

Agenda Item 7

For ratification – Community Grants

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) met on 27 February 2023 to consider twenty applications for the final round of the Community Grants for 2022/23. Fourteen applications were proposed for approval. The Town Clerk approved them, and it is recommended that this committee ratifies this decision. The fourteen applications are in table 1 below.

The GAP also recommended to fund the Purple Elephant application through the remaining substantial grant funding as the project aligned with the cost of living work.

1. Community grants

The remaining budget for the Community grants was £30,033.30. 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.

GAP agreed to fund Purple Elephant for their project, family support services, out of the substantial grant fund. This was because the services provided by Purple Elephant are helping with the cost of living crisis. They agreed to fund them up to £5,000 to better support their offer.

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

	Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
20	Mind your Music	Music and Drama for mental wellbeing workshops in Frome, Somerset 2023	£3,000.	£500	
21	Frome Community Education	Free access IT drop in sessions	£1,170	£1,170	
22	YMCA Brunel Group	Frome Youth Club	£3,000	£3,000	
23	Wessex Counselling & Psychotherapy	Youth Space	£2,400	£2,400	
24	Young People Frome	Multicultural Frome	£3,000	£3,000	
25	Frome Festival	Frome Festival 2023	£3,000	£2,000	

28	Musicians Southwest CIC	Trio Paradis Free Monthly Cafe Concerts at Christ Church	£2,500	£500	
29	Wessex MS Therapy Centre	Specialist Physiotherapy for members with Multiple Sclerosis	£3,000	£3,000	
31	Gardening Together CIC	Gardening Together	£3,000	£3,000	
32	Openstorytellers	Sensory Stories	£2,242	£2,242	
33	SHARE Frome Library of Things	SHARE How-to	£3,000	£2,000	
34	Dorothy House Hospice	Community Palliative Care Team	£3,000	£3,000	
36	Frome Birth Talk	Frome Toddler Talk Group	£2,988	£2,988	
37	Jellyfish Theatre	The Jungle Book	£450	£950	The Frome Festival (which this project is part of) were part funding, it was decided to reduce the funding for Frome Festival and increase the funding to the full amount. GAP liked the wider community appeal
	TOTAL		£32,750	£29,750	

Table 2. Unsuccessful Community grants – not recommended.

No.	Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason
26	Active & In Touch	Art/craft workshops prior to art exhibition	£2,800	GAP did not see the value for this, small number of participants
30	Lumiar School	Lumiar moves to Frome	£2,480	Not comfortable funding a private school
35	Frome Memorial Theatre Trust	Assembly Rooms Tables	£3,000	Other sources of funding or procurement of furniture available
38	Wise Children	Environmentally sustainable energy systems at The Lucky Chance	£3,000	Already well funded from other sources
39	Frome Field 2 Fork CIC	Wellbeing and horticulture activity programme Spring/summer season 2023	£3,000	No urgent need for funding demonstrated. Future apps should demonstrate clearly defined impact

40	Teched Off	Safer screentime for kids	£3,000	Internet safety already covered in national school curriculum.
	TOTAL		£17,280	

Table 3. Mayor's grants awarded since the last report in August 2022

Applicant	Project	Amount requested
Frome Lit Fest	Frome Lit Fest (specifically children and families weekend)	£300
Victoria Road Neighbourhood Group	Public liability insurance for Victoria Road Street Party	£59
Frome Families for the Future	Eco Festive Crafts	£300
People for Packsaddle	Ecological survey	£300
Hayesdown First School PTA	Forest School	£300
St Catharine of Alexandria Roman Catholic Church	Cake and craft morning	£300
Friends of North Parade Woods	Planting at the edge of the wood	£300
The Good Heart	Outreach during the Kindness Festival	£300
Packsaddle Community Group	Packsaddle Play Park	£300
The Good Heart	Caravan of Kindness	£300

Recommendations

1. Ratify the awards for community grants in table 1.
2. Ratify the decision to award Purple Elephant with funding from the substantial grants fund instead
3. Ratify the decision not to award community grants in table 2.
4. Note the Mayor's grants awards since the last meeting in August 2022 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