



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

23 August 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
& s151 Officer



UKSPF, Grant for Soldiers from the Sky (Arnhem/Airborne Trail)

Acceptance of the UKSPF match funding grant in support of National Lottery Heritage Fund grant.

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 UKSPF grant of £15,000.00 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 £15,000 from UKSPF as match funding to a larger grant from the National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund. The UKSPF grant must be spent by 31 March 2025.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

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 The project has been awarded £15,000.00 from the UKSPF as match funding for a larger, successful bid from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the purpose of delivering an Arnhem/Airborne Trail within South Kesteven called Soldiers from the Sky.
- 2.4 The award was offered on 24 November 2023 but will not be drawn down until the current financial year as this is match funding in support of the larger NLHF grant which was awarded in July 2024.
- 2.5 The terms of this offer mean that the grant must be spent by March 2025. The project has a duration of 18 months. Items within the project budget have therefore

been identified that will be delivered in the initial stages of the project to satisfy the need for completion by March 2025.

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 project.

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: **27.9.24**