

Agenda Item 6

For ratification – Substantial grants

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 12 July 2021 to consider twelve applications for the first round of the Substantial Grants for 2021/22. Ten applications are recommended for ratification as shown in Table 1 below.

Also included is a summary of Mayor's Grants awarded since the last report at the Town Matters meeting on 16 June 2021.

There is a total budget of £55k for Substantial Grants for the year 2021/22. Organisations could apply for between £5k – £6k. However, the panel will consider applications for up to £10k in exceptional circumstances. 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. For the very first time the applicants were invited to attend this meeting. They were given the opportunity to hear the discussion between Cllrs and also provided an opportunity to answer questions the panel had. Cllrs and applicants agreed that this worked well, and they would like to continue this into the future. With further covid restrictions lifting it would be hoped to invite members of the public to attend the meetings as well.

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. Substantial grants £5,000 - £10,000 - for ratification

	Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
1	Edventure	Enterprise support for Frome	6000	5000	
2	Frome Swimming Club	Kids/Junior Water Polo Section Within the Club	5565	1000	
3	Active & In Touch	Core Activity 1:1 Befriending / Volunteer Driving / Shop for Me	6000	6000	

4	Frome Selwood Tennis	Construction of a New Community Tennis Pavilion for Frome	9100	2000	
5	Openstorytellers	Get Connected	5000	3000	
6	Focus Counselling	Open to All	5000	2000	
8	Fair Housing for Frome	Frome Renting Alliance	6000	4000	
9	Purple Elephant	Core or project costs – wanted to apply for flexible funding which can be used for core or project costs as necessary	6000	6000	
10	The Pod	Core costs	5000	5000	
12	Friends of the River Frome	Our River Project	10000	2000	Contact Kate Hellard for support with improving application writing
	TOTAL		£66,665	£36,000	

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

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason not to fund/further recommendation
Frome Memorial Theatre	Electrical Safety - Portable Appliance Testing Capability	2526	To be considered under the community grants scheme in the next round, Sept 2021. In the meantime, link with the Share Shop who may already have a PAT tester.
GO - OP	Engaging disadvantaged people in sustainable transport apprenticeships	9995	The panel felt the project was not specific enough to Frome. Recommend linking with Edventure and SS&L.

2. Ratification of the Mayor's grant awards

Awarded since last reported at the Town Matters meeting on 16 June 2021

Applicant	Project	Amount awarded
South Oakfield Road Virus Assistance Group	Residents Street Party	£100
The Friends of The Mount, Marston and Keyford	Play Rangers	£207.43
Victoria Road Neighbourhood Group	Victoria Road Street Parties and Play Streets.	£288

Recommendations

1. Ratify the awards for substantial 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