

Agenda Item 7

For ratification – Community grants

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 7 June 2021 to consider fourteen applications for the first round of the Community Grants for 2021/22. Ten applications are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

Also included is a summary of Mayor's Grants awarded since the last report at the Council meeting on 17 March 2021.

There is a total budget of £60k for Community Grants for the year 2021/22. All applications are assessed by the GAP Cllrs using a scoring system. They then meet to discuss the applications in detail and, informed by the scoring matrix, agree recommendations. As agreed at the Council meeting on 17 March 2021, the decision to approve the recommendations from GAP was delegated to the Town Clerk who has approved the grants as detailed in the table below. Therefore, the table below is for ratification.

Table 1. Community Grants £300 - £3,000 - for ratification

	Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
27	Make the Sunshine CiC	Frome Plays in the Playground and The Happiness Hunt	2700	2700	
28	Evolve Music	Sound Lab Summer School	3000	3000	
29	Frome's Missing Links	Phase 3: Whatcombe Fields to Spring Gardens	3000	3000	
30	Edventure	Start Up Autumn 2021	3000	3000	
32	PACE	Continue accessibility project of the areas in Frome	3000	3000	For FTC to link with the LCWIP
33	Shared Earth	Well-Being	3000	3000	
34	Rare Species	Mojo Moves – reclaim your mojo ack from the Universe!	3000	1000	
35	Fair Housing for Frome	Housing Hub Radio show and podcast	1552	1552	

36	Science Boost	Seedlings to Saplings	3000	3000	
37	Friends of the Mount, Marston & Keyford	How to Day/Fun Palace	2813.80	2400	
	TOTAL		£28,065.80	£25,652	

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

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason not to fund/further recommendation
SWEDA	Awareness sessions for both young people and adults to include signposting and support to access services.	1890	FTC would welcome more detail on the financial reserves held by SWEDA and proposed benefit to local residents of this project.
We are all Somnambulists	We are all Somnambulists	3000	FTC are unable to fund projects which do not demonstrate a clear not for profit organisational structure.
IN:CH	Inch by IN:CH	2331	FTC are unable to fund projects which do not demonstrate a clear not for profit organisational structure.

2. Ratification of the Mayor's grant awards

Applicant	Project	Amount awarded
Save Open Spaces Frome	Whatcombe Fields Tree Plan	£300
Horton Street Neighbourhood Group	Horton Street Parties and Play Streets.	£288
Frome Gateway Club	Coach trip to Burnham on Sea	£300

Awarded since last reported at the Council meeting on 17 March 2021

Recommendations

1. Ratify the awards for community grants in table 1.
2. Delegate authority to the Community Development Manager to ensure the recommended conditions are met and review the impacts of this funding as appropriate.
3. Ratify the Mayor's Grant awards detailed above