

Agenda item 6

For decision - Community Grants £300 - £2k

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Group met on the 26th February to consider nine applications for Community Grants. Six of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

1. Community Grants (£300 - £2k)

Following the re-introduction of the Community Grants at Council in October 2017 it was agreed that there would be two grant rounds this financial year, with a budget of £8491 for each of the two rounds.

The Grants Advisory Panel met on the 26 February to consider seven applications submitted in this second, and final, window. Bids are assessed through a scoring system by Cllrs on the panel, who then meet to discuss and agree recommendations for Council approval. The table below are the grants proposed by the panel for approval.

Table 1 Community Grants £300 - £2k for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
PACE	Pace Activities Programme	£2250.00	£1250.00	A condition of this grant is that the group work with the CPO and fundraising advisor to improve their fundraising skills to ensure they are sustainable in the future
Play It Forward	Singing Social	£1940.00	£1940.00	
Frome Widows and Widowers Group	Running Costs	£1092.60	£750.00	A condition of this grant is that the group work with the CPO and fundraising advisor improve their fundraising skills to ensure they are sustainable in the future
Frome Birth Talk	Frome Birth Talk Counselling	£1862.00	£1862.00	
Frome Memorial Theatre	core / match funding / general	£2000.00	£2000.00	
Frome College	Music For All	£1993.00	£1200.00	The panel propose to offer funding on the condition that Frome College seek to address the main need identified in their bid through the

				provision of an Exploring Music Technology club, open and accessible to students from the two middle schools as well as Frome College. It is recommended that the music department discuss other funding options with the PTA for the other two music clubs referenced in the bid. They are also encouraged to make use of the fundraising for schools workshop planned for March and the FTC fundraising advisor.
		Total	£9,002.00	

Recommendation

Approve the grants described in table 1 in the report.

Table 2 – Not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason for not recommending
Purple Elephant	Frome Toy Library	£2000.00	We have funded this organisations through a number of mechanisms in 2017/18, and with limited funding available we are not able to commit further funding this year. FTC will continue to support with fundraising advice and support and would be open to future applications.

2. Mayor's Grant (up to £300) – for information

The total spent to date this year is £6275.17.

Table 3 – Mayor's grants that have been awarded in the period Jan – Feb 2018

Applicant	Project	Amount
Golden Oldies	Sing and smile with goldies in in Frome	£300.00
Frome Community Hospital	Activities supplies, Marshfield Ward	£300.00
Frome Roller Disco	To provide training session for our volunteer junior marshals	£300.00

Table 4 – Applications pending

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount funded	Conditions
Black Swan Arts	Anti Bullying Art Workshop	£300.00	£300.00	Waiting to receive supporting documents
Black Swan Arts	FTC People Choice Awards	£300.00	£200.00	Waiting to receive supporting documents

Table 5 – Applications not awarded a Mayor’s Grant

Applicant	Project	Amount applied for
Frome Window Wanderland	Frome Window Wanderland	£300.00

We have received 5 applications in addition to those listed above. We only have £724.83 remaining in the Mayor’s grant budget. These applications will be considered in the order we received them. Once the budget is exhausted any remaining applications will be considered for approval in April (the new financial year).

Recommendation

Approve the grants detailed in table 1 of the report.