

County Grants Overview

Essex County Scouts have funds available to assist with development of Scouting in the County. All the grants are administered through the County Grants Team. The grants are accessible by completing the appropriate application form and getting it to the County Grants Team Administrator in time for one of the thrice yearly Team meetings. The only exceptions to this are applications for Start-Up grants for a new Section, Support Fund grants and County Assessor Training grants, which are fast tracked.

Occasionally other grants become available, mainly with a fixed window of opportunity, to apply for.

The only grant that currently has a fixed grant is the Start-Up grant, all other grants are decided by the Team, up to a limit set by the County Trustees, and it would be extremely rare for the Team to make a 100% grant.

Most grant applications require Groups/Districts to be signed up to Gift Aid and a current set of accounts to be presented. What actually is required is made clear on the appropriate application form. An incorrectly completed form and/or lack of appropriate documentation will of course hold up the application and the District Lead Volunteer has an obligation to check that forms from their Groups and District are completed correctly and appropriate documentation is included.

Generally, grants are paid direct to the Group/District/County Activity Teams only when the project is underway and the money needed for payment.

Note: Proforma invoices are acceptable.

All grant application forms can be downloaded from the County Web Site or be obtained from grantsboard@essexscout.org.uk and most can be completed electronically. You will need to save them to your computer.

Please make sure you are using the latest form as they are continually being reviewed and the latest date is shown at the bottom of all the forms and in brackets by the side of each of the grants below.

If you are not sure which form to use or if your project would qualify for a grant, send an outline to the above email for advice.

Details of some other grant making bodies and information on fund raising can be found on the County Website.

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Building Projects (June 2024)

Any building or related project having to do with property in Essex Scouting will be considered but normally it will mainly be to do with new building or major renovation works.

In exceptional circumstances a short-term loan can also be made.

Equipment (June 2024)

These grants are available to assist Groups and Districts to purchase major items of equipment.

Start-Up (June 2024)

Grants of £200 are given for new Sections and Explorer Scout Units.

These grants can be applied for up to six months retrospectively.

If your new section is in a deprived area, you may be able to apply for a grant from Scout HQ.

County Activity Team Support (June 2024)

Grants are available to support the work of County Activity Teams by providing new or replacement equipment.

County Assessors (June 2024)

Grants are available to assist with training and qualifications.

Additional Needs (June 2024)

A special fund is available to support the work with members who have Additional needs and applicants should also check to see if the Additional Needs Fund at Scout Headquarters can assist.

It is recommended that the HQ paperwork is sent electronically to Gilwell Park as there have been a number of occasions when the applications have gone astray.

Air Activities (June 2024)

The County Grants Team continues to support this activity in a small way and welcomes small grant applications in this area.

Anyone applying for an air activity grant to assist with any form of flying and flying instruction must be fully conversant with all the relevant PO&R rules on air activities.

Support Fund (June 2024)

This fund is for those Districts, Groups, Units and Individuals where support is required, as a result of the increasing cost of living pressures.

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