

- North Kesteven District Council operates a grant aid scheme called FundNK.
- FundNK aims to support community projects in the District of North Kesteven which correspond to the vision of a district of flourishing communities.
- The scope of FundNK is very broad to encourage new and innovative projects.
- It will support a group's project where the community will benefit.
- Applications will be considered quarterly. Closing dates for applications are 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January annually.

## Funding available

- For Community Projects (excluding building and recreational) grants are available for up to 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of £1,000
- For building and recreational projects, grants are available for up to 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of £2,500 (for building projects) and £1,500 (for recreational projects)
- The 50% match funding can be met by voluntary labour or the donation of goods in kind. In-kind contributions for voluntary labour are to be calculated £6.47 per hour for ALL work.

## Objectives

For a project to be supported by FundNK it must meet one of the following objectives and one or more of our priorities:

- Working in Partnership to improve the quality of life, economic performance and environmental sustainability of North Kesteven, and
- Inspiring community participation to deliver local aspirations and community based services

## Priorities

- **Our Economy** – To promote the economic and employment growth of North Kesteven.
- **Our Homes** – To promote housing growth that meets the current and emerging needs of North Kesteven.
- **Our Communities** – To promote the well-being, safety and health of North Kesteven's growing communities.
- **Our Environment** – To promote a sustainable natural and built environment, where our heritage is preserved and celebrated.

For further information about our priorities please refer to: [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-facts-and-figures/council-performance/corporate-plan](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-facts-and-figures/council-performance/corporate-plan)

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply to FundNK groups must not have received a grant during the current financial year and must have;

- A constitution, or governing document
- A bank account, and
- Be a not for profit organisation.

To make sure our small grant scheme has an impact, we will not fund large organisations. Applicants must also show that they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future, which should include replacement funding if appropriate.

Please note for projects where groups are working with our partner organisation, ArtsNK there is a limit on the funds we can allocate during each financial year. For further clarification, please contact the Partnerships Team.

## Examples of eligible projects

Funding to support:

- Building projects.
- Play equipment projects.
- Start-up costs for community groups.
- New and innovative community projects.
- Improvements to community facilities.
- Purchase of new equipment or materials for existing projects with a good track record of attendance/support.
- Putting on a new event, activity or performance.
- Lunch clubs.
- For recreational projects grants will be considered for remedial work after a recognised inspection e.g. ROSPA.
- Building projects that address "Threats to Use" e.g. structural problems, roofs, heating, electrical work, kitchens and floors.

The above are examples and not an exhaustive list of what the grant can cover.

For capital projects applicants must have a freehold or leasehold of the property/land that they intend to develop. If leasehold is held it must be of at least 15 years with an option to renew.

## Ineligible projects

FundNK will not fund any of the following:

- Profit-making organisations.
- Running costs after the first year.
- Routine maintenance except building and recreational projects.
- Schools and pre-schools.
- Large organisations.
- Car park projects.
- Single sports clubs.
- Salary costs.
- Activities in support of overseas projects.
- New seats or notice boards unless they are a commissioned design relating to local heritage.
- Anything that an organisation or local authority has a statutory obligation to deliver.
- Political or faith based groups. Unless the activity is accessible to all the community.
- Retrospective funding – FundNK will not fund projects which have already been started or commissioned.
- Projects based and/or operating outside of North Kesteven

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# Applications

To apply to FundNK applicants must complete an application form.

- Closing dates for applications are 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January annually.
- After the closing date your full application will be reviewed and a response usually given within 4 weeks.
- Three written quotes or estimates must be supplied for all building and recreational projects.
- Successful applicants must claim their grant within 12 months from the date of the offer letter/e-mail.
- Certain conditions may be attached to your grant, which you will need to accept before any money is payable.
- Should your application be successful, please acknowledge NKDC's contribution to the project wherever possible.
- Copy receipts/and or invoices must be provided as proof of purchase. These must be dated after the date of the offer letter/e-mail.
- Invoices must be in the name of the organisation who applied for the grant and cover 100% of the project costs. For example if you were awarded £1,000, you would need to supply receipts to the value of at least £2,000 to evidence the 50% match funding.
- If for some reason the grant cannot be spent for the purposes awarded, the grant will be liable to be surrendered. Grant recipients must inform the Partnerships Team as quickly as possible of any situations likely to lead to the need to recover the grant.
- Since this is a relatively small scheme, we reserve the right to withdraw our offer if applicants receive a significant amount of funding from elsewhere to cover the project. FundNK is aimed at those who really need it who have difficulty accessing other grant schemes.

## Evaluation

- Organisations in receipt of a grant are expected to provide a report to evidence the success of the project. This should be completed within 3 months of the funding being released.

If you need any help completing this form please contact Partnerships Team on **01529 414155** or e-mail: **partnershipsteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk**