

Agenda Item 5

For ratification – Community Grants

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 27 September 2021 to consider twelve applications for the second round of the Community Grants for 2021/22. Eight 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 4 August 2021.

For this round there was a budget of £20k, leaving circa £35k for two more rounds for the year 2021/22. The next round will be open until Monday 31 January 2022. 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
38	FACLT	Community Housing land search	3000	3000	
43	Nova	Frome Otters hydro club	2612	2612	
44	Jackdaws	The Year of Klezmer	800	800	Cllrs would like to visit Jackdaws and understand benefit of community grant
45	Trio Paradis	Trio Paradis: Lunchtime Music at Christ Church	810	810	
46	Frome Tennis Club	Reaching Out Scheme to provide free club membership and coaching to juniors whose parents are on a low income	2000	1000	Funding given for 1 year. Evidence of uptake required to fund for 2 nd year.
47	Cultivating Community (Walled	Garden Connect	3000	3000	

	Garden Nursery)				
48	Frome Birth Talk	One to one in person counselling	3000	3000	
49	Make the Sunshine	Make a Change	2300	2300	Before payment is made ensure that the events in Frome can still run if funding from Mendip community fund is unsuccessful.
	TOTAL		£20,522	£17,522	

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

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason not to fund/further recommendation
Frome Carnival	Frome Carnival	3000	GAP are keen to support the Carnival with application writing. Would then like to consider a resubmission for the next round
Touching Tones Music Therapy	Music therapy for mothers and babies, pre-schoolers with social communication issues	3000	Not enough evidence of the benefit to Frome residents. Happy to consider a resubmission if this was evidenced.
Frome Festival	Community Play	3000	GAP would like to see more evidence of the benefit of this project to the residents of Frome. Offer to support Frome Festival to reshape the application for this project and would welcome the idea of a community play, with a resubmission of a grant application in the next grant round.

2. Ratification of the Mayor's grant awards

Awarded since last reported at the Town Matters meeting on 4 August 2021

Applicant	Project	Amount awarded
Trinity Street North Neighbourhood Group	Trinity Street North Neighbourhood Group street party – public liability insurance.	£59
Alexandra Road Neighbourhood Group	Alexandra Road Playing Out.	£288

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