

# 230720 (090) FOI Funding to Whithorn Trust

**From:** [Freedom of Information](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Freedom of Information](#)  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request  
**Date:** 20 July 2023 14:30:00  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 23 June 2023 regarding SOSE funding to The Whithorn Trust. The request has been considered by South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and we are pleased to provide you with the following response.

FOI REQUEST (23 JUNE 2023):

I would like to request information regarding a funding application made by [REDACTED] from the Whithorn Trust which I believe to be in the region of £220,00 for the Old Town Hall, Whithorn.

Page 19 of your annual report across 2021 – 2022 mentions funding allocated to the Whithorn Trust. However we cannot find this funding anywhere on your website. I had previously enquired to you and was sent a link to the sister charity of the Whithorn Trust (All Roads Lead to Whithorn) which was incorrect.

My Freedom of information request is outlined below:

1. Could you clarify any funding that has been applied for by the Whithorn Trust in 'addition' to the £6,636 Enterprise Grant Awards that is listed on your funding grants April - June 2021.
2. Could you confirm the dates of this funding.
3. Who was the application completed by and on behalf of who?
4. Has the funding been paid out to the Whithorn Trust? If not, why?
5. If it has, has the funding been spent or part of it?
5. If you could also let us know what the funding application was applied for? A 'museum' was mentioned by you in your annual report. We assume it was for the Old Town Hall?
6. If you could forward us a copy of the application form.

SOSE RESPONSE:

The section you refer to in our Annual Report (page 19) is provided below and does not mention funding allocated to The Whithorn Trust.

*"Across 2021/22 we invested just over £1.6m of our own funding to support a number of Heritage, Regeneration & Development projects across the South of Scotland, six of which involved A-Listed buildings: including The Haining in Selkirk, Paxton House in Berwickshire, Abbotsford Trust Melrose, Whithorn Museum in Galloway, Ellisland Trust in Dumfries and Jedburgh Bakery".*

Response to Question 1:

We confirm The Whithorn Trust has not applied for SOSE funding other than the £6,636 grant award which is listed on our [website](#) .

Response to Questions 2-6:

As The Whithorn Trust has not applied for or received other SOSE funding outside the £6,636 grant award we do not hold the information you have requested in questions 2 to 6. We therefore apply Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to notify you that we do not have the information you requested.

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

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Regards,  
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