

Agenda Item 4

For ratification – Substantial and Community Grants

For Decision – Rollover the unspent grants budget to 2022/23

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 11 January 2022 to consider four applications for the second round of the Substantial Grants for 2021/22. All four applications were proposed for approval. The Town Clerk approved them, and it is recommended that this committee ratifies this decision. The four applications are in table 1 below.

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met again on 8 February 2022 to consider twelve applications for the third round of the Community Grants for 2021/22. All twelve applications were proposed for approval. The Town Clerk approved them, and it is recommended that this committee ratifies this decision. The twelve applications are in table 2 below.

Also included is a summary of Mayor’s Grants awarded since the last report at the Town Matters meeting on 6 October 2022.

1. Substantial grants

Organisations can apply for a grant of between £5k and £6k. However, the panel can consider applications for up to £10k in exceptional circumstances. All applications are assessed by the GAP 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. Substantial grants £5,000 - £10,000 - for ratification

No.	Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
13	Frog Life	Somerset Green Pathways for Life / Wild Memories	6000	6000	Frog Life provide an up to date summary of the timescale of this project with more detailed outcomes in order to monitor a measurable impact.
14	Frome Collegians	Old Showfield toilets	5000	5000	FTC approve the planning application FTC grant permission as the land owner

					Full planning permission is received The toilets are made available to Community organisations and FTC for events including Park Run
15	Frome Festival	Frome Festival 2022	10000	10000	
16	Frome Memorial Theatre	Replace Obsolescent Theatre Lighting Control Desk	6000	6000	GAP would like future applications to show a more strategic approach to fundraising. Support can be provided through FTC.
	TOTAL		£27,000	£27,000	

2. Community grants

For this round there was a budget of £35k, leaving circa £8k. It is proposed to add this remaining money to the community grant budget for 2022/23. 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. The Town Clerk has approved these decisions and therefore, the table below is for ratification.

Table 2. Community grants £300 - £3,000 - for ratification

	Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
50	Frome Festival	Community Play	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
51	Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley	Helping Children Make Healthy Choices	£1,075.00	£1,075.00	
52	Loop: Frome (Frome Compost CIC)	Compost Central	£2,825.00	£2,825.00	
53	Frome Town Band	Beginners Band	£1,639.00	£1,639.00	
54	Frome Station Friends	Disused Platform Planters	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	
55	We Hear You	Family Support Sessions	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
56	Photo Frome	Photo Frome Festival of Photography	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
57	Jellyfish Theatre	The Wagon of Dreams	£800.00	£800.00	
58	Young People Frome	Multicultural Frome	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
59	The Write Place	The Write Place Recovery Drive	£1,730.00	£1,730.00	GAP recommend increasing membership and diversify their

					demographic. Offer FTC help with publicity and wider support
60	Frome Field to Fork	Wellbeing and horticulture activity programme Spring/summer season 2022	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
61	The Good Heart Frome	365 days of kindness	£2,730.00	£2,730.00	
	TOTAL		£27, 299	£27, 299	

3. Ratification of the Mayor's grant awards

Awarded since last reported at the Town Matters meeting on 6 October 2021

Applicant	Project	Amount awarded
Packsaddle Community Group	Resources	£300
Frome Open Art Trail	The Frome Art Open Trail	£300
Frome Gateway Club	Christmas Party	£300
Frome Neighbourhood Group	Keyford Christmas Singalong	£100.80
Phoenix House and Court	Silver Swans Ballet sessions	£300
Macular Society	100th birthday party and fish and chip lunch	£200
PACE	Trip to Weston Super Mare	£300

Recommendations

1. Ratify the awards for substantial grants in table 1
2. Ratify the awards for community grants in table 2
3. Add the remaining £8k from the 21/22 community grant budget to the budget for 2022/23
4. Ratify the Mayor's Grant awards detailed in table 3
5. Delegate authority to the Community Development Manager to ensure the recommended conditions are met and review the impacts of this funding as appropriate