

# Grants Programme

## Guidance notes

## Scouts Scotland Grants Programme

Please have a read through this document before filling in your funding application – it is filled with some top tips to explain your project in the best way. There are some general questions at the top followed by some more specific guidance relating to the individual grant programmes.

Remember at any time you can contact the Development Grants team at [hello@scouts.scot](mailto:hello@scouts.scot) if you need some guidance.

### Who can apply?

Funds are open to all Groups, Districts and Regions in Scotland, unless it says otherwise in the specific grant programme guidance below. Any Scottish member can submit an application but you must give a referee who can vouch for your project – usually your Executive Committee Chair.

### When do I have to have my application in by?

We have removed the application deadlines to make the process easier for you. The Development Grants Committee meets quarterly so we'll make sure your application gets to the next meeting whenever you submit it, and we'll let you know when you should expect a decision. Grants of £500 or less can be decided by a fast track process and you would usually have a decision within three weeks.

### Specific grant programme guidance

#### Additional Support Needs Grant

- Grants are to support young people with additional needs to access Scouting.
- Grants will be awarded to provide specialist equipment, training for volunteers or to allow a carer or other support to attend an activity to support a young person.
- Adaptations to buildings will not be considered under this fund.
- You can apply for any amount up to £2,500.

#### Adventurous Activity Training and Permits

- For adventurous activities training and permits, we are able to fund up to 1/3 of the course costs up to a maximum grant of £200.
- This could be training in Scout skills, a Scout permit, an external qualification, permit assessment, or the assessment of an external qualification.
- This fund is not able to offer financial support to assist in the Scouts UK modular training, which is required of an adult leader.
- You'll need to be able to provide details of your course, including costs, location, title, and dates, as well as the purpose of the course.

#### New Section Start Up Support

- We want to help you set up any new sections so this fund will either provide you with a Start Up Box (which contains everything you need for a new section from books to games equipment) or the equivalent sum (£400) in financial support for specific needs.
- You must choose either a Start Up Box or financial support, and if it is financial support, you need to be clear about what you want it for – hall hire, specific equipment etc.
- If you live in an area of deprivation you may be entitled to support from the Scout Association of up to £1,000 – you can find out more about this [here](#).

## Scout Brand Update

- We truly believe that the new Scout brand will help make sure that Scouting is clearly understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in today's society. We have a small amount of funding available to help Groups with the cost of updating their materials to the new brand.
- We have two options available for accessing this fund:
  1. We can fund £40 towards the cost of a new meeting place sign from the [UK brand centre](#).
  2. You can apply for up to a third of costs (maximum of £200 will be funded by Scouts Scotland) towards more substantial projects, including vehicle and trailer livery, and other promotional materials.
- You can only apply for one of these options, so if you would like a meeting place sign as well as other materials, you should go for the second option and clearly detail all of the items you are planning to update.
- For either option you will need to be able to send a preview – or 'proof' – of your artwork to us to approve before you complete your order. We will send you information for how to do this if you are successful in your application for this funding.
- One of the questions will ask you what difference this will make to the perception of your group – for this, we just want you to think about who sees your branded materials, and what you want them to think about Scouting.
- If you are successful in receiving funding for a meeting place sign, we will be able to add the money directly to your Brand Centre account, which will save you any hassle.
- The funding available for this is limited, and once it's gone, it's gone. We expect this to be popular, so we suggest you try to move on this as quickly as you can.

## Scottish Scout Adventures Centres Travel Fund

- This fund contributes £20 towards the travel costs of every eligible young person or leader visiting one of our three Scout Adventure Centres in Scotland: Fordell Firs, Lochgoilhead, and Meggernie.
- For example, if you are taking a group of 20 young people to Scout Adventures Meggernie and five of the individuals are eligible for this funding, £100 will be discounted from your total booking, freeing up £100 from your budget to spend on transport.
- To be eligible for this fund:
  - Your young person or group is from an area ranked 1 or 2 in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (you can find this out [here](#)), or your young person or group has been identified as needing financial assistance by Scouts Scotland.
  - Your young person or group is unable to access an adventure residential because there is nothing within reasonable reach (due to living in a remote or rural place) making transport costs so high that they become a barrier.
  - You have started a new section within the last 12 months and fall outside of the above criteria.
  - You are booking a programme that focuses on the development of leadership and team working skills of your young people.
- For more detailed information of this fund, please check out our full [eligibility criteria](#).

## Support for Scouting in areas of deprivation (for Scouts, Explorers and Network)

- This fund is designed to provide extra support for Scottish Scouting in areas of deprivation, recognising the unique challenges groups and families face.
- We are particularly keen to get more young people involved in Scouting so think about how you could grow your sections with this support.

- We can fund camps and activities at our three Scout Adventures Centres in Scotland, provide practical support to grow our membership in areas of deprivation, start-up funding for new sections, and support for leadership training for leaders and young leaders.
- Let us know the postcode for the area that you provide (or will provide) Scouting in to start a conversation on how we can help.
- If you would like support for Beavers or Cubs in areas of deprivation, please have a look at the guidance for the development of Scouting below.

### Support for the development of Scouting

- This fund supports the development of Scouting at a local level in line with the Scouts Scotland Strategy.
- We're keen to see projects that will support Scouting in areas around growth, inclusion, innovation and volunteer development.
- You should be as creative as possible with your idea – test something out, try a new approach, see what works – as long as your aim is to grow, be more inclusive or develop your volunteers.
- We are very open to projects that will grow and sustain Scouting in areas of deprivation so please ask for support for new ideas or to sustain good work.
- We will not fund equipment or programme unless you can point to a specific development purpose
- There is no maximum to what you can apply for but most grants will be under £2,500. However, if you have a good idea that will cost more, ask!
- We would expect to see some element of match funding – not necessarily 50/50, but a contribution from your Group/District/Region or from other sources – this is to make sure the project has buy-in locally.

### Top tips to making your application successful

- Tell us very clearly what your project is about – don't be vague, don't assume we know the background to your Group, and spell out what you want to do with the grant.
- Be clear about the change you expect to see as a result of this grant – for example, if you would like funding for equipment, tell us what difference it will make to young people – how will you know you've made a difference?
- Be realistic about what you hope to achieve – don't make claims that you aren't sure you can deliver.
- Get someone else to read your application before you submit it – you'd be amazed how many inadvertent mistakes we all make!
- Think outside the box – don't be afraid to think of new ways of doing Scouting – we don't always have to do things the same way! If you have an idea that hasn't been tried before, give it a go – it could be the next big thing!
- The form will save at various points and email you a link so you can pick it up later. This means you can take your time with your application to make sure you're happy with it – don't worry, we won't be able to see it until you press the 'submit' button.
- It's really important that you make sure your email address, phone number, and membership number are correct – if they're not, we won't be able to get in touch with you to progress your funding application.
- **If at any point you are unsure or need some help, just get in touch – we're here to help you get what you need. Just drop us a line at [hello@scouts.scot](mailto:hello@scouts.scot) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.**