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## Community Grants and Funding

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# Community Grants

## Impact Report 2015-2016

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# 1. Introduction

Welcome to our 2015-2016 Impact Report. It gives me great pleasure to provide an insight into our grant giving activity over the last financial year and share with you details of grant amounts awarded and match funding secured.

In February 2015 we established a new Community Grants Programme. The programme was developed to build upon successes seen in previous years and continue to support a wide range of excellent community led projects and initiatives.

Grant funding from local authorities plays an important role in the wider availability of funding especially for the community and voluntary sector. Small grants help local projects and activities to take place with a range of benefits. Larger grants help support bigger projects such as capital works and can directly influence other funders to achieve match or levered funding into West Lindsey.

All of our grant giving activity is strongly aligned to supporting our Corporate Plan themes and wider aims. Each scheme also has a strong focus on achieving the following core outcomes:

- Benefit the wider community
- Support volunteer led activity
- Secure match funding into West Lindsey
- Lever external funding into West Lindsey

This report provides details of our grant giving activity over the last financial year including amounts awarded, match funding secured and community benefits.

I hope you enjoy reading about our grant activity and would like to say a big thank you to our Councillors, officers and partners who have helped deliver a busy year of community grants.

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## 2. Overview of 2015-2016 grant schemes

During the 2015-2016 financial year the following grant schemes were delivered:

### Councillor Initiative Fund

Total budget for 2015-2016: **£72,000** (£2,000 per Councillor)

Maximum grant: **£2,000** Minimum grant: **£50**

Match funding criteria: **Councillor Discretion**

Each Councillor has a set allocation of funding and is able to make awards to local projects and organisation in their ward areas. This fund enhances each Councillors ability to engage with and support the communities they represent. A quick delivery time enables funding to be awarded within days/weeks to an organisation.

### Small Community Grant

Total budget for 2015-2018: **£120,000**

Maximum grant: **£500** Minimum grant: **£50**

Match funding criteria: **Up to 80% of project costs**

Small community grants up to £500 for a wide range of community and volunteering projects. A simple application process designed to enable small groups or those new to funding to deliver projects for the benefit of the community.

### Large Community Grant

Total budget for 2015-2018: **£180,000**

Maximum grant: **£8,000** Minimum grant: **£500**

Match funding criteria: **Up to 80% of project costs**

Large community grants up to £8,000 to support capital projects including village halls, community facilities and recreational spaces. Able to support stand-alone projects or provide match funding to support even bigger projects requiring other sources of funding. Applications reviewed at 2 review panels each year.

### Match Funding Grant

Total budget for 2015-2018: **£200,000**

Maximum grant: **£8,000** (higher by exception) Minimum grant: **£500**

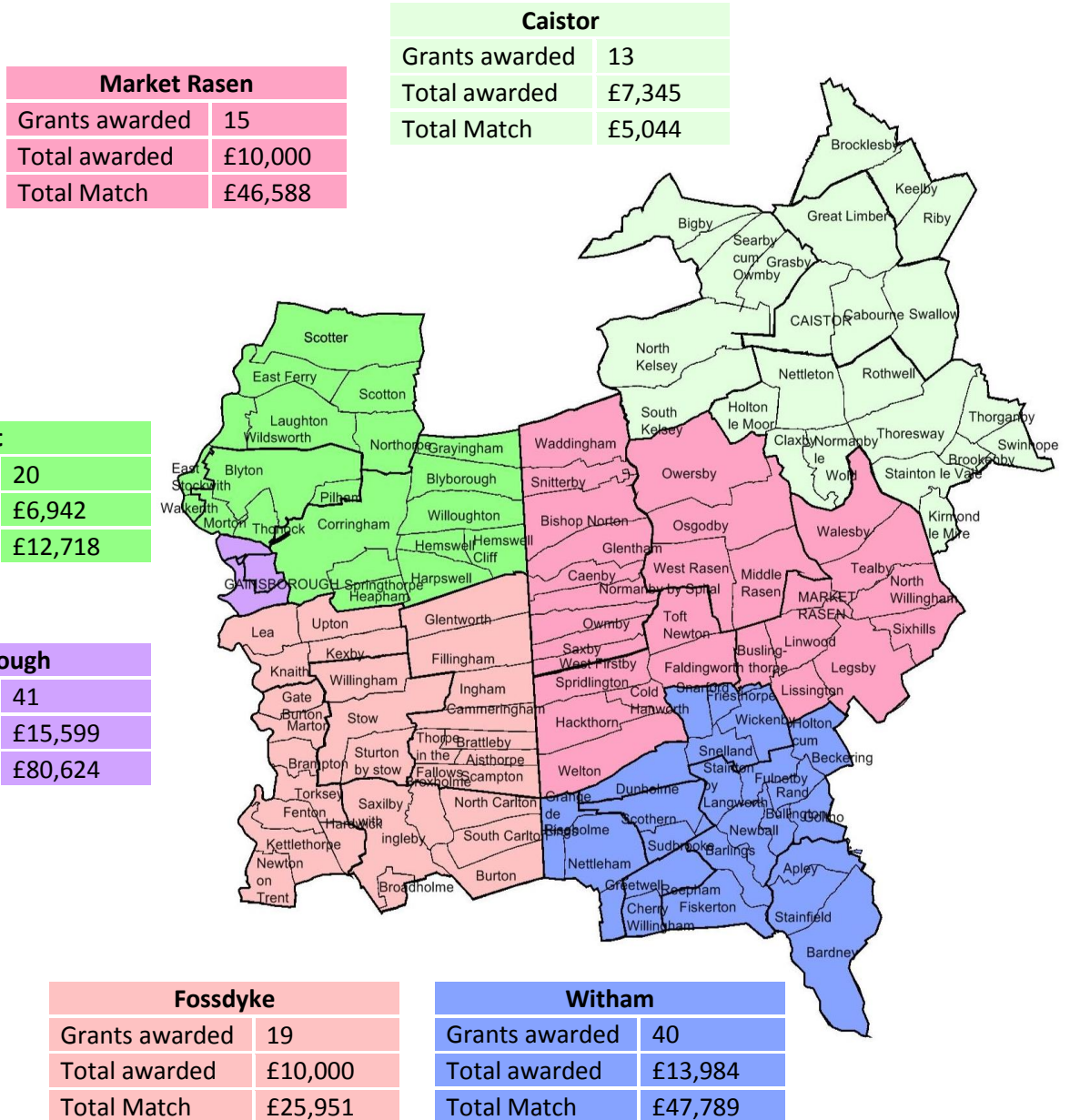
Match funding criteria: **Up to 30% of project costs**

Match funding grants provide targeted funding to directly attract or secure external funding into the district. Grants can also be used to support council led activity that will secure further external funding.

### 3. Councillor Initiative Fund

#### Grant map

Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2015-2016.



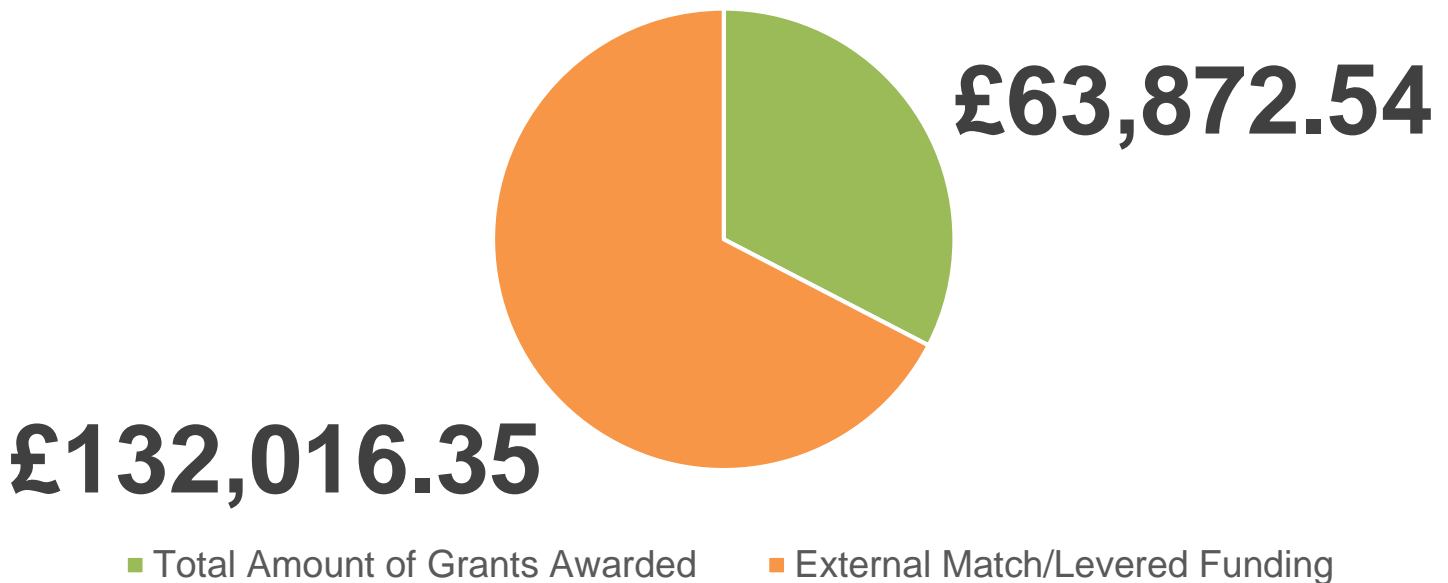
**Total number of grants: 146**

**Total amount awarded: £63,872**

### 3. Councillor Initiative Fund continued...

#### Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following match/levered funding for projects. All figures are for 2015-2016.



**For every £1 invested from this scheme we matched/levered: £3.87**

#### Organisation Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following investment from organisations delivering projects:

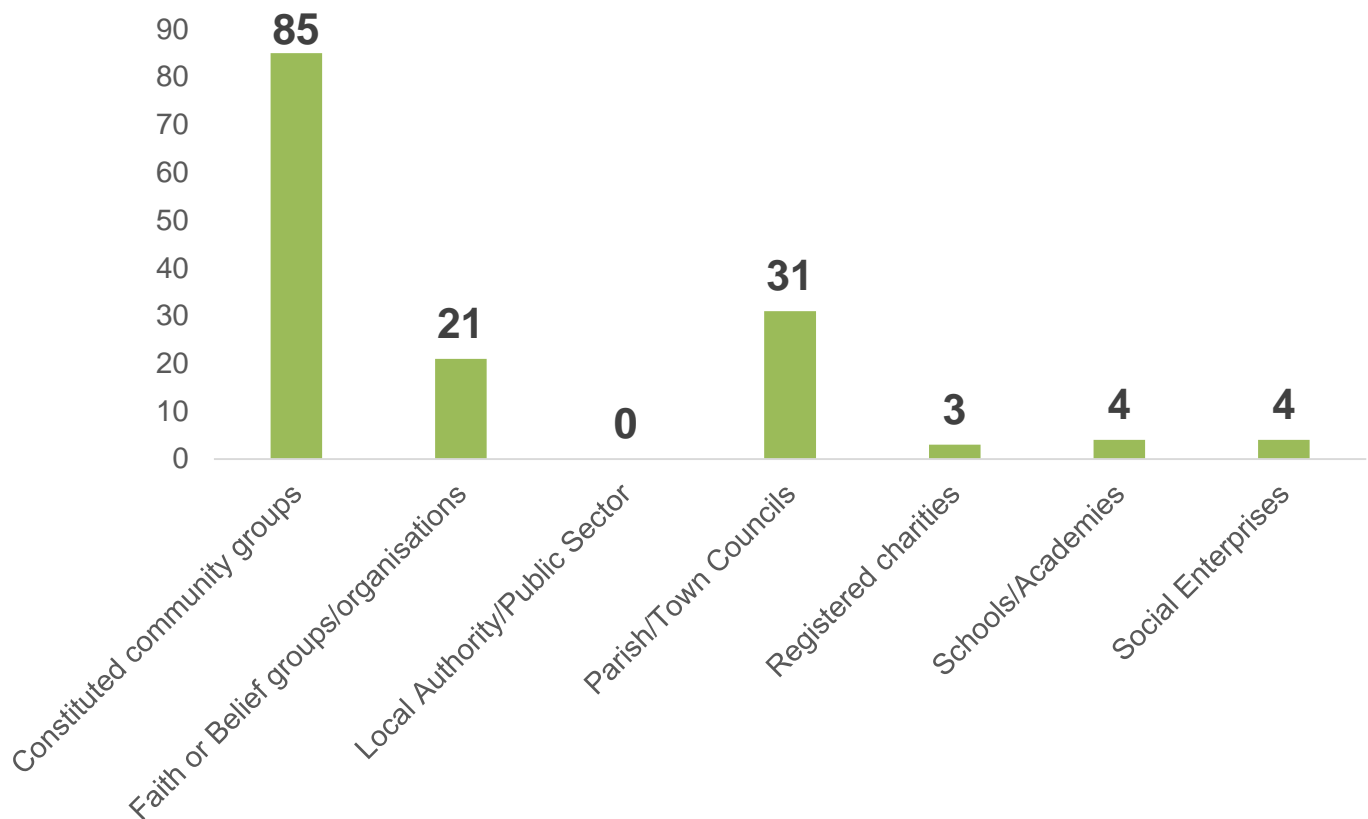
**Total amount invested by organisations:  
£86,700**

**Total value of in-kind contributions:  
£28,225**

### 3. Councillor Initiative Fund continued...

#### Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.  
All figures are for 2015-2016.



#### Volunteer value

This grant scheme supported the following volunteer commitment to projects.  
All figures are for 2015-2016.

**Total number of volunteers: 2,761**

**Total volunteer hours: 27,728**

**Total value of volunteer hours: £305,008**

Value of volunteer hours is calculated using the VCS recognised average rate of £11 per hour to reflect skills and experience of volunteers.

## 4. Small Community Grant

### Grant map

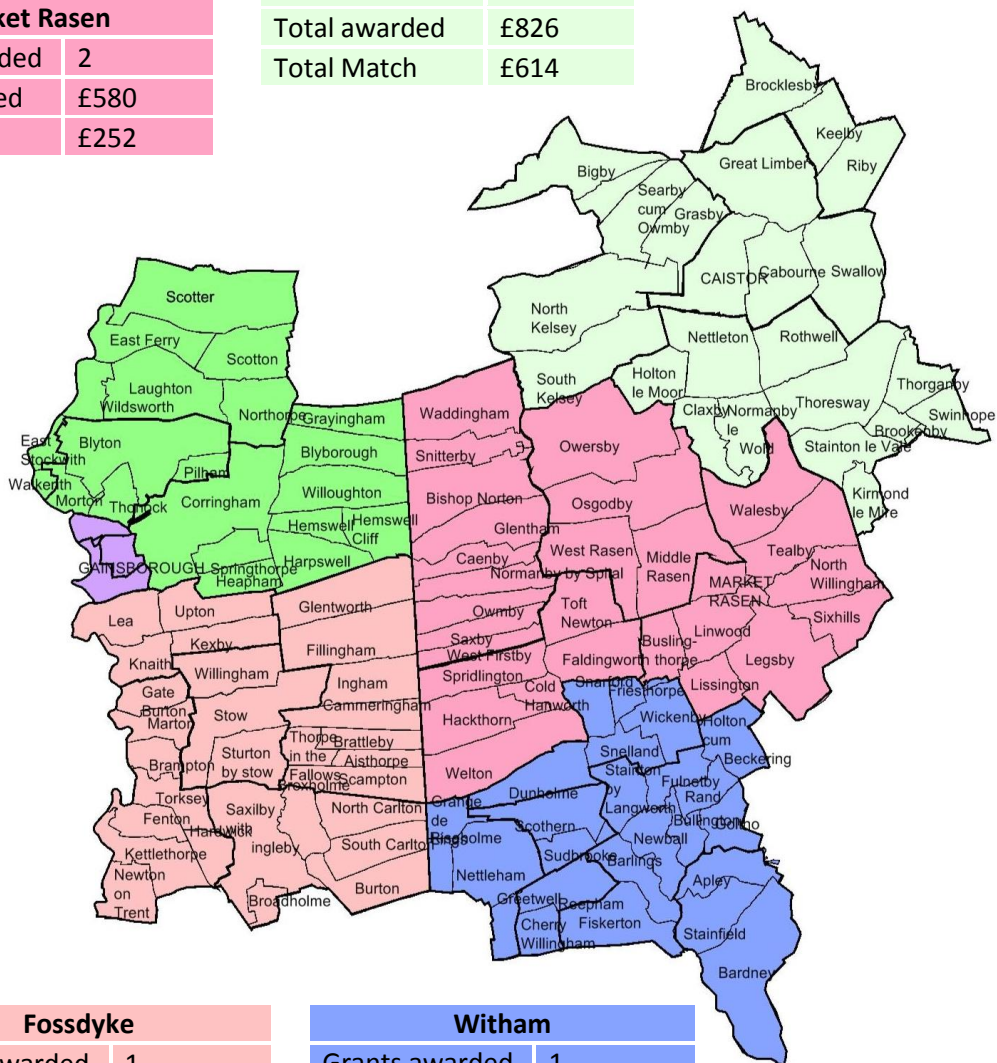
Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2015-2016.

Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	2
Total awarded	£580
Total Match	£252

Caistor	
Grants awarded	2
Total awarded	£826
Total Match	£614

Trent	
Grants awarded	0
Total awarded	£0
Total Match	£0

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	4
Total awarded	£1,625
Total Match	£5,556



Fossdyke	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£500
Total Match	£371

Witham	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£500
Total Match	£499

**Total number of grants: 10**

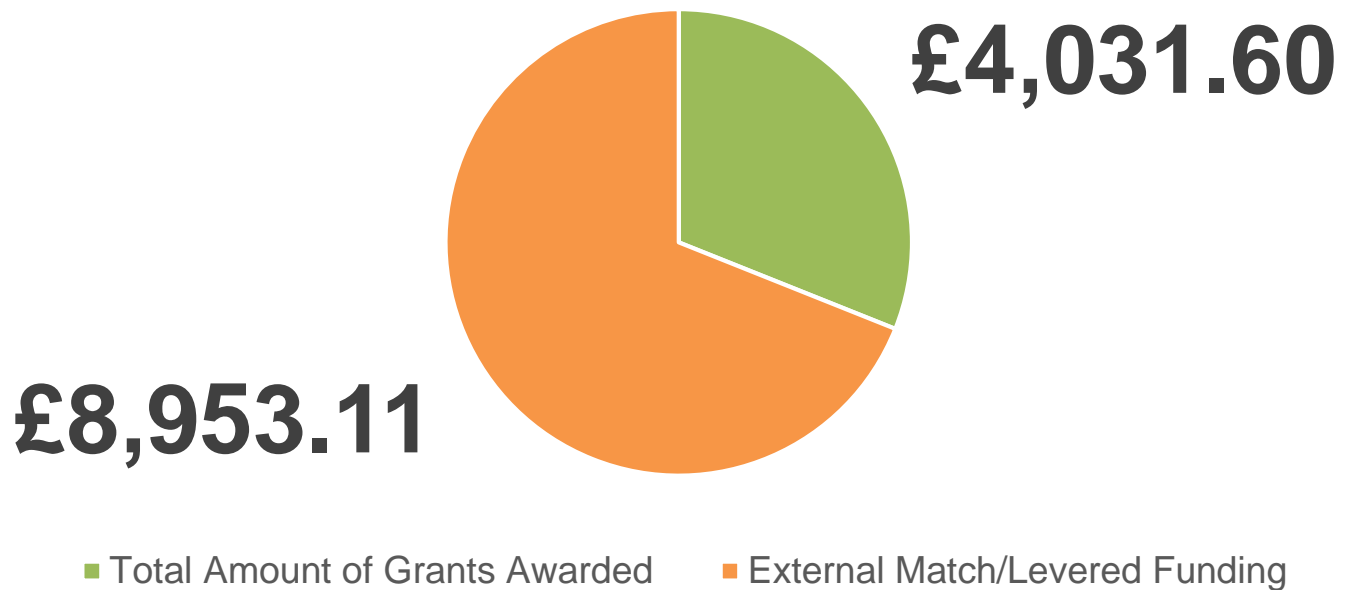
**Total amount awarded: £4,032.60**



## 4. Small Community Grant continued...

### Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following match/levered funding for projects. All figures are for 2015-2016.



**For every £1 invested from this scheme  
we matched/levered: £2.66**

### Organisation Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following investment from organisations delivering projects:

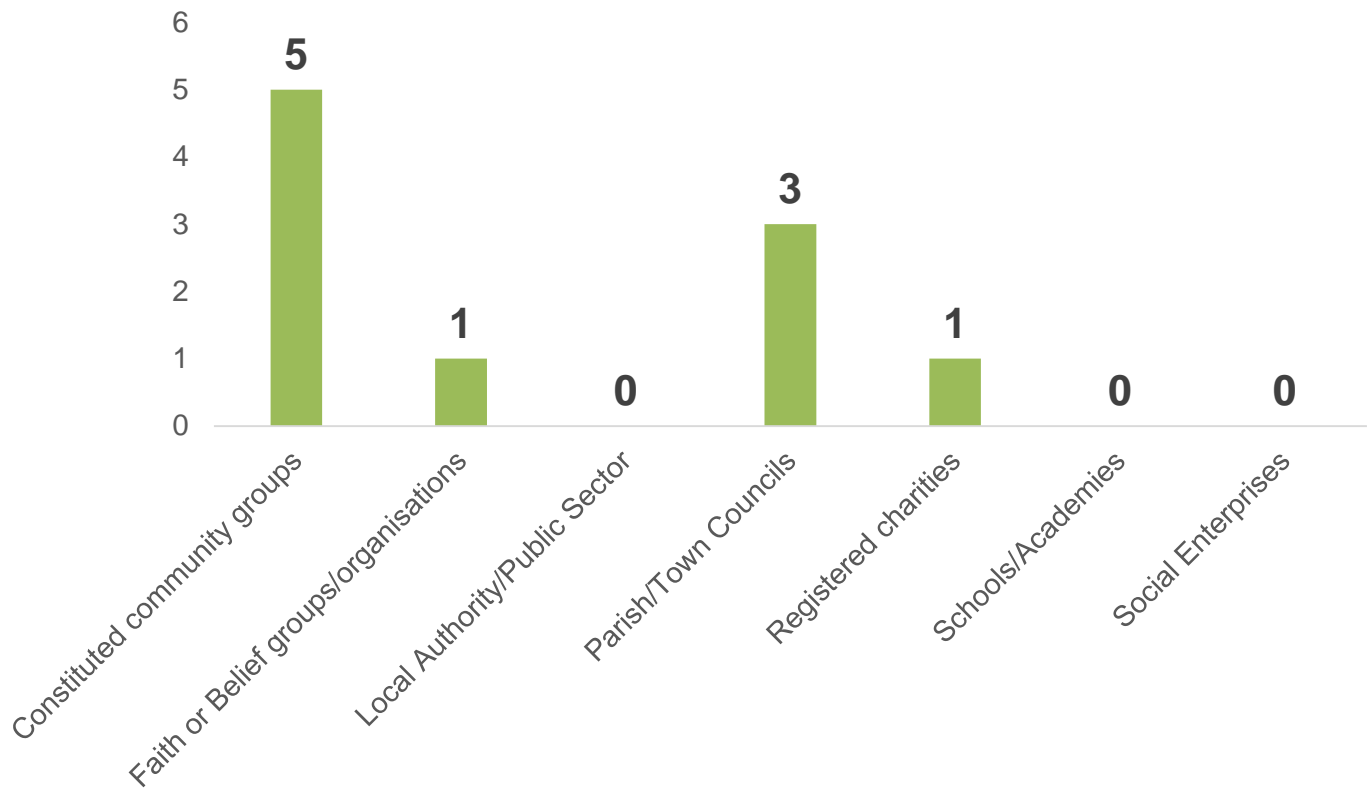
**Total amount invested by organisations:  
£1,529**

**Total value of in-kind contributions:  
£232**

## 4. Small Community Grant continued...

### Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.  
All figures are for 2015-2016.



### Volunteer value

As this is a new grant scheme none of the funded projects have yet completed or reached the point of providing evaluation information. This evaluation information will provide details of volunteer numbers, hours and value.

Information about the volunteer value for the Match Funding Grant will be published in future reports and made available on our website.

## 5. Large Community Grant

### Grant map

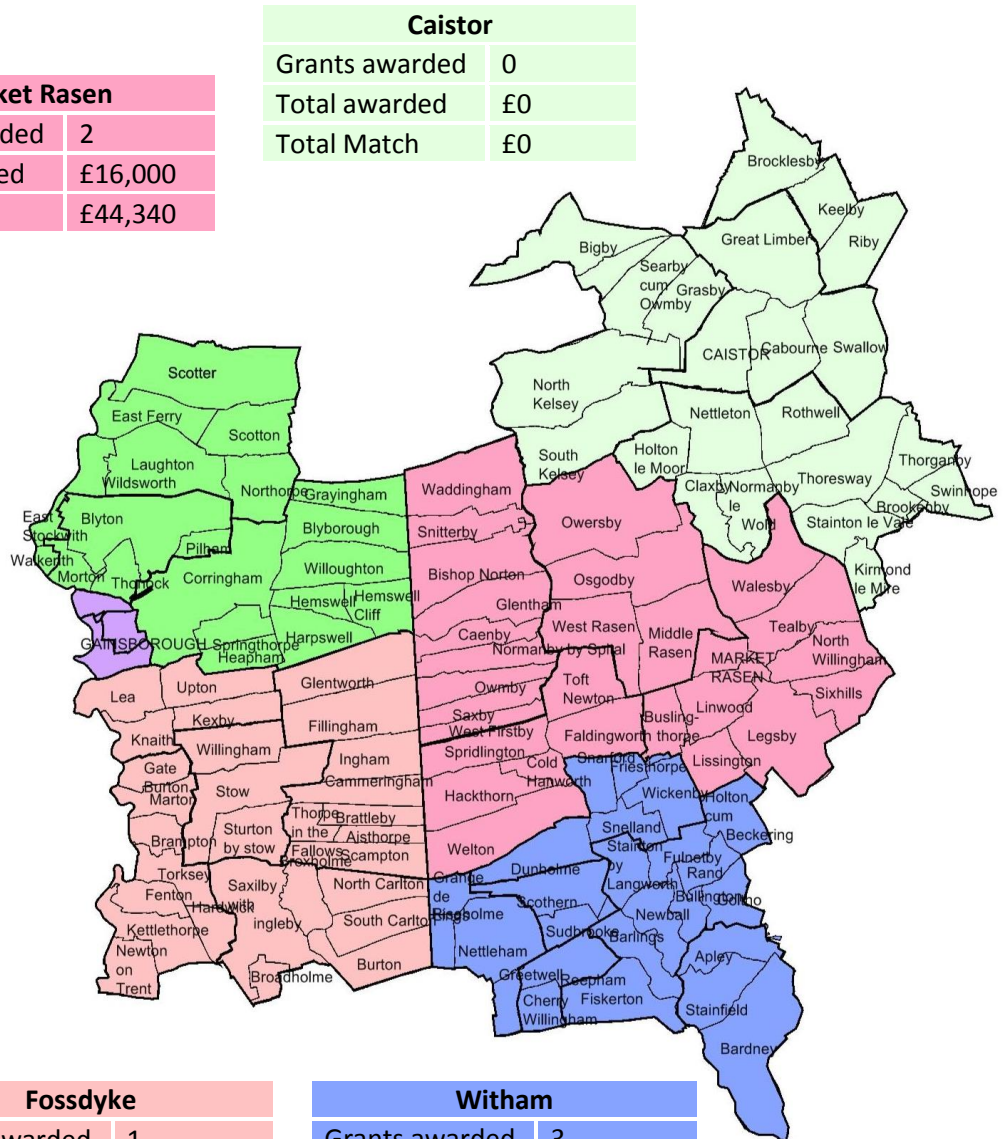
Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2015-2016.

Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	2
Total awarded	£16,000
Total Match	£44,340

Caistor	
Grants awarded	0
Total awarded	£0
Total Match	£0

Trent	
Grants awarded	0
Total awarded	£0
Total Match	£0

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	2
Total awarded	£11,463
Total Match	£2,865



Fossdyke	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£5,991
Total Match	£1,497

Witham	
Grants awarded	3
Total awarded	£15,086
Total Match	£8,077

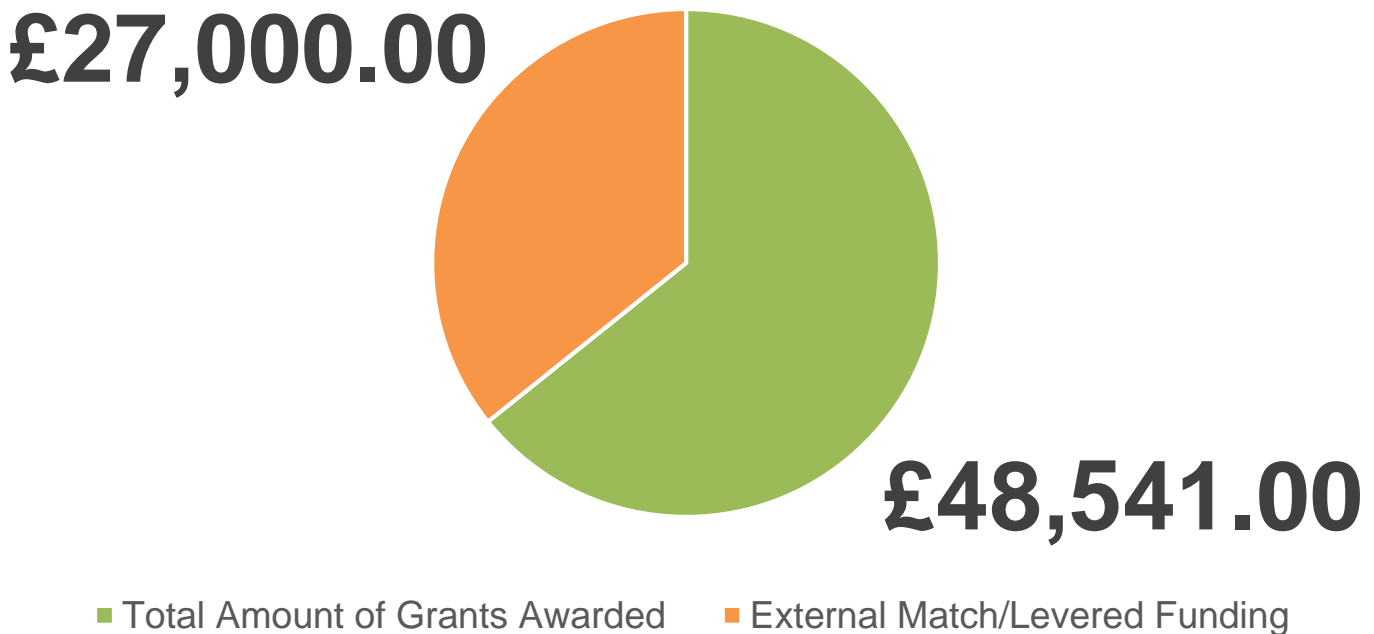
**Total number of grants: 8**

**Total amount awarded: £48,541**

## 5. Large Community Grant continued...

### Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following match/levered funding for projects. All figures are for 2015-2016.



**For every £1 invested from this scheme  
we matched/levered: £1.43**

### Organisation Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following investment from organisations delivering projects:

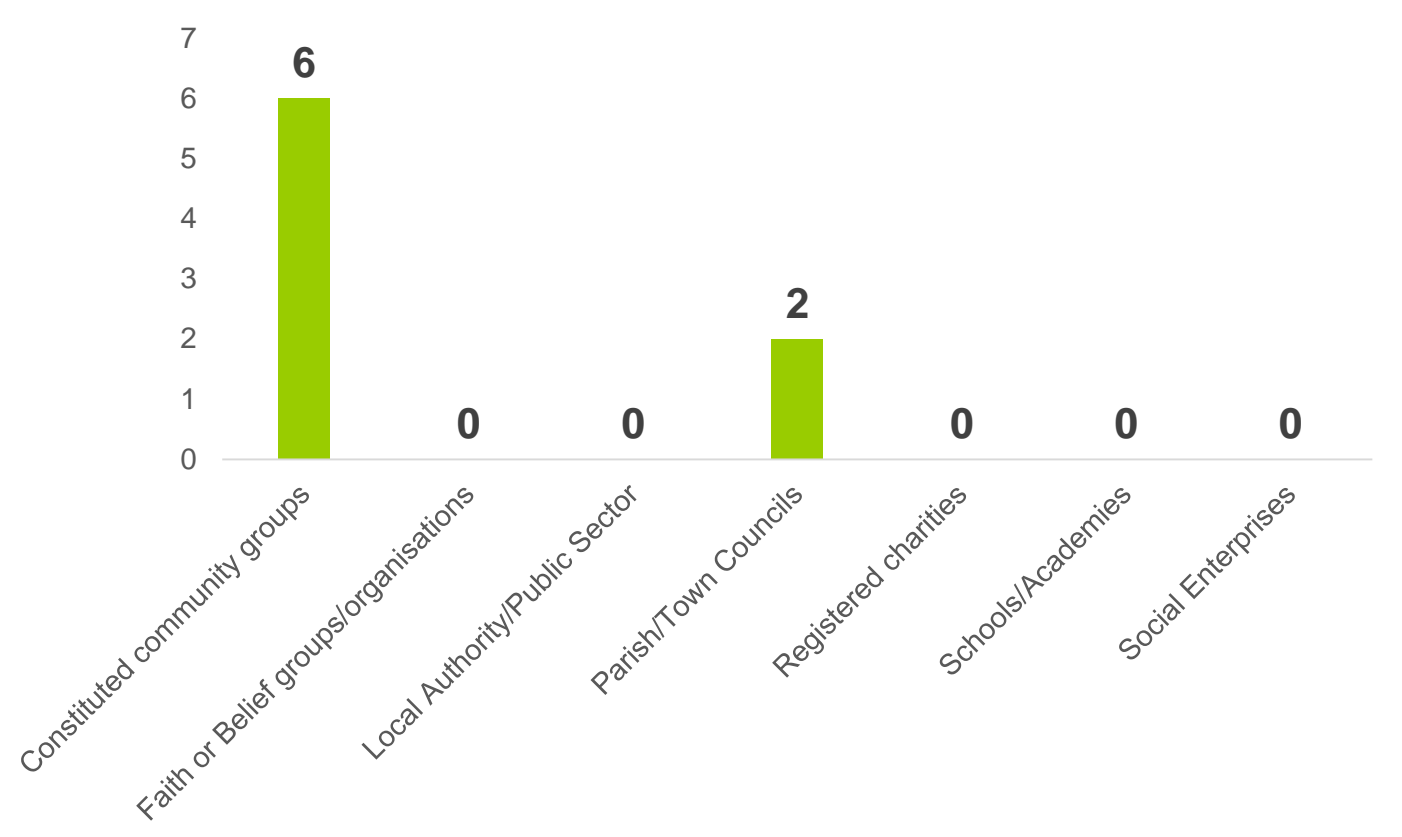
**Total amount invested by organisations:  
£30,172**

**Total value of in-kind contributions:  
£12,440**

## 5. Large Community Grant continued...

### Types of organisations funded

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## 6. Match Funding Grant

### Grant map

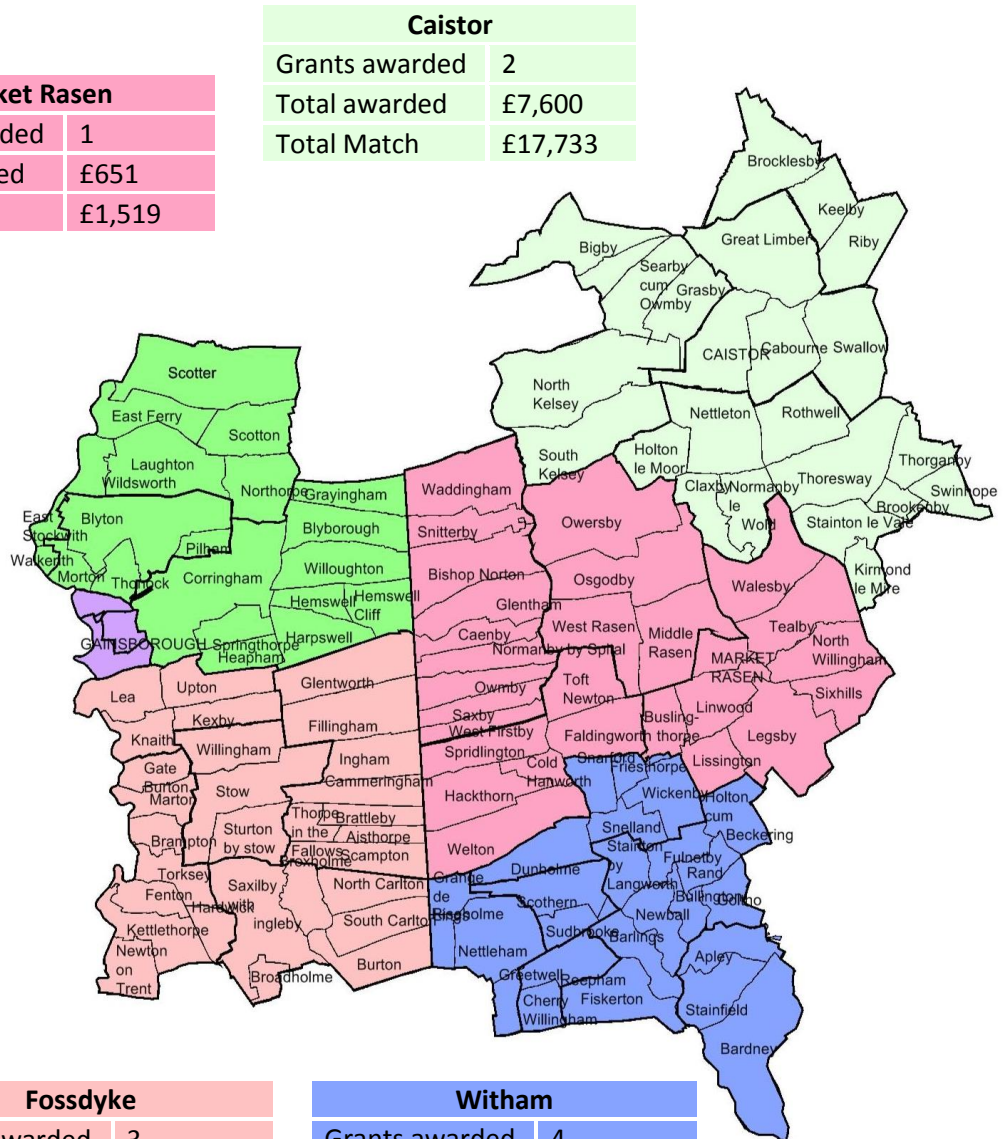
Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2015-2016.

Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£651
Total Match	£1,519

Caistor	
Grants awarded	2
Total awarded	£7,600
Total Match	£17,733

Trent	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£8,000
Total Match	£99,759

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	6
Total awarded	£31,280
Total Match	£117,592



Fossdyke	
Grants awarded	3
Total awarded	£14,415
Total Match	£44,233

Witham	
Grants awarded	4
Total awarded	£9,277
Total Match	£24,677

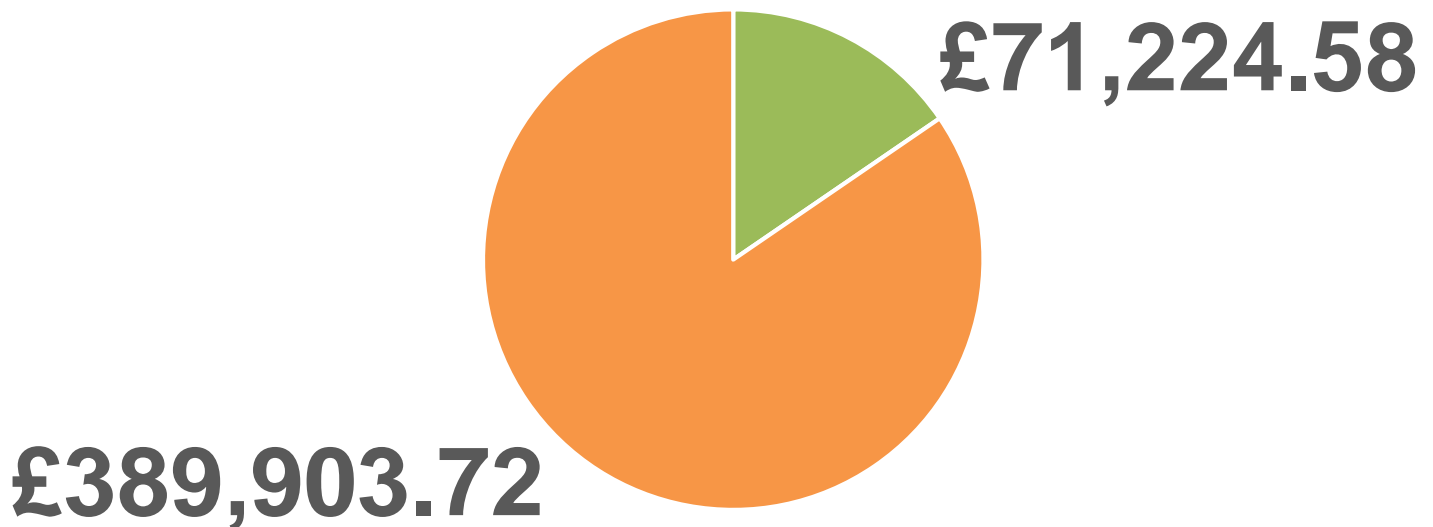
**Total number of grants: 17**

**Total amount awarded: £71,224.58**

## 6. Match Funding Grant continued...

### Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following match/levered funding for projects. All figures are for 2015-2016.



■ Total Amount of Grants Awarded    ■ External Match/Levered Funding

Note: As of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 £66,077 of the above match funding is currently awaiting confirmation

**For every £1 invested from this scheme  
we matched/levered: £6.31**

### Organisation Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following investment from organisations delivering projects:

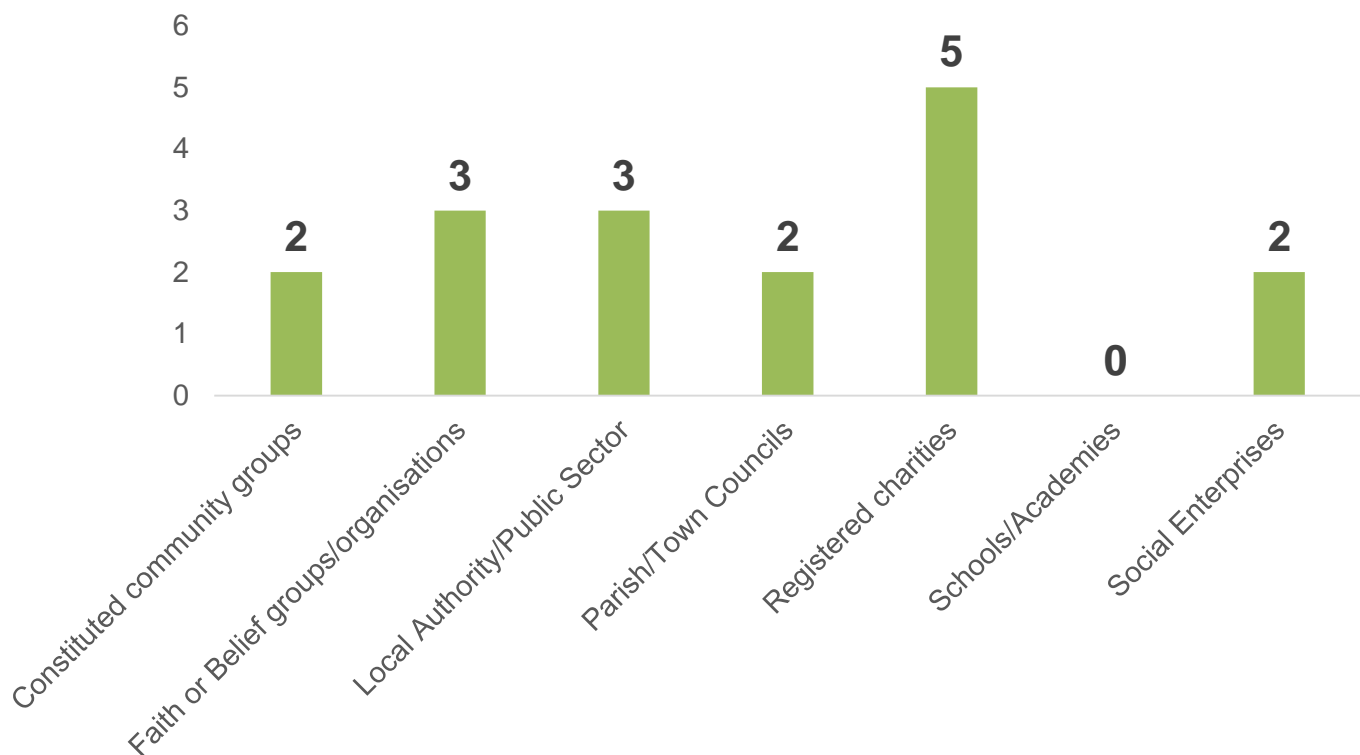
**Total amount invested by organisations:  
£54,360**

**Total value of in-kind contributions:  
£5,632**

## 6. Match Funding Grant continued...

### Types of organisations funded

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### Volunteer value

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## 6. The year ahead 2016-2017

### Grant Schemes

During 2016-2017 we will continue to deliver the following grant schemes:

- Small Community Grant
- Large Community Grant
- Match Funding Grant

We are also exploring options to continue delivering the Councillor Initiative Fund which has proved very popular in being able to make quick grant payments to local projects. Details of the Councillor Initiative Fund are expected during May 2016.

All of our grant giving activity will continue to align to the Council's Corporate Priorities and help us achieve match funding and volunteer involvement.

We will also explore new ways of working to provide better targeted support to specific projects. An example of this is looking at working with partners to develop a tailored approach to Community Defibrillator projects. Many communities have applied for funding to install these life saving devices and we will look at options to support this.

### Publicity and Communication

We will continue to promote the different schemes through our website, social media and positive news stories. New promotional materials will be designed including posters and leaflets to promote our schemes and show examples of successful projects that we have funded. Working with our Communications Team we will prepare and provide more press releases to highlight community action.

Officers will attend funding events to promote the schemes and provide support to organisations seeking funding and delivering community projects.

We will use the following methods of publicity:

- County News
- Press releases
- Council website
- Posters and leaflets
- Funding events and networks
- Other websites (Parish Councils etc...)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube)