



Andover Town Council

To **receive** and **approve** a grant application from: Afest
2025

Item No.

12

Produced for: Community & Events
Committee

By: Communication and
Events Manager

Date of Report: 5 February 2025

Name of applicant organisation:	A-Fest Andover CIC
Amount requested:	£2,500.00
Subject of application:	A-Fest 2025: Andover's family festival, showcasing opportunities for young people aged 5-18.

Summary

Location of Project / Event:	Andover High Street
Date of project / event / purchase of asset:	Sunday 27th April 2025
Project description:	A-Fest is a vibrant youth and family festival held in the heart of Andover, aimed at bringing the community together through a fun, engaging, an inclusive day of activities. Organised by A-Fest Andover CIC, the event provides a safe and welcoming space for families and young people to connect, explore opportunities and celebrate local talent. The festival features a diverse range of activities, including live music and performances, interactive workshops, sports demonstrations, arts and crafts, and wellbeing sessions. A key focus is on inspiring and empowering young people by showcasing opportunities for personal development, career exploration, and community involvement.

Information supplied on the application form

Which groups of people will benefit	A-Fest will benefit a wide range of people in Andover, with a primary focus on young people aged 5-18 and families. It will provide young people with access to safe, inclusive activities, opportunities for personal growth, and connections to local organisations, charities, and career pathways. Families will benefit from a free or low-cost day out, offering entertainment, education, and a chance to connect with the wider community. The event will also support local organisations, charities, and businesses by giving them a platform to engage with the community, promote their services, and build partnerships.
How many people will benefit	Approximately 3000 - 4000 people will benefit from A-Fest. This includes around 1,200 young people accessing activities and opportunities, 2,000

	families enjoying a free or low-cost day out, over 50 local organisations gaining exposure and engagement, and 150 community members and volunteers connecting and fostering a stronger community spirit.			
What evidence of need for the project, activity, event, equipment or service can you provide us with?	There is clear evidence of the need for A-Fest in Andover. Local surveys, including the Unity Youth Provision Report, highlight a lack of safe, inclusive activities for young people, with over 800 expressing a desire for more opportunities to connect and grow. The event addresses social isolation by bringing families and young people together, fostering a sense of belonging and pride in the community. With cost often being a barrier, A-Fest ensures inclusivity by offering free or low-cost activities. Additionally, It creates opportunities to showcase local talent, introduce career pathways, and connect young people with community projects, addressing gaps identified by stakeholders.			
Total project amount	£7,975.00			
Amount applied for and as a percentage of total	£2,500.00			25%
Financial breakdown of costs	Item	Cost	VAT	Total
	First Aid, Security & Stage	£1,120	£280	£1,400
	Licenses, Insurance & Legalities	£240.00	£60	£300
	Promotion	£400	£100	£500
	Setting up event, with leaders, stalls and materials	£3640	£910	£4,550
	Sessional time	£400	£100	£500
	Contingency (10%)	£580	£145	£725
	Total	£6,380	£1,595	£7,975.00
Have previous grants been awarded by ATC	Yes, not within this financial year.			
Have all previous grant reports been received?	Yes			
Other Funding applied for:	Hampshire County Council - £1,000.00 Test Valley Borough Council - £1,000.00			
Are financial reserves and expenditure in	Yes			

line with ATC policy?	
Have all the other documents been received?	All documents except for the event insurance. See below. Natwest Bank can only provide statements from months where there have been transactions, therefore some recent months are missing from the application pack.
Has insurance been checked?	No, this has not been purchased yet due to the Organisation needing the grant funding to pay for the event insurance. This document will be issued to Andover Town Council ahead of the event taking place as confirmed by the applicant.
Has a Risk Assessment been received?	Yes
Are other licenses / permissions required?	Yes
Are other licenses / permissions obtained?	Yes