



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

10 July 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
& s151 Officer




National Lottery Heritage Fund, Grant for Soldiers from the Sky (Arnhem/Airborne Trail)

Acceptance of the National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant (Grant Reference No. HA – 24 - 00037)

Contact

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Decision made by:	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To formally accept the allocation of a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £147,550. 2) To approve the setting up of a budget to enable the Grant to be allocated and spent.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	N/A
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	Directors are authorised by virtue of the Council's Financial Regulations to accept any external funding and make the associated budget virements in line with the authorised limits set out in the regulations.

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to accept the grant of £147,550.00 from National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund. The grant will be paid in three parts: 50% up front, 30% mid project and the remaining 20% paid retrospectively following the submission of the final project report and all costs have been paid.

Completed by: Paul Sutton Interim Head of Finance

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive has the necessary delegated authority to make this decision as outlined above.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 Soldiers from the Sky is South Kesteven District Council's commemorative project to mark the District's unique airborne forces history. The Arnhem/Airborne trail will mark the significant locations of the airborne soldiers of three nations - Britain, America and Poland during 1944 in preparation for both D-Day and Operation Market Garden (Arnhem).
- 2.2 The project comprises a physical and digital trail, marked with information boards, the development of a dedicated website and app, arts, culture and wellbeing projects that will be delivered across an 18 month period and provide a legacy to South Kesteven's story.
- 2.3 In April 2024 South Kesteven District Council applied for a total of £147,550.00 from the National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund for the purpose of delivering an Arnhem/Airborne Trail within South Kesteven. This funding has been supported by a further £15,000.00 which had previously been secured as match funding from the UKSPF.
- 2.4 South Kesteven District Council was successfully awarded the grant in July 2024.
- 2.5 The terms of this offer mean that the grant will be paid in three parts: 50% up front, 30% mid project and the remaining 20% paid retrospectively following the

submission of the final project report and all costs have been paid. This project must be completed by 31 January 2026.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 The Council could decide not to accept the grant funding, however this decision would not align with the Council's commitment to delivering on its Community Engagement and Development Strategy – Our People, Our Place (2024-2027).

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To accept the grant funding to support the voluntary and community sector of South Kesteven.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 The Council is committed to delivering on its Community Engagement and Development Strategy and to continue to delivery engagement and advocacy projects in support of its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The portfolio holder has been briefed and is supportive of the Council accepting this donation in support of the voluntary and community sector.

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **12.7.24**