

# Report

**Report subject** : Western Area SWAG Applications Tranche 3 2006/7  
**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 2006- 07**

In the third tranche of the South Wiltshire Area Grants Scheme (SWAG), five applications were received. A summary of these applications, detailing the 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 application in full together with supporting papers, these will be available on request from the Area Co-ordinator either before or at the meeting.

#### **1. Funds available for distribution in the financial year 2006-2007**

##### **SWAG BUDGET**

The SWAG Budget for the Western Area Committee 2006-07 was £16,000.  
Funding spent in tranche 1 was £3,253.  
Funding spent in tranche 2 was £5,000

##### **DISCRETIONARY BUDGET**

The Western Area Discretionary Budget for 2006-07 is £7,500.  
Funding spent on Refuse Compaction Vehicles is £3,030

##### **TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING**

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

SWAG : £7,747  
DISCRETIONARY: £4,470

If the members are minded to approve the panels' recommendations, these total £8,000 and would leave a SWAG balance of £0 and a Discretionary balance of £4,217.



Awarded in:  
Housing Services  
Waste and Recycling Services



## 2. Summary of Grant Applications received:-

### **Application No: WAC/06-07/T3/01 – Nadder Hall, Tisbury**

Sum requested - £4,638.90 for the refurbishment of a Steinway concert grand piano.  
Technical Officer: Rachel Efemey, Principle Arts and Community Officer.  
Officer Priority Rating: Medium  
Total cost of the project: £5238.90

Mr Steer of Nadder Hall spoke in support of the application. He explained that the previous owners The Salisbury Operatic Society had decided not to fund the restoration work to the piano after they had received the quote from Steinway. They had therefore donated the piano to Nadder Hall. He informed the review panel that at present Nadder Hall rent a piano for productions, which were put on at the Nadder Music Café. He felt that the restoration of the piano would be a great asset to the village, as it would help to make Tisbury a hub of musical activity for all ages.

The members noted the following points:

The grant requested is for the refurbishment of a Steinway grand piano. Nadder Hall had already raised a sum of £600 from just one musical event, and were planning several other musical events throughout 2007. Tisbury Arts Group were now using Nadder Hall as their main venue. Funds from events such as these and revenue from the hire of the hall would go towards further maintenance after the initial repair work had been carried out. Nadder Hall would be able to reclaim the VAT as they are a registered charity.

#### **Recommendation**

- (1) That Nadder Hall be awarded £3,500 with the following conditions:

That if Nadder Hall ever intended to sell or pass on the piano to another organisation, they inform Salisbury District Council and request permission to do so.

### **Application No: WAC/06-07/T3/03 – Shaftesbury & District Task Force**

Sum requested - £3,500 for website construction and promotional goods.  
Technical Officer: Celine Mills, Economic Development Manager  
Officer Priority Rating: Low  
Total cost of the project: £15,880

Mrs Louise Plumridge of Shaftesbury & District Task Force spoke in support of the application. She explained that the current web site was in a poor state, and in need of development and that promotional goods were needed for the forthcoming Town and Country Enterprise Fair. It was their aim to create opportunities for local businesses, and to promote various training opportunity schemes for local youths.

The members noted the following points:

The grant requested is for website construction and promotional goods, to promote businesses in the Shaftesbury and District area, which may be used by some residents of the neighbouring areas of the Salisbury District. At present the businesses which are promoted on the website and at the fair provide no financial support towards the projects.

Despite several attempts by the Technical Officer, the Shaftesbury and District Task Force had not taken her advice to rewrite their application so that funding was directly sought for website construction alone.

#### **Recommendation**

- 1) That Shaftesbury and District Task Force be awarded £500 solely towards the construction of the website, with the following conditions:
  - a) That the website include a link to the SDC Business Support page on the council's website

- b) That Shaftesbury and District Task Force be advised to contact the businesses involved to seek their contributions towards the cost of the project.

**Application No: WAC/06-07/T3/04 – Zeals Village Hall**

Sum requested - £1,000 To remove existing urinal bowls/cistern and pipe work and replace with new..  
Technical Officer: John Dowsett, Village Halls advisor – Community First  
Officer Priority Rating: Medium  
Total cost of the project: £2,000

Mr Poynton – Honery Treasurer and Mrs Waterfield - Chairperson of Zeals Village Hall, spoke in support of the application. They explained that the current toilet cistern dated back to the 1920's and was in much need of replacement. Apart from the toilets the building was in good condition and was widely used by all areas of the community.

The members noted the following points:

That although Zeals Village Hall held sufficient funds in reserve, those funds were ear marked for the purpose of installation of some disabled toilet facilities in the future, as the hall did not currently have any. The hall is widely used by the Youth Trust, Bridge Clubs, Luncheon Club, and the Senior Citizens Welcome Club among others, and therefore the refurbishment of the toilet facilities in the Village Hall would benefit the community as a whole.

**Recommendation**

That Zeals Village Hall be awarded £1,000.

**Application No: WAC/06-07/T3/05 – Wylve Valley Art Trail**

Sum requested - £500 For the design work and publication of a guide map.  
Technical Officer: Rachel Efemey, Principle Arts and Community Officer.  
Officer Priority Rating: High  
Total cost of the project: £10,200

The members noted the following points:

That the grant requested is for the design and print of a guide map for the Wylve Valley Art Trail 2007, promoting individual artists, their exhibitions, workshops and courses in the Wylve area. The Wylve Valley Art Trail had received WAC SWAG funding on more than one occasion in the past.

**Recommendation**

- 1) That Wylve Valley Art Trail be awarded £ 500, with the following condition:

That this be the last year that WAC SWAG would be used to fund the project.

**Application No: WAC/06-07/T3/06 – Bishopstone Village Hall Management Committee**

Sum requested - £2,500 for a new entrance to the hall, straight off the car park at the rear of the building.  
Technical Officer: John Dowsett, Village Halls advisor - Community First.  
Officer Priority Rating: Medium - Low  
Total cost of the project: £14,000

Mr Barter – Chairman of Bishopstone Village Hall, spoke in support of the application. He explained that there was a need for a new entrance at the rear of the Bishopstone Village Hall to enable disabled visitors access in to the building. There had been some difficulty in acquiring the three quotes, which were required, but after contacting seven contractors, they had now secured the requisite quotes for the work.

The members noted the following points:

That the grant requested would provide much needed disabled access to the Bishopstone Village Hall, enabling a wider section of the community to use the facilities provided there in. The planned building work would also go some way to alleviate the damp problems at the rear of the building. The Village Hall would try to claim back the VAT from the cost of the building work, as this could be done if they could prove that there was a need for a disabled access.

**Recommendation -**

That Bishopstone Village Hall Management Committee be awarded £2,500.

**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:** **Bishopstone, East Knoyle & Wilton** within the Western Area of Salisbury District.
- **Consultation Undertaken:** District Councillors of the Western Area Grants Review Panel and relevant Parish Councils.