



Report To:	Boston Town Area Committee
Date:	24 th July 2025
Subject:	BTAC Small Grant Scheme
Purpose:	To receive the recommendations of the BTAC Grants Working Group in respect of grant applications submitted in Round 1 25/26 of the BTAC Small Grant Scheme.
Key Decision:	No
Portfolio Holder:	Chairman of BTAC
Report Of:	Maddy Eyre, Local Communities Development Officer and BTAC Grant Administrator
Report Author:	Maddy Eyre, Local Communities Development Officer and BTAC Grant Administrator
Ward(s) Affected:	All BTAC Wards
Exempt Report:	Partially, Appendix 1 is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Summary

This report presents the recommendations of the BTAC Grants Working Group in respect of grant applications submitted in Round 1 of the financial year 2025/2026 for the BTAC Small Grant Scheme.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee approve the grant funding award recommendations made by the BTAC Grants Working Group in respect of **eligible** applications as set out in Appendix 1.

Reasons for Recommendations

To provide grants to local groups that undertake community work which benefits the BTAC Wards of Boston.

Other Options Considered

Do not support the BTAC Working Group recommendations – Not recommended as all applications received have been assessed against the relevant grant scheme policy and criteria.

1. Background

- 1.1 The BTAC Grants Working Group met on 08th July 2025 to review applications submitted for consideration in Round 1 25/26 of the BTAC Small Grant Scheme.

2. Report

- 2.1 2 eligible applications were received in Round 1 of the scheme.
- 2.2 Details of each applicant, project details, the amount requested and the Working Group funding award recommendations are shown in Appendix 1.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. In conclusion, the BTAC Grants Working Group recommendations are presented at full Committee, in line with the Committee's role to make community development grants to town-based organisations and events.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

The BTAC Grant Schemes support the following corporate priorities: Healthy Lives; Safer and Resilient Communities and the Environment.

Staffing

None.

Workforce Capacity Implications

None.

Constitutional and Legal Implications

The Localism Act 2011 provides the Local Authority with a general power of competence. This power can be used to undertake activity (such as the awarding of grants) which benefits the local authority area or persons resident or present in the area.

Details of grants awarded by a Local Authority to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations are required to be published annually in accordance with the Local Transparency Code 2015.

The Council's Constitution sets out that the Committee may make community development grants to town-based organisations and events. This function is exercised under delegated authority from the Cabinet.

Data Protection

None.

Financial

The value of each grant sought is set out in Appendix 1. The Committee's current financial position in relation to the Small Grant is set out in the finance pro-forma that accompanies this report.

Risk Management

The BTAC Small Grant Scheme operates within set policies and protocols.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

The BTAC Grants Working Group is made up of up to 6 active members of the Boston Town Area Committee and they are brought together to review all eligible applications submitted to the BTAC Grants Administrator in each live round of the grant scheme.

Reputation

None

Contracts

None.

Crime and Disorder

None.

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

Priorities supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Boston Town Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all, including those protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010.

There are no equalities implications within this report. All equalities implications will be managed alongside each individual applicant through the monitoring process of project delivery.

There are no safeguarding implications directly arising from this report.

Health and Wellbeing

The BTAC Small and Empowering Healthy Communities Grant Schemes operate within Corporate Priority: Healthy Lives.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

An impact assessment has been undertaken and the assessment has been based on the experience to date and the key areas where there is likely to have been an impact however this is only indicative and can't be a comprehensive assessment. Ways to better capture the impact of individual schemes, without potentially overburdening community projects are being explored with Climate Change Group Manager. – See Appendix 2 of this report.

Acronyms

BTAC – Boston Town Area Committee

Appendices

Exempt Appendix 1: **BTAC Working Group recommendations**

Appendix 2: **Infographic relating to climate change assessment**

Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
BTAC Working Group Application Pack	Application summaries are available to BTAC Members on request, from the BTAC Grant Scheme Administrator

Chronological History of this Report

Name of Body	Date
BTAC Grants Working Group	08 th July 2025

Report Approval

Report author:	Maddy Eyre, Local Communities Development Officer and Administrator of the Boston Town Area Committee Grant Scheme Maddy.eyre@boston.gov.uk
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Approved for publication:	Councillor Patricia Marson – Chairman of BTAC

Checklist – Complete before submission to Democratic Services

S151 Officer consulted on financial implications:	Yes – amendments made on request – 16/07/25
Monitoring Officer consulted on legal and constitutional implications:	Yes – approved 16/07/25
Portfolio Holder consulted: BTAC Chairman	Waiting Approval – 15/07/25
Ward Member consulted: BTAC Grants Working Group	Yes – 08 th July 2025

FINANCE PROFORMA

BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROFORMA FOR EXECUTIVE APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE OF RESOURCES

(CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS)

FROM: Caroline Thacker-Smith – Finance Business Partner, PSPSL

THIS PROFORMA PROVIDES THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
IN RESPECT OF THE ATTACHED

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	£ Year 1 2025/26	£ Year 2 2026/27	£ Year 3 2027/28	£ Year 4 2028/29	£ Year 5 2029/30
Revenue					
BTAC Small Grants	16,725.62				
Communities Grants	486.97				
Total Revenue Cost	17,212.59				

Funding required:		Considered by: BTAC	Date: 24 th July 2025
Total capital cost	£0		
Revenue cost	£1,935.39		

Financial Services Comments	2025/26 £	Applications £	Balance C/F £
BTAC Small Grants	16,725.62	1,935.39	14,790.23
Communities Grants	486.97	-	486.97
Total	17,212.59	1,935.39	15,277.20

Risk

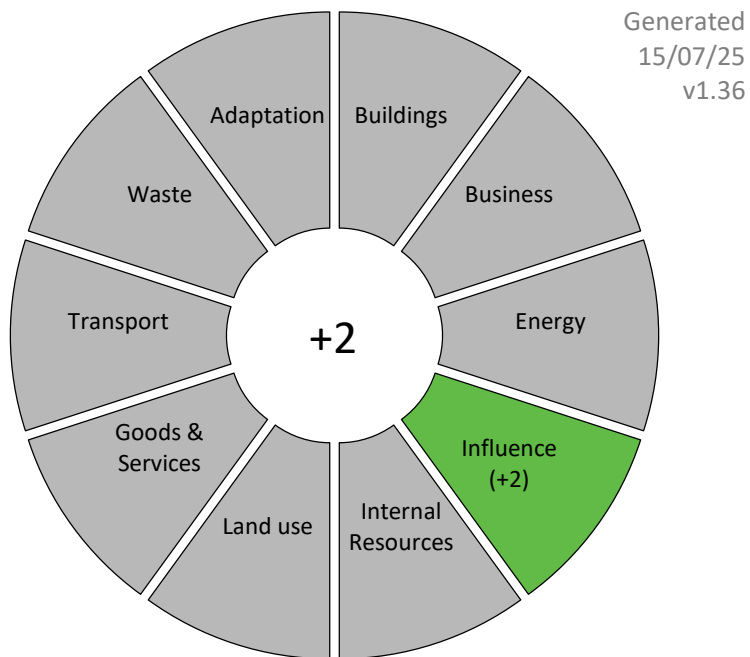
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Procurement

None

Value for Money Efficiency

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