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Report

Report subject: Western Area SWAG Applications Tranche 3 2005/6

Report to: Western Area Committee

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SOUTH WILTSHIRE AREA GRANTS SCHEME

Recommendations of the Western Area SWAG Review Panel -

Third Tranche Grant Applications 2005-06

In the third tranche of the South Wiltshire Area Grants Scheme (SWAG), four applications were received. A summary of these applications, detailing projects for which funds are requested, together with the recommendations of the SWAG Review Panel, are set out below.

Please note, if any member would like to see the applications in full together with supporting papers, these will be available on request from the Area Co-ordinator either before or at the meeting.

Funds available for distribution in the financial year 2005-2006

SWAG BUDGET

The total SWAG Budget for the Western Area Committee in 2005-06 is £24,350.

The Committee allocated £7,600 of this in the first tranche of 2005/6 and £4,006 in the second tranche.

This leaves a balance of £12,744.

DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

The Western Area Discretionary Budget for 2005-06 is £7,500.

TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING

Therefore, funds available for distribution in the third tranche are as follows:-

SWAG: £12,744 DISCRETIONARY: £3,750

The Review Panel's recommendations total £8,600.









2. Summary of Grant Applications received:-

Application No: WAC/05-06/T3/01 - Swallowcliffe Village Hall Management Committee

Sum requested - £5,000 to re-roof and re-insulate the village hall including the removal of asbestos. Technical Officer: John Dowsett (Community First)
Officer Priority Rating: High

The members noted the following points:

- The Village Hall is owned by the Parish Council. Therefore the Parish Council should be invoiced for the work and claim it back from the Village Hall Committee as the Parish Council would not be charged VAT.
- 2) The members did not wish to recommend that the redecoration be paid for by the Committee and therefore the recommendation is for £200 less than the total amount requested.

Recommendation

- 1. That £4,100 be awarded in favour of the Swallowcliffe Village Hall Management Committee.
- 2. That the following conditions be attached to the grant:
 - a) The lowest tenderer has not specifically mentioned the cost of coping with and disposing of asbestos material. The Committee should satisfy themselves that the contractor is aware and will comply fully with the current regulations.
 - b) While this building work Is going on the Committee might wish to consider using a further part of their reserves for any other work which it would be economic to address at this stage while not depleting their reserves completely.

Application No: WAC/05-06/T3/02 – Kilmington and Stourton Cricket Club

Sum requested: £2,000 to refurbish the existing all weather pitch including new carpet and timber edging. Technical Officer: Louise Cary Officer Priority Rating: High

Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council wrote to the Review Panel to inform the members that the Parish Council fully supported the application. The Parish Council felt that the club was very beneficial to the local community and was supported by many young people in the Parish.

Members noted that the club had been running for over 50 years and there were a number of both adult and vouth teams in existence.

Members were also impressed that the club had achieved Club Mark Accreditation and all of the coaches were fully trained.

Recommendation

That £2,000 be awarded in favour of Kilmington and Stourton Cricket Club.

Application No: WAC/05-06/T3/03 - Katy Lee

Sum requested: £1,500 to deliver creative dance workshops to four identified community groups in Mere culminating in a public performance at King Alfred's Tower at Stourhead.

Technical Officer: Rachel Efemy Officer Priority Rating: High

The members felt that the community workshops were very important, and whilst it was acknowledged that this project was a stand-alone event, they would like to see the workshops continue if at all possible.

Recommendation

That £1,250 be awarded in favour of Katy Lee.

Application No: WAC/05-06/T3/04 - Maiden Bradley Youth Club

Sum requested: £1,250 to pay architect's fees for the provision of a development plan to incorporate the renovation/replacement of the youth club building, improvement of the shower/changing facilities at the adjoining swimming pool and the provision of an improved/surfaced sports area.

Technical Officer: Amber Skyring Officer Priority Rating: High

The members felt that the project was very worthwhile and would benefit the local community. However, the members were concerned that they had not received an official documentation proving that the Youth Club was responsible for the swimming pool and changing facilities.

Recommendation

That £1,250 be awarded in favour of Maiden Bradley Youth Club and that this grant be subject to:

- a) The Youth Club providing the Committee with a copy of the lease demonstrating that it has the responsibility for the swimming pool and changing facilities.
- b) The Youth Club updating its constitution to reflect the management responsibility of the swimming pool and the changing facilities.
- c) The Youth Club adopting a Child Protection Policy.

Background Papers:

Completed South Wiltshire Area Grant Applications

Implications:

- Financial: As set out in report.
- Legal: None, other than compliance with SWAG criteria by SWAG applicants where grants have been successful.
- Personnel: None.
- Community Safety: None.
- Council's Core Values: Excellent Service, supporting the disadvantaged, protecting the environment.
- Ward(s) Affected: Wards within the Western Area of Salisbury District.
- Consultation Undertaken: District Councillors of the Western Area Grants Review Panel and Parish Councils.