

Agenda Item 7. a

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

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 4 February 2020 to consider seventeen applications for round three of the Community Grants for 2019/20. Eight of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

If you have any questions relating to the applications or the decisions of GAP, please contact Scott Ward in advance of the Town Matters meeting.

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.

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

There are three grant rounds in this financial year with a total budget of £20,000, 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 4 February to consider seventeen applications submitted in this grant window, totalling £25,025.27. The remaining balance was £6,400.

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
Play it Forward	Singing Social	£1807	£1600	
Talking Newspaper	Frome Talking Newspaper	£1000	£500	
The Pod	Pod Youth Club & Young Carers Holiday Programme	£2000	£0	To provide funding from an existing budget as it addresses an identified gap FTC are working to fill.
Frome FM	Radio Station facilities upgrade	£2000	£1000	

Frome Town Band	Music Education for All	£1650	£800	
Frome Museum	Photographic Recording and display of Frome 2020	£735	£500	Recommendation is to support this application in order to celebrate a project which brings various elements of the wider community together (old & new) and would like to further support the Museum with ongoing fundraising efforts through our support for community groups. Ask to present a reserves policy in the future.
Young People Frome	Multicultural Frome	£1600	£1000	
Focus Counselling	Open to All – Focus Frome	£2000	£1000	
TOTAL		£12,792	£6,400	

Recommendations

1. Agree the proposals in table 1 made by the Grants Advisory Panel.
2. Delegate authority to the Community Development Manager to ensure the recommended conditions are met and review the impacts of this funding as appropriate.

Table 2. Community grants, not recommended for approval – for information

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason not to fund/further recommendation
Frome Festival	Frome Festival 20 th Anniversary Exhibition	£2000	It is suggested that the applicant link with Frome Museum and use their database to digitise their ephemera. FTC would then welcome future applications for this or similar projects.
Shakespeare Schools Foundation	Shakespeare Schools Festival 2020	£2000	Insufficient evidence about how Frome residents will benefit from this project.

Dogs for Health	Dogs for Health	£2000	Recommendation to provide a Mayor's grant of £300 and offer further support for the set up and planning of the organisation through our programme of support for community organisations.
Frome Carnival	More carts to take part	£2000	Recommendation to offer fundraising support in order to present a fully worked up application in the next grant round.
Frome College	Frome College Eco sustainability club/enrichment activities	£2000	This application does not fit our criteria on a technical level. Recommendation for the Community Development Manager to further discuss this project with the applicant and Resilience Manager from FTC in order to support the development of this project.
The Tree Group Frome	Fruitful Life Project	£2000	Incomplete application and no supporting documents. However, we still considered this application in the light of the town wide tree project and would like to invite the group to continue to be involved with the wider FTC project.
Fair Housing for Frome	Frome Tiny Homes Action Group – Phase Two	£2000	Interested in exploring further how we support this project following their event on 22 March.

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

The total spent to date this year from the Mayor's Grant pot is £3,140 (from an overall budget of £5,000 for 2019/20).

Table 3. Mayor's grants that have been awarded in the period August 2019 to January 2020

Applicant	Project	Amount
Phoenix Court & House Social Club	The Next Step	£300
Women's Shed	FTC Community Bunting Project	£300
Rare Species	Mojo Moves Minis	£290
TOTAL		£890

Table 4. Mayor's grant Applications pending

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Macular Society	Christmas Party	£300	Waiting for second signature on application

Table 5. Applications not awarded a Mayor's Grant

Applicant	Project	Amount	Recommendation
MS Wessex	Counselling for members, families and carers	£300	Did not meet criteria, annual turnover too high.