

Agenda item 8

For decision - Community Grants applications for approval

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Summary

The Grants Advisory group met on 14 July to consider ten applications for community grants. Nine of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 2 below.

Background

The total budget for grants this financial year is £55,000

There have been some small calls on this total already to renew subscriptions to trustfunding.org.uk and the Funding Central newsletter which are intended to be of benefit to all local groups.

At the April Council meeting, a grant of £3,000 was agreed for this year's Children's Festival.

Five small grants have already been awarded in line with the procedure for the Mayor, Deputies and the Town Clerk to consider. These are shown in Table 1 below.

Recommended larger grants total £16,400. Ear-marking a potential £8,000 towards Harry's Hydro if needed in November, will leave £24,252.40 available for later funding rounds this year.

Table 1 – Small grants awarded to date this year

Friends of the River Frome	Riverfly monitoring kits	£300.00
Breastfeeding Frome	Training new leaders	£200.00
Humans of Frome	Contribution to exhibition costs	£300.00
Macular Society Frome local support group	Cranmore outing	£300.00
Wessex MS Therapy Centre	Thera Trainer exercise bike	£300.00
	Total:	£1,400.00

Recommendation to award the Wessex MS Therapy Centre £300 was made by Deputy Mayors Cath Puddick and Al O'Kane, because the Mayor Toby Eliot declared a prejudicial interest.

Table 2 – Recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions
Shared Earth Learning Co-op	Roots in Frome	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	As long as they agree to work with FTC Rangers to accredit College learners

Frome's Missing Links	Route Selection	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	Co-fund this work. Assurances needed on whether £3k will get the results required
Mendip YMCA	High impact/low cost fund	£3,000.00	£2,000.00	Only in Frome, for loans for housing deposits
Frome Heritage Museum	Browne's Hole Exhibition	£2,000.00	£400.00	
Harry Foreman (Frome College)	Films 4 Europe	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
Frome Community Education CIC	Include Us In	£4,950.00	£4,950.00	
Frome FM	Building sustainability	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Likely final year for a grant for core costs
Frome Gateway Club	Three events	£650.00	£650.00	
5th Frome Scout Group	Project Recruit	£900.00	£900.00	If the new tent can be shared via Share Shop
		TOTAL:	£16,400.00	

Table 2 – Not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason for not recommending
Frome Super Market Ltd	Family workshops at the Frome Independent	£2,000.00	Same proposal as seen in the last round from Foreground Projects – awarded a £200 contribution which was rejected. Insufficient targeting to families that can't afford these activities.