

Agenda Item 5

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

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 9 October 2019 to consider five applications for round two of the Community Grants. All five of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) is made up of interested councillors and primarily meets to review community grant applications three times per year. The group recommends distribution of grant funding, through the administration of an application process, to Town Matters Committee. The group also reviews the processes used for grants. Proposals for a revised grants system for 2020 onwards will be brought to the next Council meeting on 20 November.

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

There are three grant rounds in this financial year with a total budget of £25,000, split roughly equally between each round. Bids are assessed by the GAP Cllrs in advance, using a scoring system. They then meet to discuss and agree recommendations, which then come to the Town Matters Committee for approval.

The Grants Advisory Panel met on 1 October to consider five applications submitted in this grant window, totalling £6,900.

Table 1 shows the grants proposed by the Panel for approval.

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

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
Merlin Theatre	Toilet Refurbishment	£2000	£2000	The recommendation is Merlin Theatre to provide a full budget breakdown for this project prior to the release of the funds.
Frome Park Bowls Club	Storage facilities and scoreboards	£2000		Additional information to be requested. Recommendation to be agreed at TM meeting.
Jackdaws Music Education Trust	The Stylist of Somerset	£500	£500	None

Black Swan Arts	Community workshops for Window Wanderland	£2000	£2000	None
Frome Collegians Football Club	Tractor repairs and training equipment	£400	£400	To speak with Community Development Manager to explore their links with other community organisations
TOTAL		£6,900		

Recommendations

1. Agree the proposals in table 1 made by the Grants Advisory Panel.
2. That a new condition be added to the grants' approval letter that all grant recipients acknowledge FTC funding explicitly in their accounts.
3. Delegate authority to the Community Development Manager to ensure the recommended conditions are met and review the impacts of this funding as appropriate.

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

The total spent to date this year from the Mayor's Grant pot is £1000.00 (from an overall budget of £5,000 for 2019/20). The table below also includes spending from the 2018/19 budget of £1950.00

Table 2. Mayor's grants that have been awarded in the period January 2019 to July 2019

Applicant	Project	Amount
Frome Powerchair Football	Container electricity	£300
Frome SODA	Mixed Media Workshops	£100
Friends of the River Frome	Balsam control in the river and along the river bank and litter picking.	£300
Frome Town Crier	Frome Town Crier Festival	£300
Indigenous People - African Alternatives	Mbilou and the Kakatsitsi Master Drummers	£250
Macular Society	Cream Tea on the Canal	£200
Friends of Critchill School	Working Futures Graduation	£300
Frome Carers Association	Visit to Ammerdown Retreat	£300
Frome Widows & Widowers Group	An outing to Weymouth	£300
Wellbeing Frome	Wellbeing Frome	£300
Mendip CSW	Hi-Viz Winter jackets	£300
TOTAL		£2950

Table 3. Applications pending

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
MS Wessex	Counselling for members, families and carers	£300	Pending review
Phoenix House and Court Social Club	The Next Step	£147.65	Pending review
Women's Shed	FTC Community Bunting Project	£300	Pending review

Table 4. Applications not awarded a Mayor's Grant

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Frome Weavers, Spinners & Dyers (FWSD)	Cost of moving to a new premise	£300	Already have sufficient funds and £300 would not be a significant boost.
Heartwood Community Ltd	Pre Planning Advice	£300	Not a significant amount of money to achieve the aims of the project.
Frome Museum	Street of Shops	£250	Did not meet the criteria for the Mayor's Grant