

In 2017 the District was lucky enough to be left a substantial legacy from a member of a local community in the Borders. This money is accessible for Groups and individuals to access through the following application routes.

All applications are initially assessed by a sub-committee of the District Executive comprised of the District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner, District Co-Chairs, and the District Treasurer. Any unsuccessful application has a right of appeal to the full District Executive. Any application of more than £500 will automatically be considered by the full District Executive.

With the exception of the Accessibility Fund, all grant applications are made using an online form available on the District website.

If you have any quotes or costing breakdowns it is helpful if you provide these with your application. Once you have made a submission you should email these to grantssubcommittee@borderscouts.org.uk.

Grants Aimed at Individuals

Accessibility Fund

This fund is aimed at enabling all members – young people and adults - of Scouting in the Borders to access the full Scouting programme on offer in their local area, regardless of their own financial circumstances. There is no formal form to fill out for this fund due to its nature – any member (or leader of a youth member) wishing to access the fund should make contact with a member of the sub-committee noted above.

Applications to this fund are strictly confidential and details of applications are not shared further than the sub-committee noted above.

Participation Fund

This fund is aimed at breaking down participation barriers created by the unique geography of the Scottish Borders. Applications are welcome to support transport to District, Regional and National activities including accessing the Regional campsite at Bonaly and using the Scout Activity Centres operated by UK and Scottish Headquarters. Applications are also welcome to support international camps and other opportunities where transport costs may be a barrier to participation.

Leader Development Fund

This fund is aimed at supporting the long-term provision of Scouting by upskilling leaders through training. Applications are welcomed in support of training costs, the cost of transport to access a training course, or the cost of arranging a local course or event where there is sufficient demand. In particular, this fund is available to support the training and assessment process for adventurous activity permits.

Grants Aimed at Groups and Sections

Programme Grants

Funding is available to support the delivery of Scouting in the Borders, and for equipment to provide experiences for young people. Examples of items which could be funded include new camping equipment, materials to deliver a new variety of programme to young people, or technology which removes the expectation of needing to have a computer or tablet at home.

Structure Grants

Facilities owned by Scouting can benefit from funding to upgrade hall equipment, provide new facilities such as audio-visual capabilities, support the funding of public access defibrillators or the purchase/hire of storage units used to secure equipment.

Skills and Equipment Grants

Many activities require additional equipment in order for young people to enjoy them fully. Funding can support the purchase of canoes or kayaks, harnesses for climbing and roped activities, or any other equipment that can be used to help members develop a new skill.