

## Agenda Item 7. b

For decision – Substantial Project Fund up to £8,000

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### Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 4 February 2020 to consider twelve applications for the very first Substantial Project Fund application year. Ten of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

If you have questions about any of the applications and the decisions of GAP, please contact Rich Ackroyd in advance of the 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.

This Substantial Project Fund was launched in October 2019. Organisations are able to apply for funding up to £8,000. The total funding available for this grant was £50k. In total we received twelve applications totalling £87,731.

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

Table 1. Substantial Project Fund applications - for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
Citizens Advice Mendip	Citizens Advice Mendip - Frome Office	£8,000	£6,000	
Frome Festival	Frome Festival 2020	£8,000	£6,000	We ask that the Festival work with us to create a fundraising strategy and strongly recommend they look to work with the Mount Community Association to deliver a project this year in this area of town.
Active & In Touch	Active & In Touch (Frome)	£8,000	£6,000	We are particularly keen to support the ongoing strategic development of the organisation and recognise their other funding efforts.

Frome Community Education	Include Us In	£4320	£3,800	
Nova Sports & Coaching	Sport – Inclusive Adult Boccia Project	£3,695	£3,100	
Openstorytellers	Community Hub	£8,000	£5,000	
Edventure	Roots Café Session	£7,916	£6,000	
YMCA Mendip	Frome Youth Club YMCA Youth Empowerment Project - YYEP	£8,000	£6,000	
Purple Elephant	Family Holiday Fun Project	£7,800	£4,100	
Frome Powerchair Football Club	Changing Places facility and a Pool Pod access system	£8,000	£4,000	
TOTAL		£71,731	£50,000	

#### 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.

The table below explains the reasons for not approving two of the applications.

Table 2. Substantial Project Fund applications not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason
Jackdaws	Jackdaws – The Nest	£8,000	There was insufficient evidence of the benefit to the people of Frome and there was no indication of the numbers of young people involved.
Frome CLT	FACLT Development Worker	£8,000	We support the application in principle however we are concerned there is not a need for this post at this stage (lack of evidence). We are happy to receive future applications for this project as/when opportunities arise