

Agenda item 6

For decision - Community Grants £300 - £2,000

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel met on the 16th July to consider eight applications for Community Grants. Six of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

1. Community Grants (£300 - £2,000) – for approval

It was agreed that there would be three grant rounds this financial year, with a total budget of £25,000, roughly split to £8,300 for each grant round. Bids are assessed by Councillors who are members of the Panel, using a scoring system. The Panel then meets to discuss and agree recommendations, which then come to the Town Matters Committee for approval.

The Grants Advisory Panel met on the 16 July to consider eight applications submitted in this first grant window, totalling £15,685. You can see an outline of each of the eight applications in the appendix to this paper.

Table 1 shows the grants proposed by the Panel for approval. Table 2 highlights those projects not recommended for approval.

Table 1. Community Grants £300 - £2,000 - for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
Get Set Wet Frome	Get Set Wet Frome	£1870	£600	Recommendation to discuss hire costs for using the pool at Harry's Hydro, to bring the costs in line with other hydro pools in the area. Provision of support from fundraising advisor and further discussion with FTC should other bids be unsuccessful.
Edventure Frome	Local Entrepreneurs Forum	£2000	£2000	
Baby Café		£2000	£500	Set up of this project was previously funded through

				Crowdfund Frome and supported by FTC. It is recommended the group is given support to create a sustainable fundraising plan through the support of the fundraising advisor.
Nova Sport	Frome Inclusive Sports Project	£1935	£1935	
The Pod	The Pod Plus	£2000	£2000	
Critchill School	Felt Pictures, Exhibition and Greetings Cards Project	£1880	£530	Unable to fund core teaching of art. Recommendation to work with FTC fundraising adviser to identify other sources of funding for this element of the project.
		Total	£7565	

Table 2. Not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason for not recommending
Love Musgrove	MRI Scanner Campaign	£2000	Evidence presented in the application was number of beneficiaries in BA11, rather than Frome. It is felt that the evidence of benefit to Frome patients is unsubstantiated.
Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley	School visits to Hayesdown, Nunney and Trinity	£2000	The visits, as described in application, took place in May and are therefore contrary to our terms and conditions. In addition, Nunney School not in our catchment area. Recommend that Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley correspond with Health and Wellbeing Manager on overall approach with Frome schools.

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

The total spent to date this year from the Mayor's Grant pot is £2,436.00 (from an overall budget of £5,000 for 2018/19).

Table 3. Mayor's grants that have been awarded in the period April to July 2018

Applicant	Project	Amount
Frome Town Ladies FC	To start a new inclusive ladies football team	£300
Trinity Community Group	Planters	£300
Active and In Touch Frome	Afternoon tea dance with Swing Time Frome	£300
Black Swan Arts	Back to Blu' An exhibition and workshops inspired by Frome's cloth and dye heritage	£300
Macular Support Group	Trip to Canal in August	£300
Frome Town AFC Ltd.	Street Art/Graffiti workshops	£300
Frome Syrian Resettlement Volunteer network	English language summer school for Syrian families in Frome	£36
NOVA sports and coaching	Frome Powerchair Football Club -chair purchase	£300
Frome Gateway Club	Summer trip to Paignton	£300
		£2,436

Table 4. Applications pending

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Conditions
Black Swan Arts	Anti-bullying art workshop	£300	Waiting to receive supporting documents
Black Swan Arts	FTC People's Choice Awards	£300	Waiting to receive supporting documents

Table 5. Applications not awarded a Mayor's Grant

None to date.

<p>Recommendation</p> <p>Approve the grants detailed in Table 1 of the report.</p>
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Appendix 1: Summary of Round One Grants Applications 2018/19

The following is a brief summary of the eight grant applications considered by the Grants Advisory Panel on 16 July 2018:

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Project	Detail
Get Set Wet Frome	£1870	£600	Get Set Wet Frome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim is to enable youngsters 5-19 with disabilities and additional needs from Frome and surrounding area to access swimming lessons and hydrotherapy to improve their health, wellbeing and water safety. Also support parents / carers to learn how to play with and support their children in the water. • 10 children attend, 5 from Frome so applying for approx. 50% of costs. • Total project cost £4583 per year (30 x 2-hour sessions per year.) Other small funding pots also applied to.
Edventure Frome	£2000	£2000	Local Entrepreneurs Forum (LEF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LEF is a day-long event, that culminates in 5 local start ups pitching ideas and local community pledging support. Support is given in the lead up to this, with facilitated sessions for those involved. • The LEF aims to build a thriving business community whilst helping to grow sustainable businesses that benefit the local community. • Potential impact, based on experience in Totnes, 120 people participating, approx. 2 new jobs, 75% success rate of businesses who pitch, combined sales growth of approx. £150,000.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total project cost £2000.
Baby Café	£2000	£500	Baby Cafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frome Baby Café aims to improve health outcomes for babies, mothers and families by offering support to breastfeeding mothers at any stage in their breastfeeding journey. Pregnant women and fathers also welcome at the café. • Café meets weekly; Friday mornings at Frome Town Hall • In first 6 months of 2018, 146 families visited (6 per week), 94 1-1 consultations (4 per week), 88 repeat visits (60% return), 20 pregnant mums visited • Total project cost £5285, with £2000 already raised.
Nova Sport and Coaching	£1935	£1935	Frome Inclusive Sports Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to improve opportunities for individuals with disabilities to take part in sports, by offering outreach to schools and community groups, by setting up new sports clubs and running holiday activities. Want to offer broader range of activities in Frome. • Proposed sessions are wheelchair basketball, power-chair football outreach, inclusive sports training at Frome College, multisports clubs for adults and children and a half term multisports holiday camp. • Total project cost £2387 (£452 funding already secured from SCC short breaks budget)
The Pod	£2000	£2000	Pod Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pod Plus is a new social club for young adults with additional needs aged 18-30, offering them an alternative for when they leave Pod Youth Club aged 18. • Club meets weekly and activities are member led; benefiting both members and families beyond club setting

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reducing isolation, whilst building confidence and wellbeing. • Total project cost £9820, with £4700 already raised.
Critchill School	£1880	£530	Critchill School Felt Pictures, Exhibition and Greetings Cards Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim is to create awareness and inclusion in Frome of people with special needs, through creation of felt pictures depicting each class symbol (birds) at Critchill School. These will then feature in a public exhibition and greetings cards will also be produced and sold. • Total project cost is £1880.
Love Musgrove	£2000	£0	MRI Scanner Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musgrove Hospital (Taunton) is fundraising for a new scanner as two current scanners working at full capacity. • 2016/17 MRI scans for people from BA11 postcode (not exclusively Frome) who accessed MRI scans at Musgrove was 552 of a total of 16,000. • Total project cost is £1 million (with £721,325 already raised at time of application.)
Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley	£2000	£0	School visits to Hayesdown, Nunney and Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of health, emotional wellbeing and drug education programme in schools, through the Life Education Bus. • The visits to these schools were planned to take place in May 2018 (Hayesdown 2.5 days, Nunney 1 day, Trinity 2.5 days.) • Cost per day £630; schools contribute approximately half of this cost.