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Meeting: Arts, Culture & Tourism Committee, Item ACT2.6

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Subject: Community Grant Applications

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 For Councillors to consider and agree for the grant applications to be presented with the budget proposal at the Policy and Resources meeting on 9th November 2021 with recommendations for which grants to consider in the budget for the financial year 2022/23.

1.2 The applications in this report amount to £22,500 and are in addition to the budget proposal which will be presented to the Policy & Resources Committee at their meeting on 9th November 2021.

1.3 Application forms have been received from Make the Sunshine, Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorders Association (SWEDA), The Good Life Projects, The Rubbish Art Project.

2.0 Grant Requests

Group/Organisation	Amount Requested	Reason for Requesting Grant	Criteria Checked/ Info Rec'd
Make the Sunshine	£4,000	To support the Window Wanderland and All the World's Our Playground Festival events during 2022.	Yes
Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorders Association (SWEDA)	£1,500	To support SWEDA (Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorders Association), with the amount of £1,500. The grant would be used to continue the support SWEDA give to current and new clients.	Yes

The Good Life Projects	£12,000	To aid the improvement of 12 acres to make it accessible to all with the long term idea to reinstate sustainable farming and progress education in the teaching of animal care and rare-breed conservation.	Yes
The Rubbish Art Project	£5,000	To facilitate the running of the 'Sheptopoly' event during the summer of 2022.	Yes

3.0 [Financial Implications](#)

3.1 The grant applications for 2021/22 were considered as a part of the whole budget proposal. Therefore, Councillors may agree to the above applications for 2022/23 being presented with the budget proposal at the Policy and Resources meeting to be held on 9th November 2021.

3.2 The grant requests above total £22,500. Awards made will be added in to the overall budget proposal.

4.0 [Recommendations](#)

4.1 For Councillors to consider and agree for the grant applications to be presented with the budget proposal at the Policy and Resources meeting on 9th November 2021 with recommendations for which grants to consider in the budget.

4.2 For Councillors to consider whether Community Grants, awarded as part of the budget, should be a responsibility of the Policy & Resources Committee from next financial year.