

Press Release

To: **The News Editor**
From: **Lincolnshire Community Foundation**
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Subject: **£400K in 2010 for Small Groups in Lincolnshire**

Grassroots Grants is a programme funded by the Government Office for the Third Sector and managed by Community Development Foundation.

The Lincolnshire Community Foundation manage the scheme locally. To date we have allocated over £500,000 to small not for profit community groups in Lincolnshire. However, there is still time to apply for a grant of up to £5,000. This can be for general running or project costs.

Eligibility: Groups should be not for profit; have been active for not less than 12 months prior to application; provide evidence of income of less than £30,000 per year (averaged over the past 3 years); be volunteer led; have a governing document, bank account and relevant policies and procedures. . Foundation staff can give advice about these matters where necessary.

Amount: £250 to £5,000 over the lifetime of the Scheme, in a single bid or multiple ones.

What can be funded? Core costs to continue an existing service, equipment (computer, furniture etc), volunteer training, child care and travel costs, event and workshop costs and activities that meet an identified need that must *benefit the local community*.

Aims and objectives: To increase grant funding and help build stronger, more active communities.

Process: Application deadlines: 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st November 2010. All funds to be spent by March 2011. Applicants will be notified of a decision within 12 weeks.

To obtain an Application Form or to check eligibility, please contact Sue Fortune on 01529 305825. Foundation Staff will be available to help at every step of the process.

Sue Fortune, the Foundation Grants Manager said:-

“Over 200 groups have received funding to date. These have included sports/youth clubs, disability groups, mental health support groups, music groups, community hubs, heritage projects, counseling support, car schemes, furniture recycling projects plus many more. If you meet the criteria, then it would be well worth your while contacting me to discuss this fantastic opportunity to access public funding”.