

Unit Support Grant Criteria

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 Girlguiding, which is why we have created this grant scheme to support members.

Thanks to a funding from Girlguiding we are able to offer a Unit Support grant this year. Our Unit Support Grant is available to units to help subsidise adult volunteers and young members guiding costs.

Grants will be considered quarterly 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.

About the grant

The purpose of this grant is to ensure all adult volunteers and young members are able to participate in Girlguiding.

The grant can be used to cover the costs directly incurred by adult volunteers and young members participating in Girlguiding.

Who can apply?

Any unit who requires financial assistance.

Applications can only be submitted by a unit, parent/carers cannot apply.

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?

- Grant funding can be used to cover the costs directly incurred by a volunteer or young member participating in Girlguiding, including:
- Annual Subscriptions – the subscription fee to take part in Girlguiding, including support for flexible volunteering opportunities if the unit is unable to fund e.g., a student volunteering or a volunteer who can only attend on certain days due to shift working or caring responsibilities.
- Unit Subscriptions – where the cost is prohibitive for a young member taking part in meetings.
- Rent – costs incurred to hold regular meetings.
- Travel – costs incurred by the volunteers getting to/from Girlguiding activities, who could not otherwise afford to regularly attend.
- Uniform – any item of uniform.
- Special Events and Trips – where the cost is prohibitive for a member taking part.

If you need any help with completing this grant application email

info@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

When grants will be awarded?

If successful, grants will be awarded within 28 days of approval.

Information required.

How will you spend the grant, e.g., hall rent, unit struggling to pay Girlguiding annual subscription. You must spend it in a way that delivers one or more of the following:

- Support girls from poorer socio-economic backgrounds to access Guiding.
- Enable existing young members to continue to benefit from Girlguiding.
- Enable units to keep operating.

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
- A copy of the unit's current years' accounts to date

- A copy of your most recent independently reviewed accounts
- A note of rent costs.
- What young members pay in subs.
- Does this include annual subscriptions.
- Have you received any other grants or funding.

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/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/includingall/social-inclusion/members-living-in-poverty/>

<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-to-support-low-income-families-to-join-your-unit/>

Other financial support available to units

Currently there are also other funding opportunities (from external sources) available to Guide and Ranger units to increase capacity or open new units. If you are looking to:

- Increase the number of young members from poorer socio-economic backgrounds who can access Guiding.
- Expand our provision in deprived areas where we have no presence.

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

Download the application form:

<https://girlguidingnortheast.org/unit-support-grant/>