

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		
Lead Officer: David Thomason E-mail: david.thomason@west-norfolk.gov.uk Direct Dial: 01553 616246		Other Members consulted: All ward members		
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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
Date meeting advertised: 20 th September 2011		Date of meeting decision to be taken: 27 th September 2011		
Deadline for Call-In: 4 th October 2011				

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REVENUE GRANTS

Summary

This report details the decisions made in relation to the second round of Financial Assistance Revenue Grants for 2011/12.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the following grant decisions are approved:

Clenchwarton Bowls Club – Award £400

Creative Arts East – Award £4,000

DAFT Crafts – Award £500

Friday Club – Award £750

King's Lynn Town Band – Award £1,400

Little Discoverers West Norfolk School for Parents – Award £1,500

Terrington Community Fund – Refuse

West Norfolk MIND - Refuse

Reason for Decision

Determination of applications under the Financial Assistance scheme.

A grants panel meeting was held on 15 September 2011 to assess applications for revenue grants which fall within the Shared Services and External Relations 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	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Reason why refused or full amount not awarded/ comments
Clenchwarton Bowls Club	Services to improve the playing surface	£500.00	£400.00	A slightly reduced grant was offered to encourage other fundraising
DAFT Crafts	To contribute to operational costs of tutors and venue hire and a group outing	£1630.00	£500.00	A contribution was offered to support operational costs, excluding costs of a group outing.
Friday Club	A contribution to activity costs	£2,000.00	£750.00	A reduced awarded was offered to reflect that this is a newly formed group with a limited track record.
King's Lynn Town Band	A contribution to annual running costs	£1,400.00	£1,400.00	Awarded in full
Little Discoverers West Norfolk School for Parents	A contribution to operational costs	£2,500.00	£1,500.00	A slightly reduced grant was offered to encourage other fundraising, and to reflect the reduced rates offered by Lynnsport, which hosts the group
Terrington Community Fund	A community event to take place over Halloween	£1250.00	£0.00	This application was refused, and the group will be invited to apply for funds towards any events marking the Jubilee
West Norfolk MIND	Support for the Gardening 4 Health Allotment project	£5,000.00	£0.00	This application was refused, and the Borough already offers some support by offering the allotments at minimal rates. They have been advised of other funding sources.
		Total:	£4,550	

Grants over £2,500

Creative Arts East – A contribution is requested towards the core costs of operating the Village Screen and Village Stage rural touring programmes in West Norfolk. A contribution is also requested to support the Bright Sparks youth promoters' network in the Borough.

Request: £5,000

Recommendation: Award £4,000

Total of grants over £2,500: £4,000

Financial Implications

The total Financial Assistance Revenue Grants budget for 2011/12 is summarised as follows:

	£
Financial Assistance Revenue Grants budget 2011/12	23,000
Commitments	
This report	8,550
Community and Culture Revenue Grants already approved in 2011/12	3,260
Sum moved from Revenue to Capital	10,942
Total Commitments	22,752
Balance Of Funds Available 2011/12	248

Please note: Due to high demand for Capital grants, approval was granted to allocate funds from the Revenue budget to increase the Capital funds available.

Therefore 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