



Development Grants Board (v2. Oct 2009)

The remit of the Development Grants Board (known as the DGB) is:

“To be responsible for the disbursement of grants from all Scout Association restricted and designated funds, where those funds are intended to support local (Country, Regional, County/Area, District, Members Group) Scouting or individual.”

This summary document provides the current list of funds administered by the DGB and their purpose, showing the types of things which are currently being funded. Further details can be obtained from <http://www.scouts.org.uk/cms.php?pageid=1037> and <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/development/grants/index.htm>

Further details can be obtained from the DGB Manager or Administrator at Gilwell Park. (Tel 020 8433 7100)

The websites and factsheets are currently being redeveloped to bring all the information together into one place, with an online application form. Future updates will be promoted as priorities change and/or funding become available

What do we fund?

Things we can fund include:

- Start up grants for all new youth sections
- Supplement Grants for recipients of a Start up grant to support their first year membership fees
- Development planning events, where the outcome is a new Development Plan (for Districts, County/Area or Scottish Regional levels)
- Capital equipment for Districts/Counties/Areas/Regions to promote Scouting
- Training Adviser recruitment, retention and support
- Small projects aimed at the recruitment of new adult volunteers
- Major, long-term development projects, which include the employment of a paid Development Officer(s)
- Capital equipment to support the delivery of adult training
- Training for Young Leaders, Executive and other committee members
- Training for trainers
- Training workshops to help users understand 'My Backpack', 'Programmes-on-line' and other HQ website resources and tools
- Support to support Activity Assessors training and updates
- Attendance at a Permit Assessment Course
- Support for members in need to attend camps/events both in the UK and abroad
- Explorer Belt Expeditions
- International community development projects
- Hosting a Group from abroad in the UK

- Support for members in need to purchase uniform
- Support for opening a new Group in a recognised area of social deprivation
- Support for minibuss driver training and assessment (D1+E)
- Support for Sea Scout and Air Scout Groups, both 'recognised' and 'non-recognised'
- Support for the development of Special Needs scouting, and support for individual members with special needs to participate
- Support to provide access to Scouting premises for those with special needs, members and the public

Things we do not generally currently fund

- The refurbishment or building of Scout premises
- Minibusses and general purpose trailers
- Costs of general Wood Badge Leader training
- Day-to-day running costs e.g. gas, electricity, rent
- Promotional literature and 'give-aways' e.g. leaflets, posters, advertising, pens/pencils, balloons, badges, stickers
- General scouting equipment e.g. camping and other activity equipment, craft materials and scout publications
- Computers for the administrations of records or other general administrative duties
- Staff costs for local Administrators, camp site staff or activity instructors

The above lists are not exhaustive and are regularly reviewed by the Development Grants Board, subject to the Association's policies and priorities, together with the availability of funding and the wishes of any external organisations and individuals who provide funding, to disperse to local Scouting.

HQ Funds

The DGB manages a number of Funds on behalf of the Association, for the purpose of supporting the development of local Scouting. The summary details of each fund are as follows:

- The Benevolent Fund
 - “Supporting members, individuals and groups and focussing on areas of community development, particularly helping new groups in areas of deprivation.”
 - To support the establishment of new Groups in 'recognised' areas of deprivation
 - To support the establishment of new Groups in other locally recognised 'community development' areas
 - To support individual adult members for the costs of camps, events, travel, uniform and other out-of-pocket expenses (within the UK) when in personal financial hardship. Membership Fees and core training costs are excluded

Limits: The general maximum grant to be £2,000 at no more than 50% of total costs. In exceptional circumstances a single one-off grant of up to 100% funding could be awarded to a beneficiary Group up to a maximum of £3,500

- The Training and Development Grants Fund
 - “A fund covering all aspects of training and development for actual and potential Scout Leaders and encompassing the current remit of the Development Grants Board.”

- £100 Start up grants and Supplement Grants for new Sections
- Small Development Grants to support: Development planning events for Groups/Districts/Counties, capital equipment to promote Scouting, Training Adviser recruitment/support, local adult recruitment initiatives (**Limits: Maximum £2,000 on a matched funding basis**)
- Major Development Grants to support long term development projects focussing on the main priority areas of development, e.g. the employment of a local Development Officer to support the recruitment and retention of adult volunteers. (**Limits: Grants over £2,000, matched funding required, initially for a 3 year period, extendable up to 6 years**).
- The Special Needs Fund

“The Special Needs Fund supports individuals Scouts with Special Needs and the development of special needs scouting in general.”

 - Improving physical building access, linked to the provision of an Accessibility Audit
 - Provision of portable equipment; ramps, wheelchairs, induction loop systems, play equipment and similar items and mobility or other equipment in order that individuals can participate in scouting activities
 - Translators, signers for large events or adult training, provision of appropriate signage and information systems at events

Limits: The maximum grant is £3,500 per application, on a matched funding basis, other than in exceptional circumstances. One application per Scout unit per year.

- The International Fund

“The International Fund provides financial support for any projects that are aimed to increase international friendship amongst Scouts and Scouters.”

 - To support individual members in financial hardship for International camps, visits and exchanges, Jamborees (not the World Jamboree)
 - To support International community development projects, and Explorer Belt Expeditions
 - Some limited funding is also available from this Fund, to support members of Girlguiding UK

Limits: Grants are normally not provided as a block grant to support a whole Group/Section or camp, with a preference for applications to be received in support of members in financial hardship.

A maximum grant is £200 per individual member, with only one application per year accepted per individual member.

- The King George VI Memorial Leadership Fund

“A fund for projects connected or associated with the training of Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Members of the Scout Network, and potential and actual adults in Scouting upon application by Scout Districts, Counties, Areas, Regions, Countries or Headquarters of The Scout Association.

 - To support the provision of capital training equipment for adult training
 - To support Trainer training Modules, **not** core Wood Badge training
 - To support Young Leader training courses, Executive and other sub-Committee training, First Response and First Aid Trainer training

- To support adult members with their own personal development with regards to adventurous activity training (this is a discretionary award, limited to available funds)

Limits: These are reviewed annually by the DGB against a set of common items requested, with upper limits set for different items of equipment, internal courses and external courses. Grants are usually a maximum of 50% of actual costs, or less, depending on set limits. Grants are agreed prior to expenditure, but paid on sight of receipts/invoices.

- The Ralph Reader Memorial Fund

“To assist deserving individual members of the Scout and Guide Movements under the age of 20 years. Grants maybe given towards the costs of camp fees, Scout and Guide uniform, travel to Scout or Guide events, career training, convalescence after an illness, or any other purpose.”

- Limited to youth members under the age of 20 years, from both Scout and Guide organisations
- To support purchase of uniforms, camps and events in the UK and abroad (normally the International Fund will take up applications for camps abroad, where possible)
- Support to costs of other events including travel costs both within and abroad, for individuals in financial hardship
- Any other purpose considered worthy of support by the Board, benefitting a youth member under the age of 20 years.

Limits: Maximum grants of £200 per individual for camp fees, or 50% of costs whichever is the lower amount. For other purposes a grant of 50% of costs is the norm.

- The Minibus Club Fund

“To aid individual Scout Leaders for driving minibuses and other associated costs e.g. tachometer/seat belts.”

- To support individual adult leaders with MIDAS training
- DVLA D1+ E training and assessment (for minibuses and trailers)
- Safety equipment for minibuses

Limits: 50% match funding, up to a maximum of £500 per individual. Grants to individuals for training and assessment can only ever be made once. (This Fund is limited in resources and the need maybe moved to another Fund in due course)

- The 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.”

- To support the purchase of boats and equipment
- To support training courses towards a national governing body award
- To support other such purposes so as to develop Sea Scout training

Limits: Only for Royal Navy recognised Sea Scout Groups. Only one application per Group per financial year allowed, where Funds are available. The maximum grant is £2,500, on a match funding basis.

- The 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.”

- To support the purchase of boats and equipment
- To support leader/ instructor training, particularly NGB qualifications
- Safety equipment, including safety boats and related equipment
- Building refurbishment related to the above

Limits: The maximum grant is £10,000, on a matched funding basis. Priority is given to non-RN recognised Sea Scout Groups, though water activity teams and centres may apply also. Grants over £5,000 are the exception and are on a matched funding basis.

The overall Fund is not very large, with Water Activity team and Centre applications usually invited towards the end of the year to allow Groups access to the Fund first. The Fund is provided by an external donor and annual changes to limits and purpose maybe made.

- The W.T. Taylor Air Scout Fund

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

- To support the purchase of planes and other equipment
- To support air training, and air experiences for youth members; simulator flights, gliding and other flight experiences
- To support the general costs of Air Scout Groups, building costs and development

Limits: Grants are up to a maximum of £2,500 or 50% of costs, whichever the lower. Only one application per Scout Group per financial year allowed

- Cornwell Memorial Fund

To use the interest in the form of an annual bravery award of 10 x £500 plus make an award of £1,000 when the (Cornwell) badge is awarded instead of applications.” (This remit is currently under review by the DGB)

- The Development Fund (Designated) and The Future Growth Fund (Designated)

In the Annual report of 2007/8, it was noted that both funds were now administered by the Development Grants Board,” to provide additional funds on top of those already available in the existing restricted fund” and “to finance a variety of projects relating to the medium/long term growth of Scouting”. Grants for the current Building Project Pilot Project are being made from the Development Grants (Designated) Fund.

General notes:

The majority of grants are provided on a matched funding basis, except in exceptional circumstances, with the exception of the £100 Start Up grant and Supplement grant. Some limits/restrictions are determined by external donors, whilst others are set by the DGB by way of maintaining a level of equality between similar Funds. The size and level of use of Funds also can determine the restrictions imposed in order to ensure a ‘fair share’ is maintained. Retrospective applications are **never** accepted and all applications generally require to be received a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the event or need. All applications require the support of the Line Manager to the applicant body e.g. DC for a Group application and so on.