

Grant Aid for Scouting (Headquarters Special Funds & Headquarters Loans)



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General Policy

Fundraising is an essential skill for Scout Groups, Districts and Counties to develop. Before undertaking any fundraising or applying for grants, reference should be made to Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR 5.55 - 5.61 inclusive) and the policy statements on Finance and the Scout County, Rule 5.47 and onward. A copy of POR can be obtained from The Scout Information Centre.

Although it is an accepted principle that Groups and Districts should be self supporting, grants and loans from outside sources are available as long as the Group raise a proportion of their own income. However, no Group should expect something for nothing: before applying for grant aid from any source it is advisable to raise a percentage of the total cost to demonstrate a commitment to the project. For fundraising ideas please refer to the Fundraising factsheet FS190018.

Before an application is made to any outside funding source it is recommended that applicants in England and Wales consult their Field Development Officer or Fundraising Adviser and those from Scotland and Northern Ireland contact their respective Headquarters at the earliest possible point in the planning stage.

Applications for grants or loans from whatever source must also be supported by the District Commissioner and, if the County/Area Commissioner so directs, be approved by the County/Area Commissioner himself or by a representative approved by them for that purpose.

All grant aid applications from Scotland must be submitted to Scottish Scout Headquarters.

NB: LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE MAJORITY OF GRANT GIVING BODIES WILL NOT PROVIDE RETROSPECTIVE FUNDING

Consequently, they will not fund a project if work has already begun or if any financial commitment has been entered into prior to notification from the funding body.

Local Funding

County Councils/Unitary Authorities and more localised government including District, Borough and Parish Councils may be able to offer funding to voluntary organisations.

It is worth taking into account that the timetable for considering applications varies between Authorities, with frequently as much as a twelve-month lead-time. It is a great advantage for your Group to establish a good relationship with the Officer dealing with applications and with the Councillors that are members of the appropriate committee. These are important factors that will contribute to the success of your grant application.

The Scout Information Centre

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Headquarters Funds

Brief details of the Funds administered by Headquarters are given below. Unless otherwise stated, applications should be made to:

The Grants Secretary
Fundraising & Sponsorship Department
The Scout Association
Gilwell Park
Chingford
London
E4 7QW.

For further information and to request an application form please contact the Fundraising and Sponsorship Department at Gilwell Park by telephoning The Information Centre on 0845 300 1818. Application forms can be also be downloaded from the Fundraising section of ScoutBase UK.

The District Commissioner concerned must approve applications to Headquarters Funds for grants towards the cost of uniforms, helping with individual expenses in respect of camp fees and for individuals who wish to take part in a training course in the United Kingdom. The District Commissioner and County/Area Commissioner must approve all other applications.

Benevolent Fund

To be used for the benefit of Scouts, Scouters and past Scouts in the United Kingdom only. It will assist members and ex-members in genuine distress.

Charles Guy Knight Fund

To assist Scouters who are unable to afford the cost of attending courses excluding those held at Gilwell Park.

Cornwell Memorial Fund

To assist Scouts who have qualified as Cornwell Scouts as long as they are still members of the Movement.

Explorer Belt Fund

To subsidise Explorer Belt Expeditions. Applications should be made to the International Department at Gilwell Park.

King George VI Leadership Training Memorial Fund

To assist with Scout, Explorer Scout and Adult Leader Training. Grants are also available for Specialist Courses. Applications to this fund must be submitted via your Scout County no later than 30th November each year on Form KG6. Forms are available from the Grants Secretary of the King George VI Fund at Gilwell Park.

Sir Harold Gillett Memorial Fund

To help pay the expenses of special needs Scouts and also members in need to visit London and stay at the BP House Hostel.

Roy Thomas Hedger Memorial Fund

To assist disadvantaged Scouts with camp fees, Cub Scout or Scout uniforms, or equipment for special needs Scouts. Preference is given to applications from Greater London North, but after 30th June each year applications from other areas will be considered. All Greater London North applications must be authorised by the County Commissioner.

International Friendship Fund

To assist UK representative contingents and Scout Groups attending camps and jamborees abroad and Groups acting as hosts to foreign Scouts and Scouters attending training courses or camping with British Scouts in the UK.

Applications should be made to the International Department at Gilwell Park.

J L Dawson Fund

To help fund the training of Sea Scouts in the North of England, particularly Merseyside and the Tyne areas.

London Grants Fund

To assist with camp fees or Cub Scout or Scout uniforms for members in the old County of London.

Lord Hyde Memorial Fund

To assist Scouters, who could not otherwise afford to do so to attend training courses at Gilwell Park.

Needy Groups Fund

To assist Scout Groups that have individual members who cannot afford to attend camp or purchase uniform.

Ralph Reader Memorial Fund

To assist deserving individuals of the Scout and Guide Movements under the age of 20 years. Grants can be made towards camp fees, travel to events and career training. Applications should be made to The Secretary of the Ralph Reader Fund at Gilwell Park.

Sea Scout Admiralty Fund

To assist Royal Navy recognised Sea Scout Groups to obtain boats and equipment and to develop Sea Scout Training. This fund requires the Group to contribute 50% towards the cost of the project.

Sea Scout Development Fund

Originally used to help Sea Scouts to acquire boats, it can now be used for the general development of Sea Scouting.

Trinity House Fund

To assist non-Royal Navy recognised groups in obtaining boats/equipment or for contributing towards the cost of training courses. This fund requires the Group to contribute up to 50% of the cost of the project.

W Taylor Air Scouts Fund

To provide gliding scholarships, equipment, refurbishment of HQs and training for Air Scouts.

Treloar Fund

To assist individual special needs Scouts and the general development of Scouting for those with special needs. It will also help provide disabled facilities in Scout buildings.

William Johnson Yapp Fund

To assist Scouts to attend Scout functions outside the United Kingdom. Applicants should apply to International Department at Gilwell Park.

Although grants are non-repayable it would be greatly appreciated if recipients of Grant Aid from Headquarters could make some repayment, however small, at a subsequent date. This will assist some other Group, District or County to receive Aid that it would otherwise not be possible to give.

The Scout Association Loans

Capital Loans

Capital loans are available to Groups, Districts and Counties/Areas towards the capital cost of providing land or buildings.

These are available on a matching pound for pound basis up to a maximum of £50,000. The loan is repayable in equal instalments due 31 December each year. Interest is charged annually at Barclays Base Rate on the amount outstanding January 1st each year. The loan is repayable over a maximum 10-year period. Security for the loan must be provided, and the District Commissioner and County/Area Executive must approve any Group or District application.

Information Technology Loans

IT loans are available to Counties/Areas for the purchase/upgrade of IT equipment. The maximum loan is £2,000, is interest free and repayable over a maximum four-year period.

For further details and an application form for either Capital or IT loans, please contact the Fundraising & Sponsorship Department at Gilwell Park.

Exchanges and Overseas Visits

A factsheet is available from the International Department giving details of other sources of funding for exchanges and visits abroad.

Several Scouting Trusts mentioned above may also be able to assist with overseas visits.

Other Scout Trust Funds

The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust

This independent Trust Fund distributes over 150 grants to Scout and Guide Groups each year. The trust makes small grants (usually up to £1500) to Groups to help with the costs of purchasing Scout equipment and repairing HQs. It also gives

assistance to individual Scouts for overseas camps. **Applicants are advised to show evidence of their own fundraising when submitting bids.**

Applications should be made directly **in writing** to:

Mr J Byrnes
The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust
Ground Floor Offices
52 London Road
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL1 1NG

Other Sources of Funding

Grants can also be obtained from a large number of **Charitable Trusts and Foundations and from Companies**. Details of Trusts and Companies in your area are available from the Fundraising & Sponsorship Department at Gilwell Park.