

Community Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

	Small Grant Scheme	Community Grant Scheme
How many 'funding rounds' are there each year?	2 – during Spring and Autumn	
When is the next funding round?	Now – applications will be accepted up to 5 September 2011	
How much funding is available?	Up to £250	Up to £8,000 annually; revenue grants can be funded for up to 3 years and so grants can potentially reach £24,000 in total
Is match funding required?	No – the small grant scheme can fund 100% of the project costs	Yes – The Community Grant Scheme will fund up to £8,000 or 50% funding (which ever is the lower amount).
What type of expenses can be funded by the grant scheme?	Capital and revenue expenses can both be funded – Costs such as equipment or building improvements, salaries, training among many others	
We don't have a specific project but are in desperate need of more money. Can we apply?	No – 'General appeal's' for funds can not be supported	
We have already started/finished our project, can we apply for a grant?	No – This is classed as retrospective funding and can not be supported. Very few other Grant schemes fund retrospective costs	
Can we apply for an ongoing project such as running expenses for a youth club?	Yes – However new projects or projects that increase/expand existing services will be prioritised.	
Who can apply?	Any formally governed 'not for profit' organisation. Including sports clubs, Village Hall Management Committees, local charities etc	

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Can a Parish Council apply to the scheme?	No - Parish Councils are not eligible to apply for a Small Grant	Yes – Parish Council's can apply for a Community Grant
Can a 'Councillor's Initiative Grant' be used to match fund a project?	Yes – As long as it is confirmed prior to making an application to the Community Grant Scheme	
Can the grant be used to fund a project outside of the District?	No – the grant funds can only be used to fund projects that benefit the residents of East Lindsey	
Is support available to complete the application forms as I have never applied for a grant before?	Yes - South Lincs CVS are available to provide support and advice to groups applying for grant funding. Please contact South Lincs CVS on (01507) 329472	
What is the Total annual budget for the scheme	£134,000 in 2011/12 – more than £225,000 worth of external funding was brought into the District last year through the scheme	
What other information will I need to submit when applying?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A copy of your most recent accounts ◆ Policies such as 'Equal Opportunities' ◆ Some evidence of community need and support for the project. <p>The type and amount of supporting documentation that is needed will be dependent upon the type of project, the applicant organisation and the size of the funding request.</p>	
Can a group apply for more than 1 grant?	No – Each organisation is only eligible to receive 1 Community Grant in any 12 month period; in addition the group can not reapply for 12 months after the final payment of their grant, regardless of the amount awarded.	
Does every applicant need to get the support of their District Council Ward Member(s) to apply	Yes – Every application must be signed by the relevant District Council Ward Member	
Does every application need the support of the Town/Parish Council	No – Town/Parish Council Support is not required for Small Grant applications	Yes – Town/Parish Councils are required to sign Community Grant Applications