

## Agenda item 5

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

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### Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel met on the 22 October to consider 11 applications for round two of Community Grants. Eight of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below. A brief summary of applications received for Community Grants is in Table 6.

#### 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 22 October to consider 11 applications submitted in this second grant window, totalling £12,236. You can see an outline of each of the 11 applications in the following tables.

Table 1 shows the grants proposed by the Panel for approval. Table 2 highlights those projects not recommended for approval. A brief summary of all applications received is in Table 6.

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

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
SAFE South West	Frome Fire Cadets	£1000	£500	
Jackdaws	The Year of the Flute	£500	£300	
Active and In Touch	Business Development Officer	£2000	£500	FTC are also looking to provide other support mechanisms. It was considered that £500 would provide a good start for other match funding.
Frome Cricket Club	Cricket Bundles	£864	£864	
Fair Housing for Frome	Frome Cold Weather Shelter	£1872	£1872	

Rook Lane Arts Trust	Casting the World	£2000	£1000	
Frome FM	Computer upgrades	£2000	£200	FTC to provide additional support to engage local businesses and further support and identify appropriate funding streams through the funding adviser.
TOTAL		£12,236	£5236	

Table 2. Not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason for not recommending
Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorder Association	Youth work	£1000	Recommendation that SWEDA work with Health and Wellbeing Manager and mental health forum to further explore evidence of need and partnership opportunities.
The Frome Independent	Gazebos and shipping container improvements	£2000	Recommendation to provide full accounts details and resubmit for Round 3.
Cheese and Grain	Santa's Grotto	£1200	

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 August to October 2018

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
The Write Place	Launch party	£47	
Packsaddle Community Group	Open Space Development Phase 2	£300	Applied for Community Grant. Recommendation is to support with £300 from Mayor's Grant and work with Environment Manager to install appropriate bench through existing budgets.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£347</b>	

Table 4. Applications pending

No pending applications.

Table 5. Applications not awarded a Mayor's Grant

None to date.

Recommendation

Approve the grants detailed in Table 1 of the report.

Table 6. Summary of Round Two Grants Applications 2018/19

The following is a summary of the 11 grant applications considered by the Grants Advisory Panel on 22 October 2018:

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Project	Detail
SAFE South West	£1000	£500	Frome Fire Cadets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project costs estimated at £7000, bulk of costs already covered by DSFRS.</li> <li>• Aim is to provide new kit and cover BTEC costs for a new cohort of Frome Fire Cadets.</li> <li>• 10 Frome cadets aged 13-14 will be recruited for a one-year experience, benefiting the recruits, their families and local community.</li> </ul>
Jackdaws	£500	£300	The Year of the Flute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project costs estimated at £12,900, with £7000 already raised.</li> <li>• Aim is to introduce children of all ages to music and musicians of world class ensemble calibre to inspire them to take up instrument lessons and encourage those already playing to keep up their efforts.</li> <li>• Benefits to 1000-1500 people in Frome.</li> </ul>
Active and In Touch	£2000	£500	Business Development Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim is to implement an internal system of good practice to replace those from an overarching organisation.</li> <li>• Project would allow more rapid development of organisation and further community engagement and support for those lonely, lacking in confidence and self-esteem.</li> <li>• Benefits to 90 beneficiaries, 50 volunteers and 4 part-time members of staff.</li> <li>• Total project cost estimated at £11,000.</li> </ul>

Packsaddle Community Group	£2000	£300 from Mayor's Grant	Open Space Development Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project cost estimated at £2300, with £300 already raised.</li> <li>• Aim is to improve facilities in the park to encourage and enable residents to socialise, exercise and improve their health, resulting in improved sense of community, wellbeing and confidence.</li> <li>• Funds are sought for seating and planting of spring bulbs, benefiting approx. 2000 residents including young people and children.</li> </ul>
Frome Cricket Club	£864	£864	Cricket bundles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project costs estimated at £864 to purchase equipment.</li> <li>• Aim is to continue supporting the requirements of the membership, ensuring that no player is excluded through the inability to provide their own kit.</li> <li>• Benefits to 145 current members plus increasing membership.</li> </ul>
Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorder Association	£1000	£0	Youth work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project costs estimated at £500 for group delivery costs and recovery project costs at £15,000; £7000 already granted by NHS.</li> <li>• Funds sought to support the work in area encompassing Frome.</li> <li>• Aim is to provide training and workshops to youth groups in Frome to address some mental health issues such as eating disorders.</li> </ul>

Fair Housing for Frome	£1872	£1872	Frome cold weather shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project cost estimated at £5897, with 4025 raised already.</li> <li>• Aim is to provide a cold weather shelter/SWEP for the winter of 2018/19.</li> <li>• Benefits to volunteer teams and rough sleepers.</li> </ul>
The Frome Independent	£2000	£0	Gazebos and shipping container improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project cost estimated at £4156.65, with 2156.65 already raised.</li> <li>• Funding sought for gazebos to enhance support for community organisations.</li> <li>• Benefits to approx. 30,000 people.</li> </ul>
Rook Lane Arts Trust	£2000	£1000	Casting the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project costs estimated at £50,398 with £48,398 already raised.</li> <li>• Aim is to reconnect Frome with its industrial heritage, celebrating the story of JW Singers Art Foundry.</li> <li>• Among others, collaborations to be done with the Frome Learning Partnership to bring STEAM education and engagement into schools; FTC funding would allow a redesign of the education pack into an exhibition guide as well as run several community workshops.</li> </ul>
Cheese and Grain	£1200	£0	Santa's Grotto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project cost is estimated at £1259.99.</li> <li>• Aim is to support several organisations to run Santa's Grotto in December through the purchase of a log cabin shed thus providing an additional attraction in the form of a more regular/established Grotto in Frome, to benefit hundreds of young children at each session throughout the festive season.</li> </ul>

Frome FM	£2000	£200	Computer upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total project cost estimated at £2300, with £150 raised already.</li> <li>• Funding is sought to upgrade PCs and software to continue providing a 24/7 service.</li> <li>• Benefits to over 100 volunteers plus listenership.</li> </ul>
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