

District Development Fund

Helping to grow Scouting in Petworth & Pulborough District

The District Development Fund is a grant-giving fund to promote and support the overall development of Scouting in Petworth & Pulborough District, including (but not limited to) adventurous activity training. Petworth & Pulborough District is keen to encourage and support the training and development of those wishing to lead adventurous activities and events within Scouting in the District.

The District Development Fund is drawn from the Petworth & Pulborough District reserves built up from fundraising, donations and other sources of funding. Groups, Units and individuals are eligible for this fund.

What can be funded?

These funds can be used (but are not restricted to) for the following:

- Specialised external courses which will provide benefit to Scouting in Petworth & Pulborough District. For example, qualifications in adventurous activities, such as climbing, archery, target sports, paddle sports, caving, mountain leadership, hillwalking, campfire leader, expedition advanced first aid.
As a guide, a successful applicant will commit to using these skills for the District (which may include for the benefit of a different Group) at least twice in the first year of the award.
- District public relations and recruitment resources and materials etc.
- High profile “one off” public relations District activities and events.
- Development planning events.
- Providing financial support to new Scout Groups and opening of new Sections in the form of start-up grants.

The final level of funding will be based on a recommendation by the District Finance Committee to the District Trustee Board for their final approval.

Who can apply?

Any adult member of the District, or any Group/Unit or District team looking for support to develop and expand Scouting in the District.

How to apply?

Applications should be sent to grants@pandpscouts.org.uk. Under normal circumstances applications should be received at least 6 weeks before a District Trustee Board Meeting and at least 28 days before the start of any course.

Grant conditions

Grants must be agreed prior to expenditure, but will be paid on sight of receipts/invoices

Matched funding is always sought, when appropriate.

Maximum grants of £250 per application, or 50% of costs whichever is the lower amount.

If a recipient fails to attend or complete a course then the full amount of the grant becomes immediately repayable to the District.

The District will not grant funds for any ‘retakes’ of end of course tests/exams, nor will they grant funds to the same individual within 12 months to re-sit the same course.

If a member leaves Scouting within 12 months then the full amount of the grant becomes immediately repayable to the District.

Applicants (individuals, Groups or Units) are only eligible for one grant award in a financial year.

Other potential sources of funding

There are several other potential sources of funding that individuals and Groups/Units should explore, including:

West Sussex Scouts Startup Grants [www.westsussexscouts.org.uk/leaders-resources/grants-and-loans-policy]

UK Scout HQ Grants: Training and Permits Fund - Grants to help people gain permits and lead activities [<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/grants-and-funds-for-your-local-group/grants-from-ukhq/training-and-permits-fund/>]

Leslie Sell Charitable Trust - This independent Trust Fund makes small grants to Groups to help with the cost of making repairs, purchasing sundry items of equipment, or trips in the UK or overseas [www.lesliesellct.org.uk/]

District Development Fund – Application Form

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Group/Unit Name/Member		Date	
Why do you want financial support for?	<input type="checkbox"/> Course/Qualification <input type="checkbox"/> Development planning event <input type="checkbox"/> Section start up <input type="checkbox"/> Other development project		
Provide full details of the event/project, course/qualification			
Outline the anticipated outcomes for the proposed grant and how this will benefit the District and your Group			

Use a separate page for further details, if necessary

For course/qualification, provide a list of participants		
Group/Unit Bank Account Name	Sort Code	Account Number

Budget (Provide a copy of the proposed budget for any event/project)	
What is the full cost?	
What is the contribution from the Group/ Unit?	
List other sources of funding (planned and secured)	
Total grant requested	

- I believe that the information provided is true and accurate.
- I confirm that the named person(s) are current members of The Scout Association and, to the best of my knowledge, have not received a grant from the Development Fund in the past 12 months.
- I understand that any grant awarded must be used for the stated purpose and to support the people declared.
- I have read and accept the grant conditions regarding grant repayment (if appropriate)

Name of Contact Person		Email address	
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Please send your completed application form and supporting document to: grants@pandpscouts.org.uk

Amount of grant proposed by District Finance Committee		Date of District Commissioner/ District Lead Volunteer Approval		Date of Trustee Board Approval	
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