

Agenda item 8

For information – Mayor’s Grants April 2026 to August 2026

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Summary

The Mayor’s Small Grants fund was introduced in 2015-16 to assist smaller organisations and are approved by the incumbent Mayor and Town Clerk. Each applicant can request up to a maximum of £300.00 to go towards an event. Previous grants have been to subsidise a trip to a theatre show or to replace some equipment such as a strimmer that had been stolen.

Successful applications April to August 2026

Since the start of April 2026, four Mayor’s Grant applications have been successful and received an award of £300.00 each (£1,200.00 in total).

1. Frome Valentine’s Lamp – To maintain the Valentine Gas Lamp in good working order and to put on the lamp lighting ceremony once a year.
2. Frome Cello Club – To allow all ages and abilities to take part in music making. Showcasing local talent and expanding the minds of the Frome population.
3. Frome College Combined Cadets – Use of the West Wiltshire Youth Sailing Associations facilities.
4. Young people Frome – Anti-racism education and training for communities and schools (SARI).

Unfunded applications April to August 2026

Two applications did not receive funding at this time.

- Frome Pubwatch
- Armed Services Outreach – expected to be resubmitted.

Other options considered	None
Key considerations for the Council	To be informed of the funding granted outside of the Grants Committee process.
Consultation and feedback	None
Links to Council Plan and Medium-Term Financial Plan	This links to Aim one: Grow community wellbeing
Financial and Risk Implications	There is a maximum budget, therefore it is for the Town Clerk and Mayor to monitor the total of grants awarded so they do not exceed the annual budget.
Legal / HR Implications	None
Equalities Implications	The majority of Mayor’s Grant applications are for very specific groups and organisations.

	Accessibility to the members forms part of the project. We will, however, begin to consider how equalities implications can be woven into the grants application and awarding processes linking to our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion work.
Community Safety Implications	None. No application would receive funding if this was suspected.
Climate Change and Sustainability Implications	Applications that demonstrate a commitment to this would be considered favourably.
Health and Safety Implications	None. As above with community safety, a project that could have these implications would not be funded.
Constitutional Requirements	None
Background Papers	None
Report Sign-Off	Peter Wheelhouse, Town Clerk, 14/08/26