

Agenda item 7

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

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel met on the 24 January 2019 to consider 10 applications for round three of Community Grants. Five 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 24 January to consider 10 applications submitted in this third grant window, totalling £16,426.00. You can see an outline of each of the 10 applications in Table 6.

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
Young People Frome	Multicultural Frome	£1600	£1600	
Trinity Community Group	Community speedwatch	£500	£500	The equipment is available for use by other groups in the town.
Play it Forward CIC	Singing social	£1026	£1026	
Black Swan Arts	Casting workshop(s)	£2000	£2000	
The Frome Independent	Community gazebos	£2000	£2000	The gazebos are made available to other groups to borrow.
TOTAL			£7126	

Table 2. Not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason for not recommending
FROGS	Tree planting at Weylands	£2000	The wider project is supported with the existing Environment budget.
Companion Voices	Singing for the end of life	£2000	Application is contradictory to FTC Community Grants T&Cs which state that <i>grant applications will only be considered where the organisation has its own bank account with at least 2 authorised signatories.</i>
Shared Earth Learning	Play rangers	£2000	It is recommended to make an appointment with the Community Projects Officer to discuss application in more detail with a view to a possible future bid and wider support for the project.
Mood Foods	Cookery school	£2000	A future application would benefit from more detail around partnerships, specific project focus, evidence of need. The Community Projects Officer / Fundraising Advisor is available for support.

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

The total spent to date this year from the Mayor's Grant pot is £3,303.00 (from an overall budget of £5,000 for 2018/19).

Table 3. Mayor's grants that have been awarded in the period November 2018 to January 2019

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Young People Frome	Bringing Syrian Ensemble to Frome	£300	
Somerset County Council (on behalf of Taunton Dean, Cheddon Fitzpaine, West Monkton PCs)	The Somerset Wood	£100	
Frome College	Crime Awareness and Prevention workshops	£300	Applied for Community Grant. Recommendation is to share costs of event with Frome College and support with £300 from Mayor's Grant
TOTAL		£1000	

Table 4. Applications pending

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Live Education Wessex & Thames Valley	Helping children make healthy choices	£300	Pending review
Critchill School			Pending review

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

The following is a summary of the 10 grant applications considered by the Grants Advisory Panel on 23 January 2019:

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Project	Detail
Young People Frome	£1600	£1600	Multicultural Frome 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £2600 with £1000 already raised • Funding to be used for project support costs of Multicultural Frome 2019 on Sunday 13 October e.g. materials, publicity, volunteer expenses • Engages a large part of the community and partnering with 14 other organisations
Trinity Community Group	£500	£500	Community speedwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £700, already obtained £200 in-kind contribution • Funding to be used to purchase speed monitoring equipment; resulting data to be provided to SCC and Police to support action • Equipment can be used at other locations following project completion
Play it Forward CIC	£1026	£1026	Singing social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £2360; remaining costs to be raised through voluntary donations • Funding to be used to offset costs of project running between March 2019 and February 2020 • Project aims to expand offer to deliver intergenerational music workshops to more care homes in Frome. Organisation partners with Active and In Touch and is open to partner with a school or nursery

Black Swan Arts	£2000	£2000	Casting workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £6970.88 with £2440 in-kind contributions already raised; other applications to local trusts and foundations also underway • Funding to be used for materials • Project to run in conjunction with Frome Festival offering hands-on casting workshops, engaging children and wider community in the heritage of Frome and developing creative skills
FROGS	£2000	£2000	Tree planting activities at Weylands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £2000 with £540 already raised • Funding to be used for project support costs, e.g. activity facilitators, insurance, publicity • Project to run a series of events between mid-March and end-November targeting wellbeing and environment interaction (key event being Tree Planting and Celebration Day in March)
Companion Voices	£2000	£2000	Singing for the end of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £2000 • Funding to be used to support activities e.g. lesson sessions, travel, publicity • Project aims to offer singing sessions free of charge, enabling more diversity in singers, and publicise offering more widely
The Frome Independent	£2000	£2000	Community gazebos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total cost of £4156.65 with 2156.65 already raised • Funding to be used for purchase of several gazebos and refitting storage • Gazebos would allow guaranteed cover for community organisations using The Frome Independent market as a platform for promotion

Shared Earth Learning CoOperative	£2000	£2000	Play rangers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to cover play ranger salaries, enabling SELCo to expand offer—currently 2 play rangers available every other week for 2-hr sessions; grant would allow play rangers on other weeks for 39 weeks
Mood Foods	£2000	£2000	Cookery school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated total cost of £2000 with an application to the lottery fund in progress Funding to be used to support newly established social enterprise e.g. publicity and management costs Project to offer monthly ‘meet and eat’ events and regular cookery classes engaging community to understand nutrition for health and wellbeing
Frome College	£650	£300 from the Mayor’s Grant fund	Crime prevention and awareness workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated total cost of £1300 with £650 already pledged by Avon and Somerset Constabulary Funding to be used for speaker costs Project will deliver five workshops for students plus one session for parents around preventing drug misuse and criminality.