural locations (Edwinstowe)	Rufford
ART ON THE HIGH STREET	Hidden Gallery	2185	no	0	15	A series of inclusive, accessible participatory arts sessions to create temporary 'craftbomb' style work installed in the public realm, reclaiming & regenerating town centre spaces. (Newark-on-Trent)	
ASHFIELD VOLUNTARY ACTION	Laffs n Crafts	2350	no	0	17	A weekly craft group lead by professional artist for adults in the Sutton-in-Ashfield area who are at risk of mental ill health. (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	
MAGDALA	Celebrate Community	2000	yes	2000	25	Professional company working with community groups (Leamington Estate and Sutton Learning Centre), to help create their own songs and performances. (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	East
NEWARK MIND	Tell me about it!	2500	yes	2500	25	Newark Mind will work with professional musician and playwright to create a series of workshops with adults with mental health difficulties (Newark-on- Trent)	
COMMUNITY CREATIVES	CC Radio Drama	2470	yes	2470	26	Artists developing a range of creative projects for young people in community settings (Selston)	

Applicant	Project Name	£ request	Recommend	£ rec	Score	Project details and location	Electoral Division
SAUNDERS, Georgina	Baby Birds	962	yes	962	27	A creative movement and dance project for children under 5 at Children's Centres in Gedling. (various locations)	
BAMBOOZLE THEATRE	Mole and the Meadow	2500	yes	2500	28	Multi-sensory theatre expereinces and workshops for young people with profound learning disabilities and /or autism spectrum disorders (Mansfield)	
FRABJOUS EVENTS	Frabjous Tea Tales	2500	yes	2500	30	A series of artist workshops with a final celebration event with and for residents of sheltered housing (Mapperley)	
RETFORD COMMUNITY SINGERS	Retford Heritage Singing Project	1000	yes	1000	30	Delivering a community music project marking the heritage of Retford, including a singing day in Summer 2015 to encourage more people to join choirs (Retford)	
ASHWORTH, Pat	Star Safari	2000	yes	2000	31	Development, rehearsal and performances of a community play /pageant. (Bramcote village)	
KANG, Angela	Classical Music and Opera Workshops	2500	yes	2500	31	A series of singing and classical music workshops for adults with learning disabilities. (Beeston)	
SQUARE PEG PRIDE PERFORMANCE GROUP	Pride Performance	2272	yes	2500	31	Delivering dance workshop and performances with disabled young people (Mansfield)	

Applicant	Project Name	£ request	Recommend	£ rec	Score	Project details and location	Electoral Division
BEECH COURT	Puppets in Dementia Care	2250	yes	2250	33	Professional artist leading sessions with residents of older people's care home to create person centred 'life story' activities. (Selston)	Selston
NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE	Wiggle Giggle	2360	yes	2360	34	Presentation of a brand new interactive play for under 5s. that will tour to children's' centres in Mansfield, Ashfield and Worksop	5
SUTTON ART GROUP	Art in the Village	700	yes	700	36	Workshops with a professional artist working with groups in the village (Sutton cum Lound)	Misterton
Total	1	1		26242			



8 September 2014 Agenda Item:7

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015-18 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT AID PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek agreement of the main priorities for the 2015-18 Nottinghamshire County Council Grant Aid Programme

Information and Advice

- 2. At the Grant Aid Sub-Committee on 21 July 2014 members resolved that:-
 - The two financial levels of working with the Voluntary & Community Sector are maintained:- a Grant Aid programme that contributes to service provision and the commissioning model.
 - The key drivers of the 2012-2015 Grant Aid Strategy were endorsed for the new grant programme for 2015 2018.
 - Grant Aid service priorities are aligned with the Council's Core Functions as detailed in Redefining Your Council.
 - Lead Officers are commissioned to write service priorities for consideration at the September 2014 Grant Aid sub-committee.
 - Where possible to agree that Grant Aid will be awarded over a three year period
 - That when a budget is approved that 5% per year is "set-aside" for "new" or "innovative" proposals. This will be advertised on an annual basis.
- 3. This report proposes to align the Grant Aid Programme with the values, drivers, priorities and core functions described in Redefining Your Council and agree the Grant Programme priorities for 2015 to 2018.

Background

- 4. The County Council has a long history of working with and supporting the VCS. The Council recognises that the VCS:
 - Harnesses the time, talents and ambitions of local residents who wish to volunteer
 - Reaches excluded or isolated people and communities that the statutory sector sometimes cannot
 - Attracts additional resources to Nottinghamshire through grant funding
 - Is a significant employer of people and as such is an important part of the mixed economy
 - Assists the Council to improve the quality and accessibility of services
 - Provides a local Community Voice advocates for vulnerable people and provides valuable feedback on community consultation

Current Grant Aid Approach 2012-2015

- 5. In November 2011 the County Council adopted a Corporate Grant Aid Strategy to cover the period from 2011 to 2015.
- 6. The key drivers and features of the strategy are:
 - Member Led ensuring that members take a strategic lead on decision making
 - Corporate approach decisions are aligned to the council's priorities
 - Recognition of the VCS valuing the enormous contribution made across the county
 - Centralised administration a streamlined process for the administration of grant aid across the council
 - Proportionate at all stages simple application, 1 or 2 payments each year, monitoring simplified
 - Making better use of IT application & monitoring processes
 - Longer agreements where possible awards will be for a three year period to enable the VCS to forward plan
 - Grants to make a contribution towards provision, not to directly
 purchase key services making Grant Aid distinct from commissioning
- 7. These features have been welcomed by Members and VCS organisations and it has been agreed to retain this approach for the Grant Aid Programme from 2015 to 2018.

Proposed Grant Aid Approach 2015 - 2018

- 8. Whilst no allocation has been agreed beyond 2015 and any allocation is likely to be reduced given the financial challenges faced over the next few years, the Council remains committed to working with the VCS.
- 9. The Grant Aid Committee on 20 May 2014 agreed a timetable leading to the award of Grants in July 2015. Key milestones in the timetable included:
 - 20 May 2014 Agree timetable for refresh of Grant Aid Strategy & process leading to the awards for 2015-18
 - 21 July 2014 Agree priorities and approach to Grant Aid
 - Sept 2014 Members agree refreshed strategy, core functions, & application process
 - 13 Oct 2014 to 21 Nov 2014 Application window
 - 22 Nov 2014 to 31 Dec 2014 Application assessments
 - 27 Jan 2015 Members decisions on awards 2015-18
 - 1 July 2015 New 3 year agreements commence
- 10. This paper proposes that the 10 award categories used in the 2012-15 Grant Aid process are replaced by grant priorities based on "The Council's Core Functions". The core functions have been defined taking into account the Council's strategic priorities, statutory and mandatory obligations as well as those functions against which it is regulated and inspected.
- **11.Appendix 1** shows the proposed grant priorities aligned to Core Functions within Redefining Your Council. Members are being asked to approve the outline priorities in readiness for opening the grant aid application process in October 2014. (recommendation 1)
- **12.** It is proposed that 3 "Launch Events" are held to give the Community & Voluntary Sector the opportunity to understand the priorities and ask questions. (**recommendation 2**)
- 13. The three year agreement approach has been welcomed by the Voluntary and Community Sector. However, three years between application opportunities has made it difficult for new groups and innovative ideas to be considered by the Grant Aid sub-committee. It is therefore proposed that 5% of the annual budget is set aside each year for an application round. (recommendation 3)
- **14.**150+ VCS organisations were awarded Grant Aid over the period 2012-15. Some of those awards were made as consortium or group awards. This achieved savings with reduced administration and transactions. It is proposed

that where possible groups applying who offer similar/same services apply together and are assessed as a consortium/group (**recommendation 4**).

- 15. When assessing applications consideration will be given to projects that:
 - Help people to help themselves
 - Provide volunteering opportunities
 - Seek to address inequality in areas of deprivation
 - Identifies ways for the applicant to generate their own income and be less reliant on Grant Aid.

Financial Implications

16. Currently no allocation for grant aid beyond 2014/15 has been agreed by the Council. These proposals are subject to a budget being confirmed.

Other Options Considered

17. To cease the grant aid programme, this would have a significant impact on the sector and those who benefit from the programme. There would be loss of valuable support to some of the most vulnerable people in the County. This is not thought to be a viable option, despite the serious financial pressures faced by the County Council – the value of the contributions made by the VCS are recognized.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

18. To meet the ongoing commitment to working with the VCS in Nottinghamshire the Council is providing a set of priorities for applicants.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

20. It is recommended that Members approve:-

- 1. The Grant Priorities detailed in Appendix 1 and approve them.
- 2. To hold three launch events across the County to promote the programme and give the Community & Voluntary Sector the opportunity to ask questions
- 3. To "ring fence" 5% of the agreed budget for an innovation fund application round in each of the three years from 2015 to 2018.
- 4. To encourage group/consortium applications to improve efficiency on administration and transactions.

Jayne Francis-Ward CORPORATE DIRECTOR POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

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Constitutional Comments (LM 18/08/2014)

The grant Aid Sub-Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendation in the report?

Financial Comments (SEM 27.8.14)

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from 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.

Redefining Your Council Working with the Voluntary & Community Sector - Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011- 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

ALL

Appendix 1.

Core Fu	nction – Adult & Public Protection
Grant Priority Title	Delivery of advice and support services to Nottinghamshire residents
Desired Outcomes	 Provide high quality advice to individuals on a range of issues that: Is free, independent, impartial and confidential. Is easily accessible to all; Available County-wide via various locations and methods i.e. face to face, telephone and written contact; Promotes independence and resilience, through self-help where appropriate and possible; Provides clear and appropriate pathways of advice and services, especially for vulnerable consumers and their helpers; Provides a complementary service to the County Council's current advice facility arrangements; Facilitates the use of alternative methods in assisting clients in resolving their issues where appropriate, such as case work and accessing and signposting to appropriate specialist support; Provides an effective and efficient interface with other local advice services; Has a robust prioritisation system that prioritises the cases of those most in need; Achieves maximum value for money and efficiencies over time, helping as many people as possible within the constraints of resources and subject to professional standards and quality considerations; Improves the health and wellbeing of residents; and Works closely with the County Council to share intelligence and information on issues that affect Nottinghamshire County residents
Grant Priority Title	Connected Communities
Desired	Provide support that helps:-

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Outcomes	 Older and vulnerable people have stronger links with their communities and the people in it. Informal support solutions to be brokered for older and vulnerable people through community connections. Older and vulnerable people make new friends Older and vulnerable people have increased confidence and self-worth Older and vulnerable people see a measurable improvement in their health as a result of the project input / service provided Applications will be encouraged from projects that support people :- Who are at risk of requiring social care support and people in receipt of social care services at risk of escalating need, including: Who are over 80 and living alone Who have limited mobility With long term conditions including mental health conditions Who are from hard to reach communities (minority ethnic/ Gypsy and Traveller, rural etc.)
Grant Priority Title	Social Care Information, Advice & Advocacy
Desired Outcomes	 Provision of information and advice as a prevention service, to meet people's needs thereby avoiding the need for further services Provision of robust information and advice provision for all residents, including those who have social care needs including self-funders Provision of comprehensive information and advice about local services, which is appropriate and proportionate to circumstances and needs Provision of information to make informed decisions about social care and support, including access to independent financial advice People are assisted to find information online People are provided with information and advice relating to benefits, debt management, homelessness, community based resources, etc.

	 People are empowered to access this information and advice to promote self-management; i.e. looking after themselves Improved quality of life and increased independence
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Grant Priority Title	Prevention support, promoting independence		
Desired Outcomes	 Innovative training or skills development that equips older and vulnerable people with skills to support continued self-management and independence e.g. mobile/tablet apps and web-based services, health and hygiene, travel training, money skills, independent living. Paid or voluntary work opportunities, work skills development or recognised qualifications which lead to paid work, for vulnerable adults. Maintenance of physical fitness and/or emotional and mental well-being for vulnerable adults. Note – you must be able to demonstrate how your application will meet a gap in provision for your target population. 		

Core Function – Children's & Culture				
Grant Priority Title	Youth Projects and Youth Infrastructure Groups			
Desired Outcomes	 Increase work undertaken predominantly with school year 6 – 19 years age range (up to 25 years in respect or young people with disabilities). In this respect, work with this age range must constitute at least 80% of the activities for which funding is sought better ensure that membership is open to all young people and offers a universal service increase opportunities for all young people to participate in positive activities Increase opportunities for young people to actively participate in the management and running of the project/club 			
Grant Priority Title	Play Forum Support			
Desired Outcomes	Leconical Specialist team			

	 Improve links with community groups to support a programme of holiday play activities, play schemes and events for children and young people aged 0-19 years
Grant Priority Title	Children, Young People & Families
Desired Outcomes	 Provide children and young people with the early help support that they need Deliver integrated services for children and young people with complex needs or disabilities. Work together to keep children and young people safe Improve children and young people's health outcomes Close the gap in educational attainment between disadvantaged children and young people and their peers.

Core Function – PLACE			
Grant Priority Title	Community Transport		
Desired Outcomes	 Provision of Community Transport solutions to include Volunteer Driver & Community Minibus schemes that provide affordable transport for: Those with physical or learning disabilities Those without access to conventional public transport at the required time Particular demographic groups, especially the elderly and young people Those who lack the confidence to travel unassisted 		
Grant Priority Title	Infrastructure Support		

Desired Outcomes	 Provision of a Countywide service to support the Community & Voluntary Sector, which will:- Help the VCS Support Nottinghamshire County Council priorities Increase the number & quality of Volunteering Opportunities Support collaborative working & communication throughout the VCS & network with and support the work of the Nottinghamshire County Council Community & Voluntary Sector Team team. To support and manage consultation with the local VCS To provide professional financial and legal support to the sector Build the capacity of the sector through information and training To provide support to the isolated and Rural VCS organisations To provide a high quality self-help service to individuals, groups and members of the public and act as an intermediary between self-help groups and professionals Provide free independent, confidential advice across the whole of Nottinghamshire – covering debt, welfare, housing, employment and other areas To identify gaps in provision and help shape and deliver local services.
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Annual Grant Rounds

In addition to the opportunities advertised as part of the three year Grant Programme each year there will be:

A Summer Play-scheme Fund

Successful applicants will:-

- Demonstrate how the Play Scheme will contribute to the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust key themes and priorities.
- Address the needs of minority, diverse and excluded groups in their service provision and management.
- Indicate how they have included the specific/target community in their planning and service delivery.
- Have in place the required policy, procedures and structures
- Have in place good governance and effective management processes and practice

Arts Fund

Successful applicants will:-

- Increase the number of people engaging and benefitting from arts activities
- Improve the quality of arts activities available to Nottinghamshire citizens
- Help develop our safe and thriving communities

Sports Fund

This fund will focus on:-

- Talented Individuals Support for people competing at a national level
- Officiating Training volunteers to be qualified officials
- Coaching Providing support to volunteers to coach at levels 1 & 2.
- Club Development projects that increase participation

Great War Commemoration Fund - 2014 to 2018

This fund offers financial support to local groups to bring the history of the Great War to life.

Annual Innovation Fund

5% of the agreed budget is set aside for an innovation fund application round in each of the three years from 2015 to 2018.



Report to Grant Aid Sub-Committee

8 September 2014

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2014.

Information and Advice

- 2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
- 3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
- 4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme. It may be that the presentations about activities in the committee's remit will help to inform this.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make.

Jayne Francis-Ward Corporate Director, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

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Constitutional Comments (SLB)

8. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (PS)

9. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME

Report Title	Brief summary of agenda item	For Decision or Information?	Lead Officer	Report Auth
May 2014				
	To agree entropph to great aid	Decision	Cothy Homoy	Doul Doborto
Grant Aid Strategy Review	To agree approach to grant aid	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Disability Living Centre	To share with members how the grant awarded is making a difference	Information	Cathy Harvey	No report
July 14				
Alignment of Grant Aid with Redefining Your Council	To align Grant Aid programme from 2015 with the core functions described in Redefining Your Council	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Nottinghamshire Council for School Sports	To consider grant	Decision	Steve Bradley	Steve Bradle
Sep 14				
Merger of Gedling, Newark & Sherwood & Rushcliffe CVS's	To provide an update on the merger plans for the 3 CVS's	Information	External Speaker	No Report
Service Specifications for 2015 onwards	To agree the scope of what the Grant Aid Programme from 2015 – What will be considered for Grants and the timetable for applications	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey
Arts Grant Aid 2014/15	To consider recommendations for the award of Arts grants	Decision	Sue Cullen	Kevin Tenna
Sports Grants 2014/15	To consider recommendations for the award of Sports grants	Decision	Sue Cullen	Chris Rolle
Dec 14				
Annual Review of Grant Aid	To share outcomes of Grant aid in 13/14	Information	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletc Nesbeth
Presentation - TBC	To share with members how the grant awarded is used	Information	No Report	
Update on 2015/18	To provide an update on the application process for	Information	Cathy Harvey	

Report Title	Brief summary of agenda item	For Decision or Information?	Lead Officer	Report Authority
application process	2015/18.			
Notts Council for School Sports	Update Item from Chris Rolle	Information	Chris Rolle	Chris Rolle
Jan 14				
Recommendations for Grant Aid 2015/18	Members to decide which organisations will be awarded Grant Aid for the three years from 2015 to 2018.	Decision	Sally Gill	Cathy Harvey