

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR DECISION

Open		Would any decisions proposed :		
Any especially affected Wards	Discretionary	(a) Be entirely within cabinet's powers to decide YES		
		(b) Need to be recommendations to Council		NO
		(c) Be partly for recommendations to Council and partly within Cabinets powers –		NO
Lead Member: Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds E-mail: cllr.elizabeth.nockolds@west-norfolk.gov.uk		Other Cabinet Members consulted: None		
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Financial Implications YES	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications (incl S.17) NO	Equal Opportunities Implications NO	Risk Management Implications YES
If not for publication, the paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act considered to justify that is (are) paragraph(s)				
Date meeting advertised: 10/10/12		Date of meeting decision to be taken: 16/10/12		
Deadline for Call-In: 23/10/12				

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAPITAL GRANTS

Summary

This report details the decisions made in relation to the second round of Financial Assistance Capital Grants for 2012/13.

Recommendation

Denver Playing Field Association – Award £4,500
 Dersingham Institute Bowls Club – Award £700
 South Wootton Parish Council – Award £5,000
 Terrington St Clement Parish Council – Award £4,000
 Three Holes Bowls Club – Award £2,000
 Forward Day Centre – Decline
 Friends of St Nicholas' Chapel – Defer
 South Creake War Memorial Institute - Defer

Reason for Decision

Determination of applications under the Financial Assistance scheme.

A grants panel meeting was held on 24 September 2012 to assess applications for capital grants which fall within the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio. This report details the recommendations made at this meeting by the Portfolio Holder.

The recommendations featured in this report are subject to the 'call-in' procedure. When the grant decision becomes official the applicants will be notified in writing by the Norfolk Community Foundation on behalf of the Borough Council. All terms and conditions of the grants will be stated in the official offer letter.

Grants of £2,500 or less

Organisation	Application summary	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Reason why refused or full amount not awarded/ comments
Dersingham Institute Bowls Club	To purchase a professional spreader for the green and update the electrics in the club house.	£1,483.00	£700.00	A contribution was offered as funds were very limited.
Three Holes Playing Field	To provide a range of audio/ visual equipment to improve facilities at the hall, and increase usage.	£5,000.00	£2,000.00	A contribution was offered as funds were very limited.
Friends of St Nicholas' Chapel	A major project to develop the Chapel for community use.	£5,000	£0	Deferred - The panel felt that a contribution at this stage would provide little benefit considering the scale of the project.
South Creake War Memorial Institute	To build a new Pavilion to replace the existing War Memorial Institute.	£15,000	£0	Deferred - The panel felt that a contribution at this stage would provide little benefit considering the scale of the project.
Forward Day Centre	To purchase 2 iPads for use by Centre clients.	£958	£0	Rejected – the panel felt that with limited funds the other projects presented demonstrated greater need. Norfolk Community Foundation will advise on alternate funding sources.
		TOTAL	£2,700.00	

Grants over £2,500

Denver Playing Field Association

The Association is keen to re-order the pavilion to meet user needs and current standards. The works will improve and enlarge changing facilities, install central heating, and create a meeting/ community room. Works are expected to cost £48,000 in total, of which £37,000 has been raised primarily from a Sport England grant. A grant of £4,500 is offered on the condition that a new satisfactory lease is put in place, as the current lease will expire in 2014 and is currently being re-negotiated.

Requested - £5,000

Awarded - £4,500 (on the condition that a satisfactory lease is agreed)

South Wootton Parish Council

The Portfolio Holder declared an interest in this item.

Funds are requested to create a skate ramp at Wootton Park. This project has been under development for some time, with local teens organising petitions and taking an active role in planning. The skate ramp will cost £16,800, and the funds needed have been secured except for the amount requested.

Requested - £5,600

Awarded - £5,000

Terrington St Clement Parish Council

A new infant play area is planned for Terrington St Clement on the memorial playing field to replace existing dilapidated and unsafe play equipment. The proposed play area will cost £23,184 and will comprise a range of small infant play items plus safety surfacing and fencing. A contribution of £4,000 is offered on the condition that the other funds needed are secured.

Requested - £7,728

Awarded - £4,000 (on the condition that the other funds needed are secured)

Financial Implications

The total Financial Assistance Capital Grants budget for 2012/13 is summarised as follows:

	£
Financial Assistance Capital Grants budget 2012/13	74,500
Commitments	
This report	16,200
Community and Culture Capital Grants already approved in 2012/13	60,215
£2,400 was moved into the Capital fund to meet demand in this round.	
Total Commitments	76,415
Balance Of Funds Available 2012/13	485

There is sufficient budget provision to cover all recommendations in this report.

Policy Implications

The applications are in line with the Corporate Strategic Objectives.

Statutory Implications

None.

Risk Implications

Failure to assist local, voluntary organisations in helping meet the Borough Council's corporate objectives.

Access to Information

Completed grant application forms for each funding request.

Signed:

Cabinet Member for

Date