



Community Grants and Funding

Community Grants

Impact Report 2016-2017

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1. Introduction

Welcome to our 2016-2017 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 Funding 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 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.

If you have any queries about this report please feel free to contact me via e-mail or telephone.



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2. Overview of 2016-2017 grant schemes

During the 2016-2017 financial year the following grant schemes were delivered:

Councillor Initiative Fund

Total budget for 2016-2019: **£108,000** (£3,000 per Councillor)

Maximum grant: **£3,000** 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 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

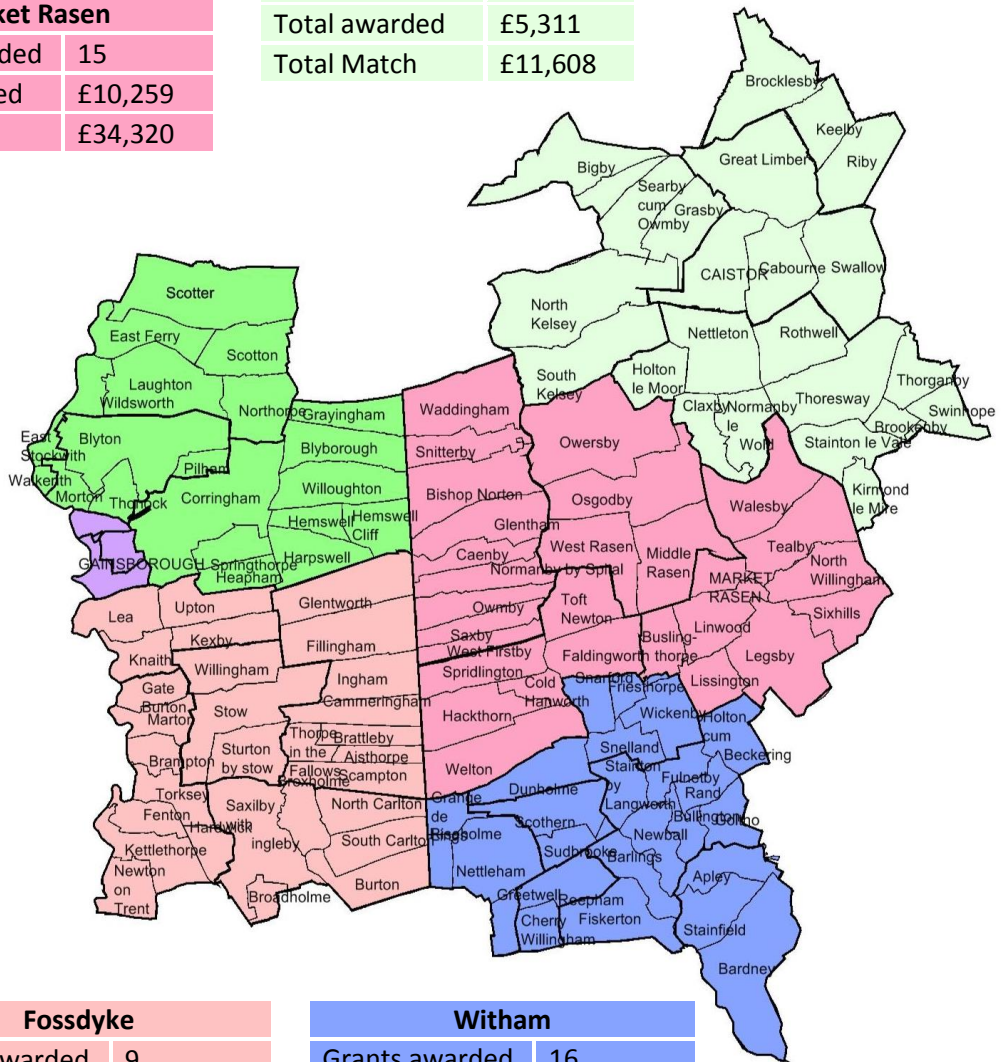
Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2016-2017.

Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	15
Total awarded	£10,259
Total Match	£34,320

Caistor	
Grants awarded	11
Total awarded	£5,311
Total Match	£11,608

Trent	
Grants awarded	11
Total awarded	£4,920
Total Match	£48,548

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	40
Total awarded	£10,037
Total Match	£98,689



Fossdyke	
Grants awarded	9
Total awarded	£6,081
Total Match	£35,880

Witham	
Grants awarded	16
Total awarded	£3,302
Total Match	£6,915

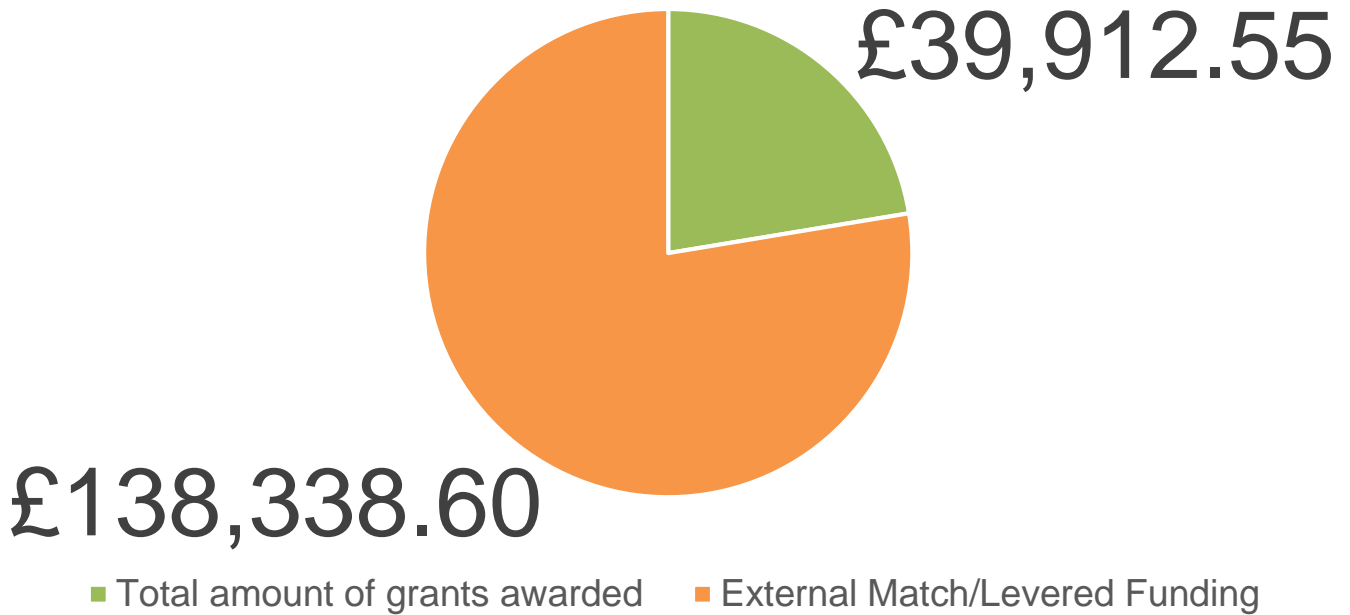
Total number of grants: 102

Total amount awarded: £39,912

3. Councillor Initiative Fund continued...

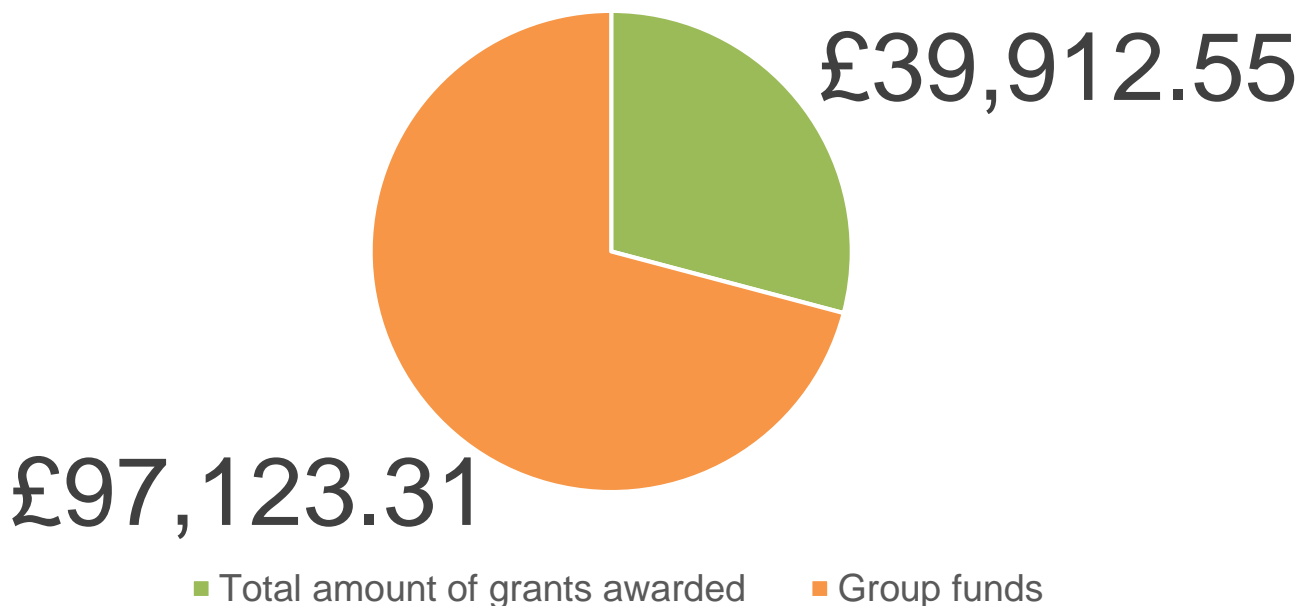
Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following match/levered funding for projects. All figures are for 2016-2017.



Organisation Funding

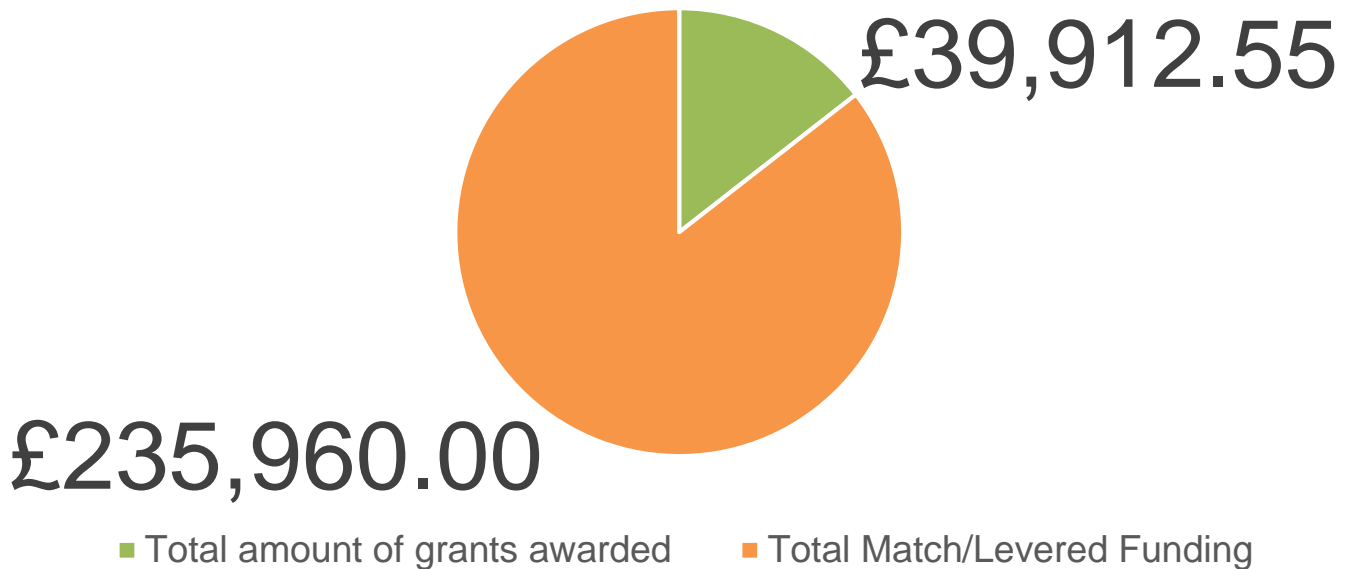
This grant scheme helped secure the following investment from organisations delivering projects:



3. Councillor Initiative Fund continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

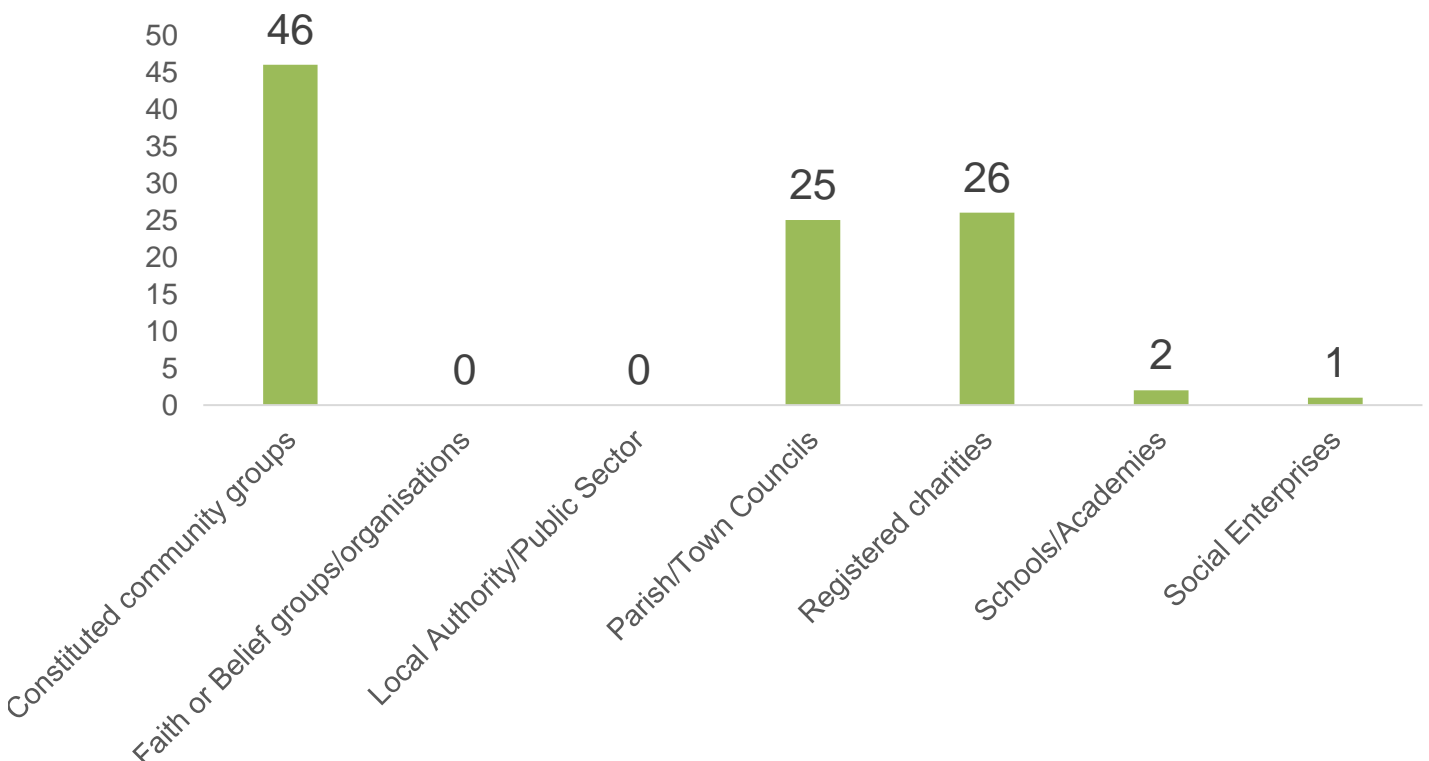
This grant scheme helped secure the following TOTAL Match/Levered funding.



For every **£1** invested from this scheme we matched/levered: **£5.91**

Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.



4. Small Community Grant

Grant map

Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2016-2017.

Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	5
Total awarded	£2,190
Total Match	£6,846

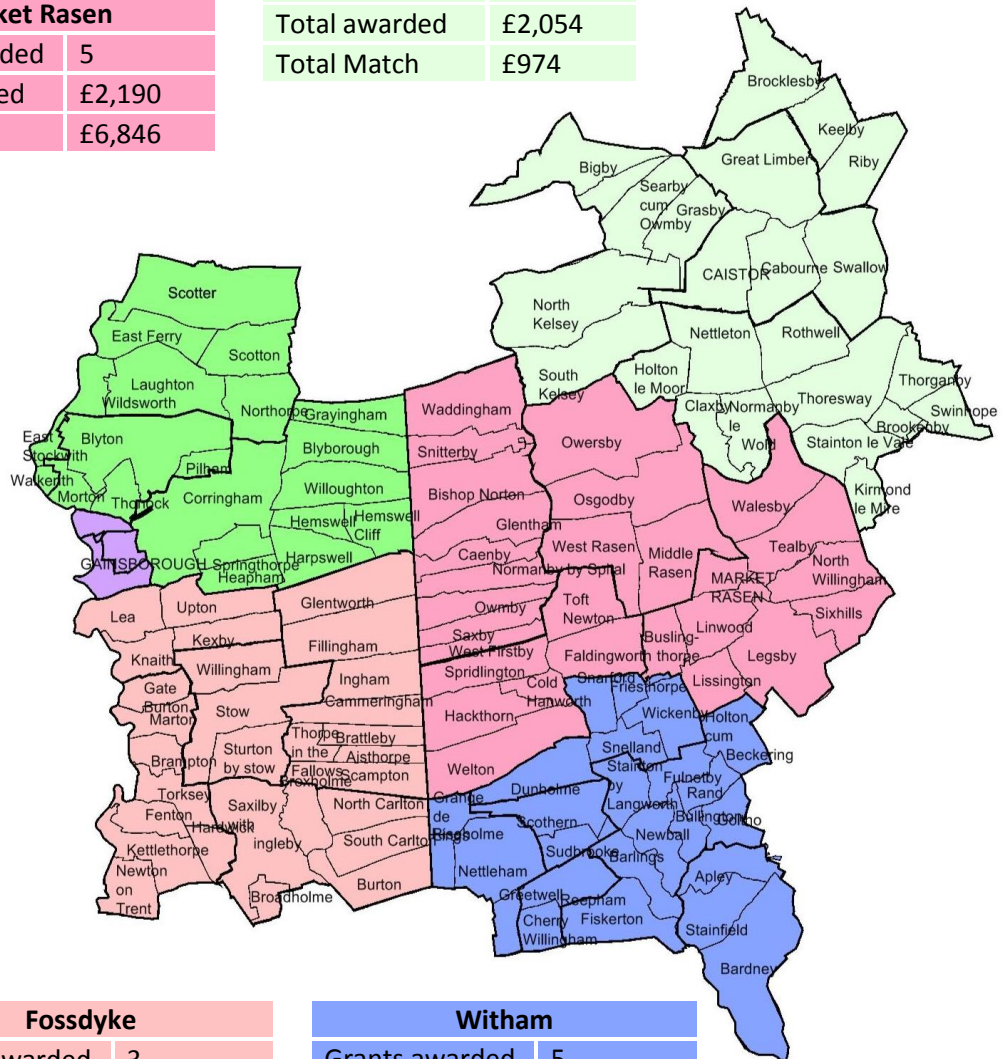
Caistor	
Grants awarded	5
Total awarded	£2,054
Total Match	£974

Trent	
Grants awarded	4
Total awarded	£1,366
Total Match	£673

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	8
Total awarded	£3,720
Total Match	£4,760

Fosdyke	
Grants awarded	3
Total awarded	£1,500
Total Match	£4,378

Witham	
Grants awarded	5
Total awarded	£2,380
Total Match	£1,040



Total number of grants: 30

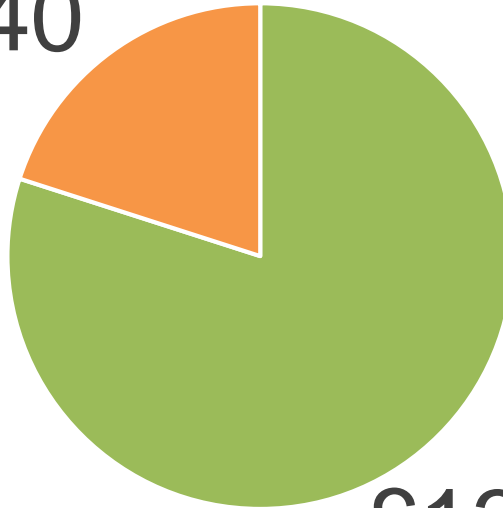
Total amount awarded: £13,210.19

4. Small Community Grant continued...

Match Funding

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£3,312.40



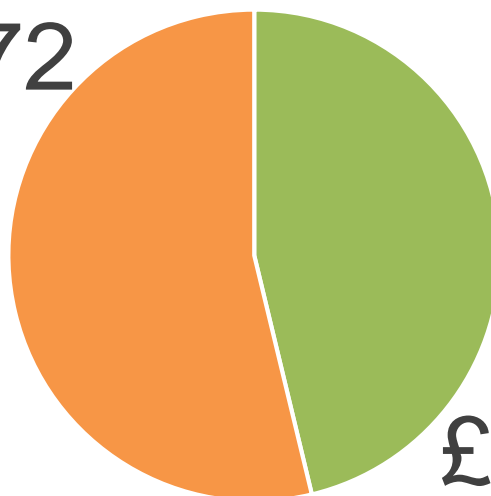
£13,210.19

■ Total amount of grants awarded ■ External Match/Levered Funding

Organisation Funding

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

£15,361.72



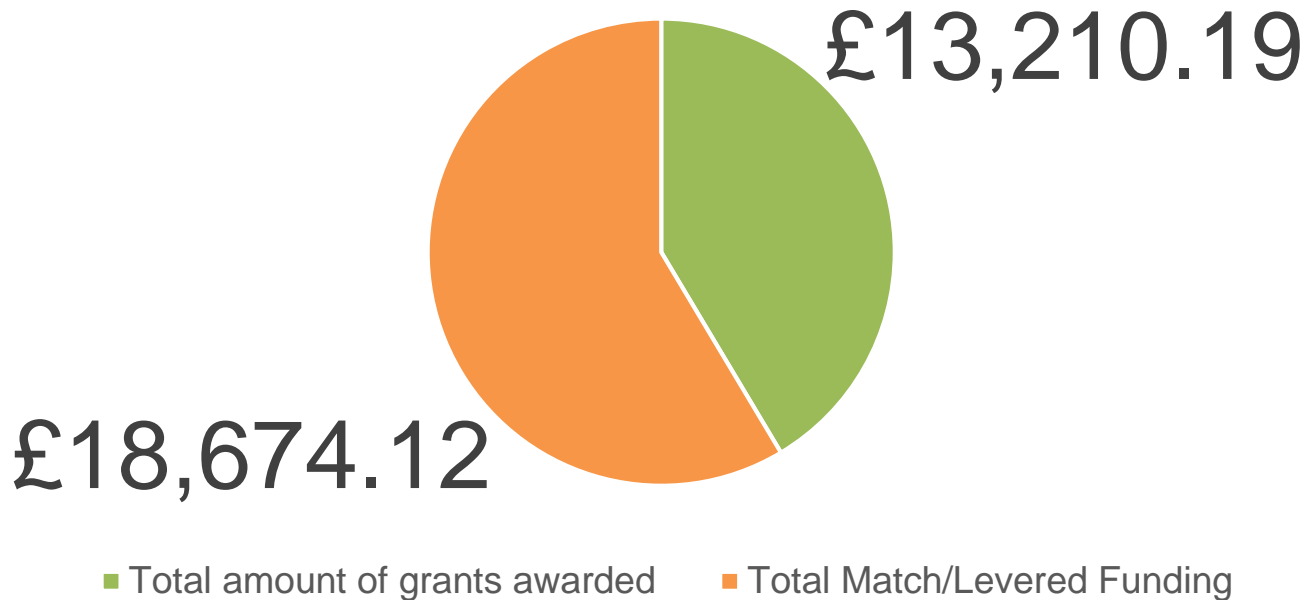
£13,210.19

■ Total amount of grants awarded ■ Group funds

4. Small Community Grant continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

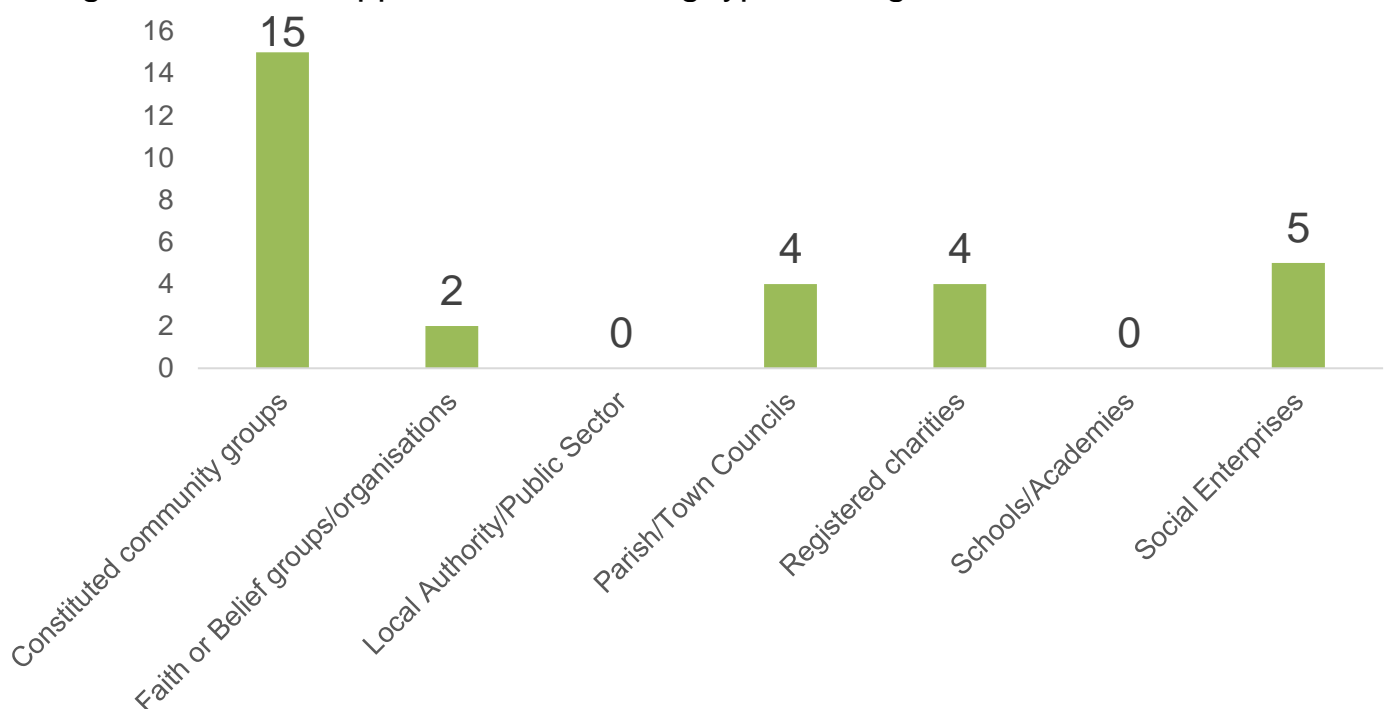
This grant scheme helped secure the following TOTAL Match/Levered funding.



For every **£1** invested from this scheme we matched/levered: **£1.41**

Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.



5. Large Community Grant

Grant map

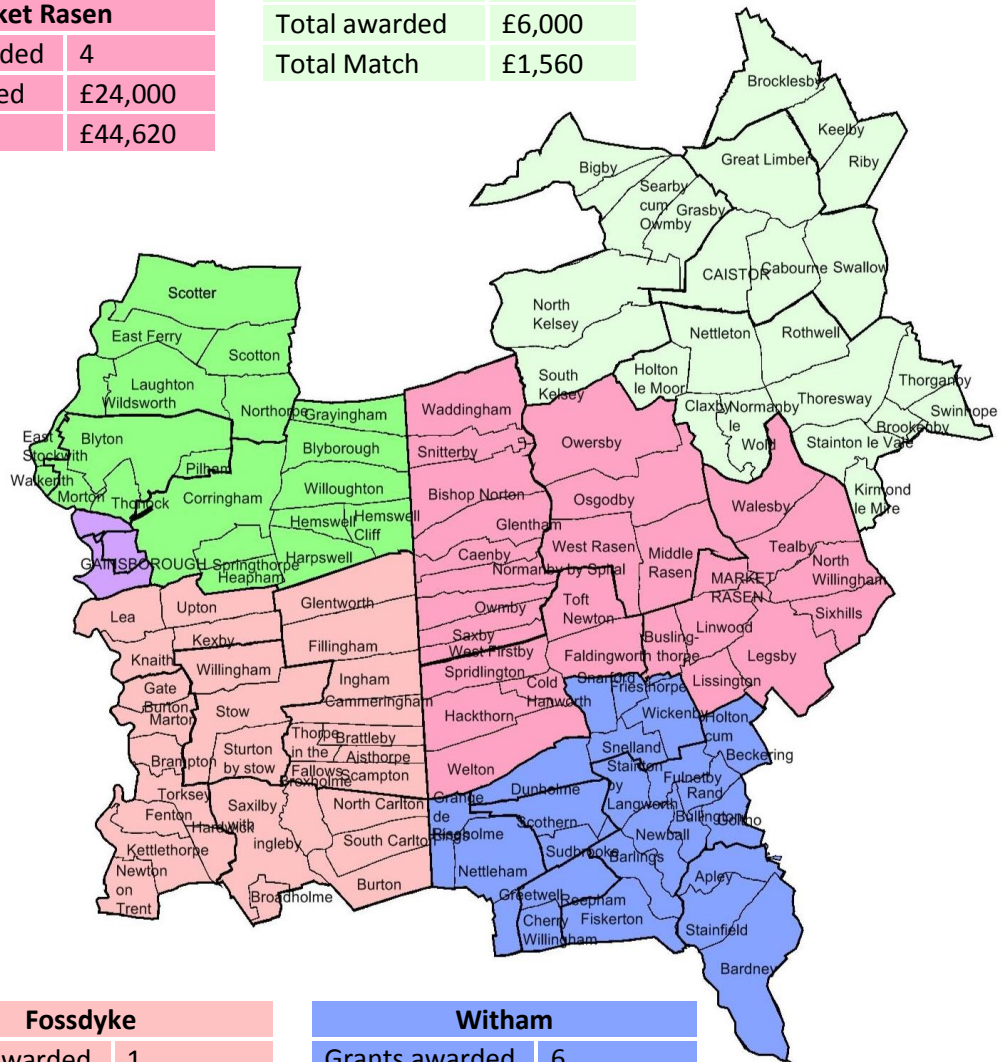
Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2016-2017.

Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	4
Total awarded	£24,000
Total Match	£44,620

Caistor	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£6,000
Total Match	£1,560

Trent	
Grants awarded	3
Total awarded	£11,500
Total Match	£3,490

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£5,676
Total Match	£2,116



Fossdyke	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£8,000
Total Match	£16,839

Witham	
Grants awarded	6
Total awarded	£32,391
Total Match	£55,875

Total number of grants: 16

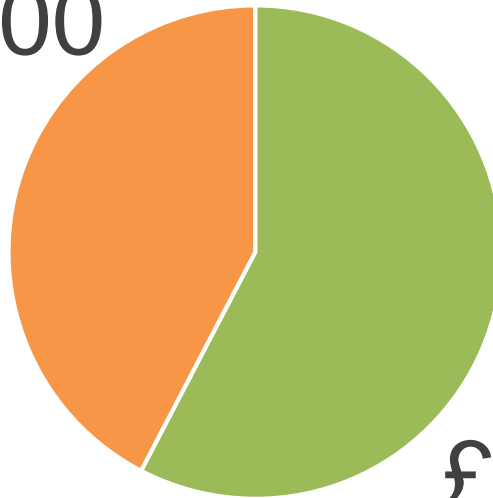
Total amount awarded: £87,567

5. Large Community Grant continued...

Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following match/levered funding for projects. All figures are for 2016-2017.

£64,305.00



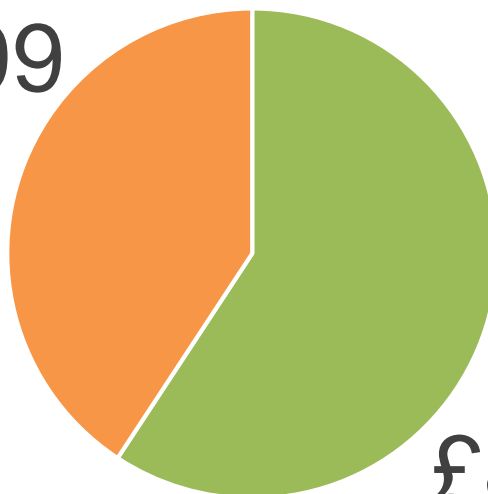
£87,567.00

■ Total amount of grants awarded ■ External Match/Levered Funding

Organisation Funding

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

£60,196.99



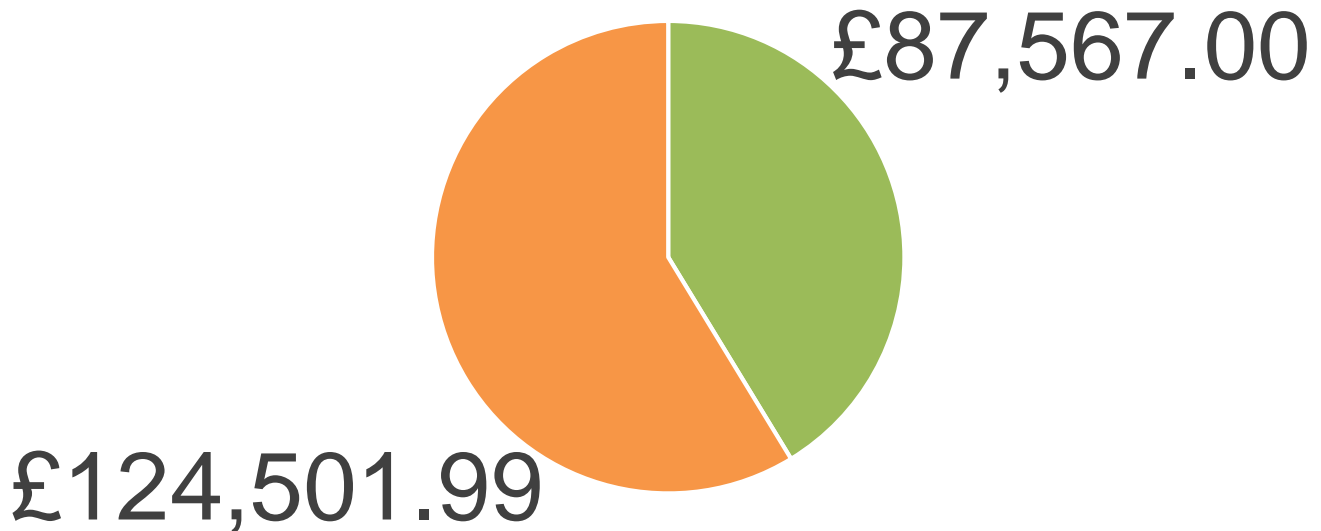
£87,567.00

■ Total amount of grants awarded ■ Group funds

5. Large Community Grant continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

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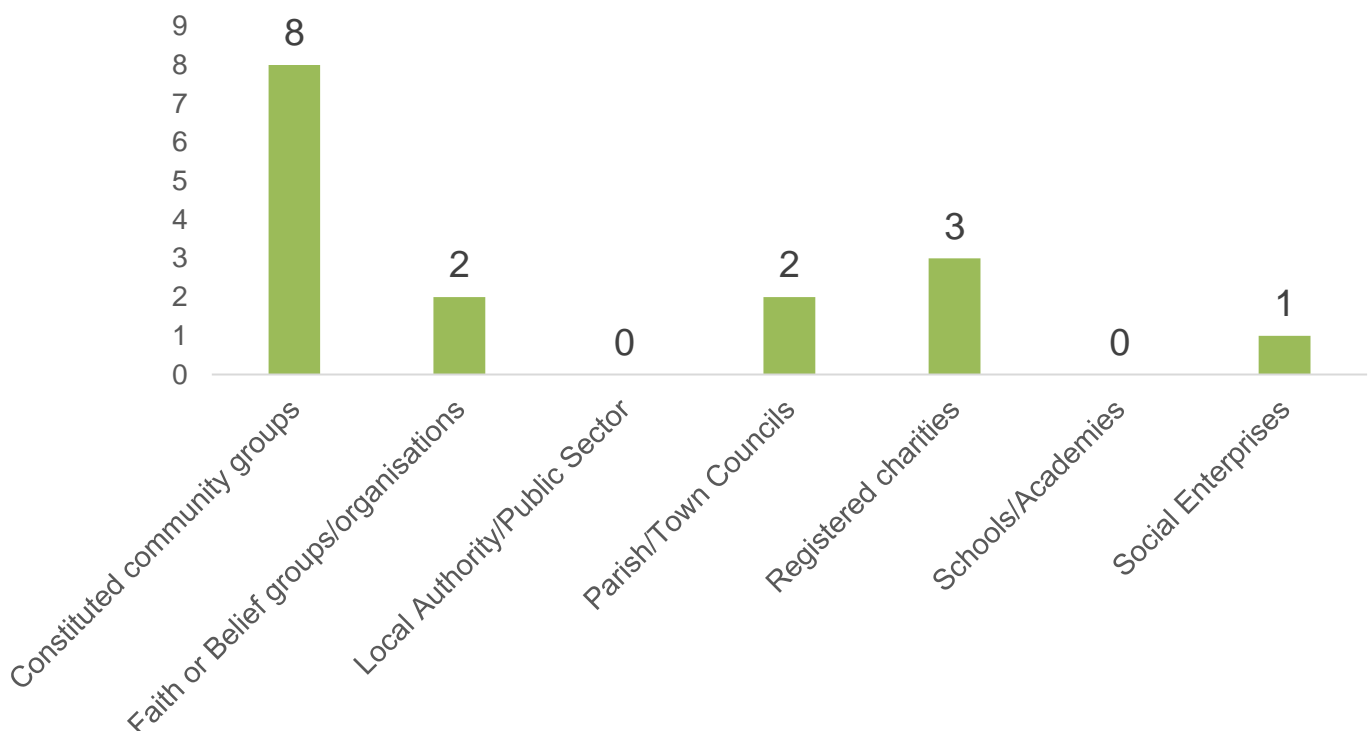


■ Total amount of grants awarded ■ Total Match/Levered Funding

For every **£1** invested from this scheme we matched/levered: **£1.42**

Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.



6. Match Funding Grant

Grant map

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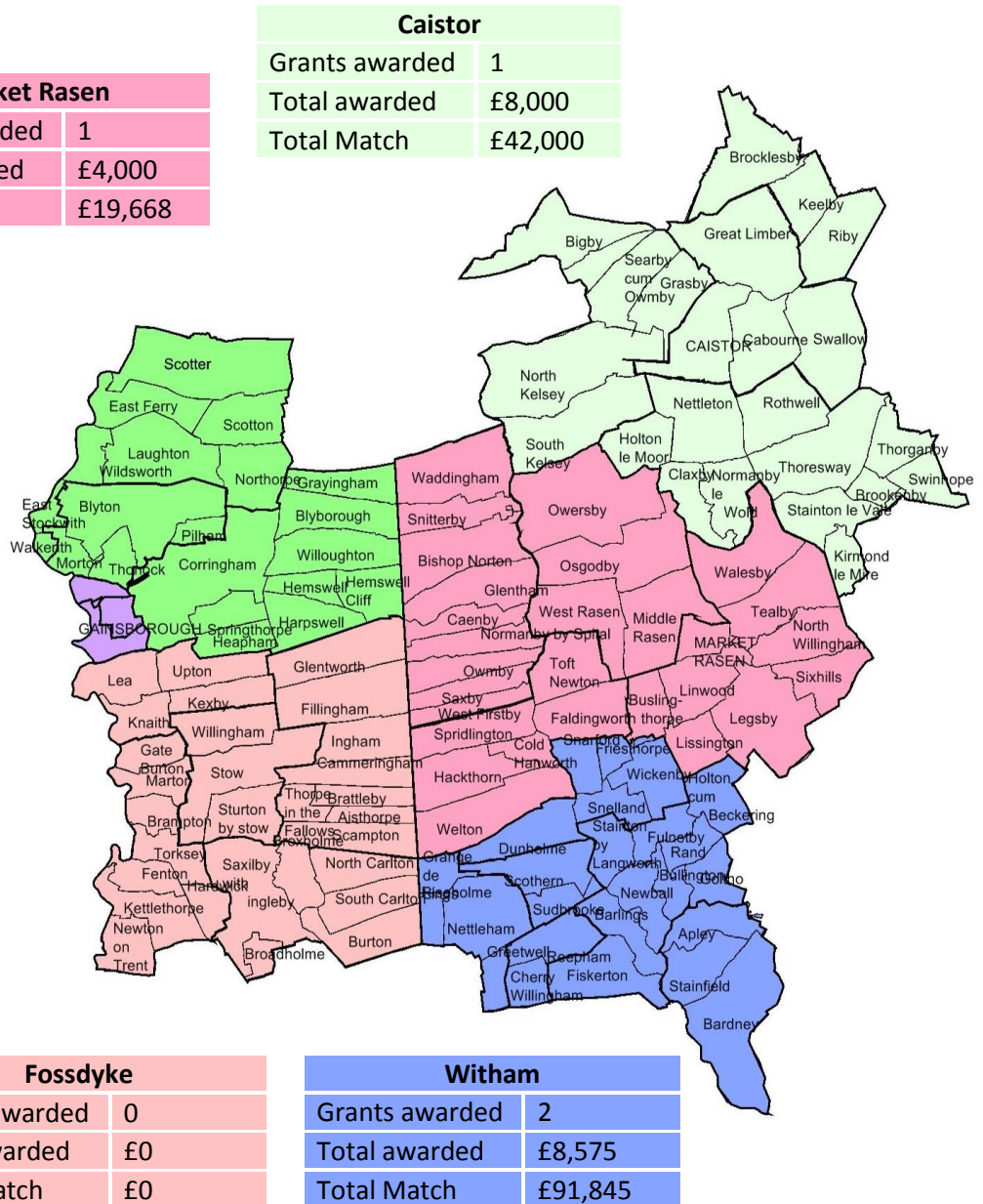
Market Rasen	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£4,000
Total Match	£19,668

Caistor	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£8,000
Total Match	£42,000

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

Gainsborough	
Grants awarded	4
Total awarded	£27,052
Total Match	£74,047

District Wide Projects	
Grants awarded	1
Total awarded	£8,000
Total Match	£588,236



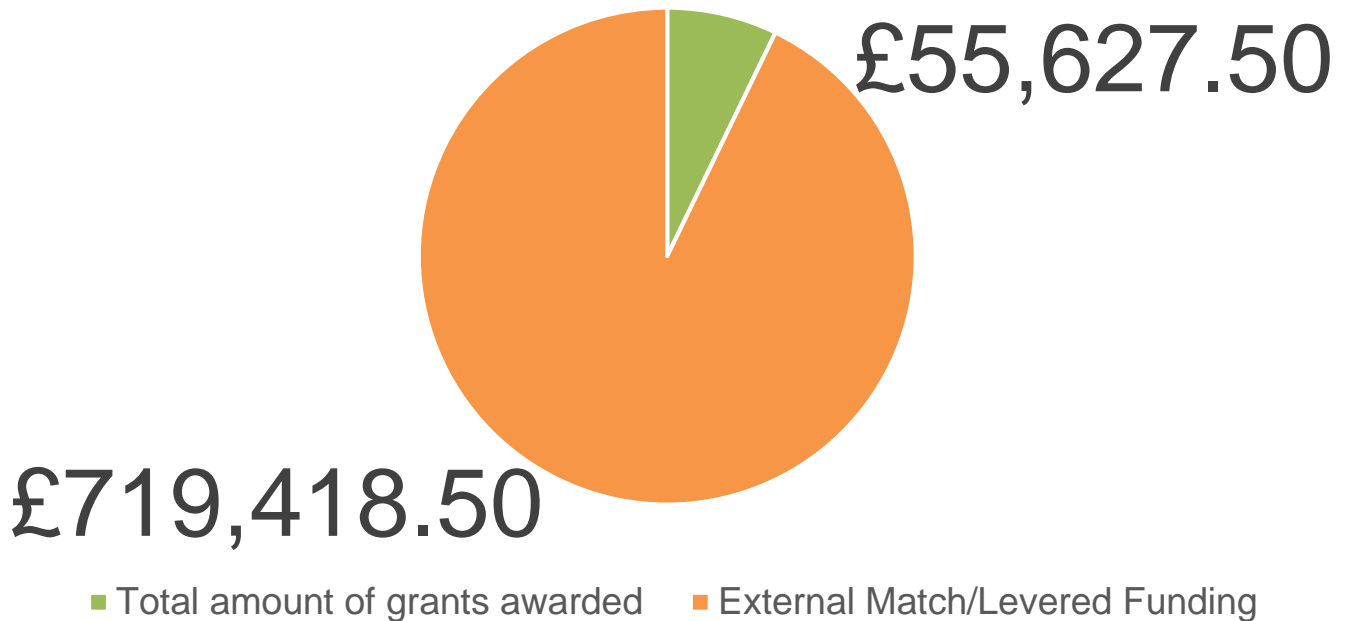
Total number of grants: 9

Total amount awarded: £55,627.50

6. Match Funding Grant continued...

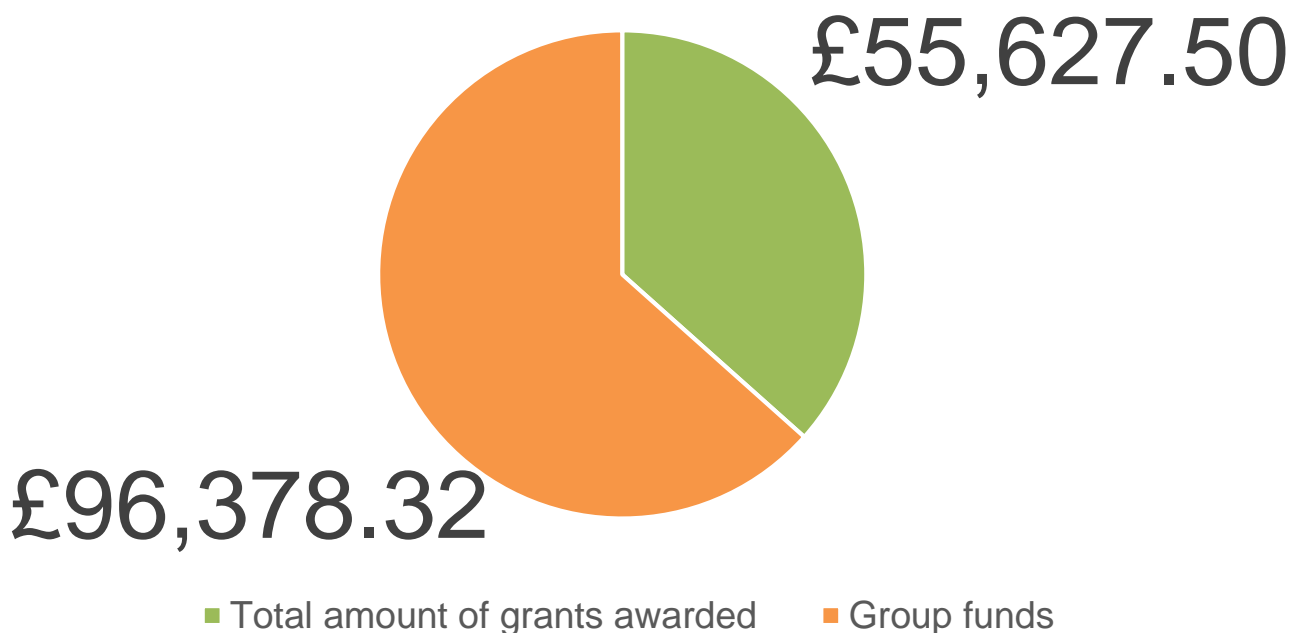
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Organisation Funding

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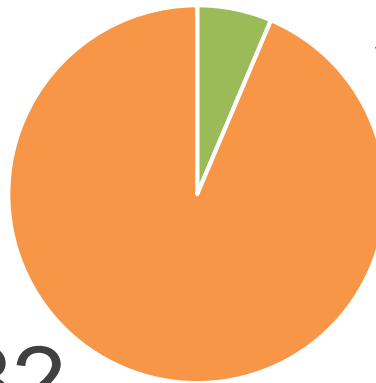


6. Match Funding Grant continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following TOTAL Match/Levered funding.

£55,627.50



£815,796.82

■ Total amount of grants awarded ■ Total Match/Levered Funding

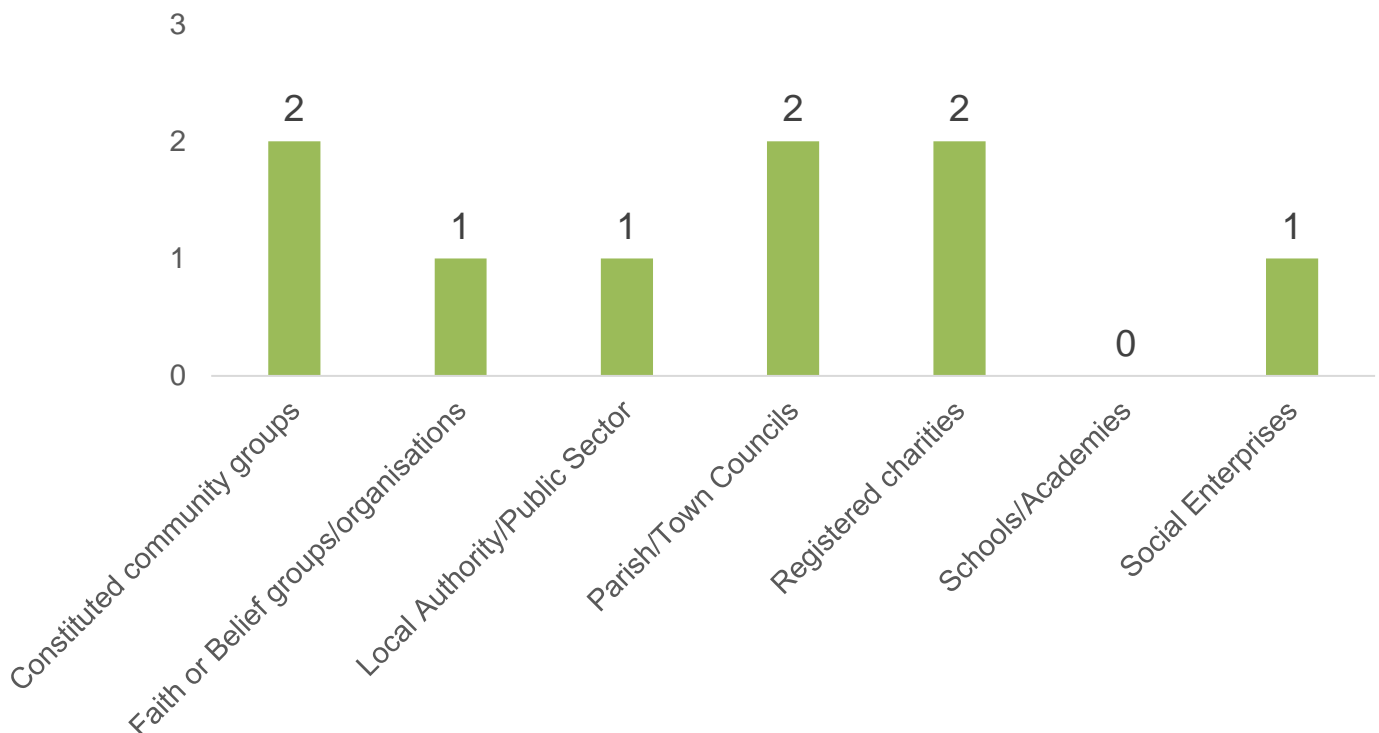
Note: As of 1st April 2017 £22,000 of the above match funding is currently awaiting confirmation.

Note: £570,736 of match funding has been secured for the Layers of History Project which is a Lincolnshire wide project.

For every **£1** invested from this scheme we matched/levered: **£14.66**

Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.



7. The year ahead 2017-2018

Grant Schemes

During 2017-2018 we will continue to deliver the following grant schemes:

- Councillor Initiative Fund
- Small Community Grant
- Large Community Grant
- Match Funding Grant

In addition to the above we shall continue to deliver the Community Defibrillator Scheme. This scheme provided fully equipped external defibrillators to be installed in public accessible locations throughout our local communities.

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 tools to support local organisations fundraise.

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)