Accessing adventure fund

Girlguiding North East England

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Please read these guidelines carefully before completing the application form.

Finances should never be a barrier for a volunteer or young member to take part in a Girlguiding adventure, which is why we have created this grant scheme to support members.

Thanks to funding from Girlguiding we are able to offer an Accessing adventure fund this year. The fund is available to counties, divisions, districts and units to help subsidise adult volunteers and young members guiding adventure costs.

Grants will be considered by the Region finance and risk group.

If successful they will be paid by BACS into a unit bank account, they cannot be paid into a personal bank account.

Application period

Applications are open between 12 May and 31 October (subject to availability of funding)

About the fund

Accessing adventure fund –breaking barriers, Girlguiding are working hard to remove the barriers to accessing adventure to enable more girls to experience adventure which is local and accessible.

Who can apply?

Any unit, district, division or county who requires financial assistance to make an adventure more accessible. (Parents/carers cannot apply – units should apply on their behalf)

To ensure that grants are awarded fairly, you will be asked to confirm how many volunteers or young members need financial support.

You can apply for this grant even if you have been in receipt of other Girlguiding grants if financial support is still needed.

What can be funded?

The grant can be used to cover the costs directly incurred by adult volunteers and young members participating in Girlguiding adventures or indirectly by adventure organisers to reduce the cost of making it more accessible for members. This could include:

- Transport funds for adventure trips/activities/events
- Hiring qualified instructors to take activities for girls whilst reducing the cost
- Making events inclusive to all – support could be financial or providing specialist equipment
- Girls' confidence in getting involved – providing sportswear for girls – for example sports bras or period pants

If you need any help with completing this grant application email info@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

Information required.

How will you spend the grant, e.g., travel costs, instructor costs, specialist equipment.

To ensure this money is supporting those most in need the application should be submitted with:

- Current bank statement(s) – no more than 3 months old
- Costings of the event you are planning to attend
- Budget (income and expenditure) of the event you are planning to attend

Support for talking to parents about money!

It may be difficult to talk to parents/carers about money to find out if they need support. It also may not be obvious which families need additional support or they may try to hide that they are struggling. To ensure everyone feels able to speak to you about financial worries it is important to let all parents and young members in your unit know that there is support available to help them and invite them to come and speak to you.

Here is some helpful information which can be used to support a member living in poverty or from a low-income family.

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-volunteers/running-your-unit/including-all/social-inclusion/cost-of-living-support/

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/our-stories-and-news/blogs/help-withmaking-guiding-more-affordable/

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/our-stories-and-news/blogs/how-tosupport-low-income-families-to-join-your-unit/

Other financial support available to units

Please check the region website:
https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/volunteers/finances/
And the Girlguiding website:
https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-volunteers/running-your-unit/finance-insurance-and-property/grants-and-funding/

Please contact info@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk for more information.

Download the application form:
https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/volunteers/finances/