



The County gives financial grants to Girlguiding South Yorkshire appointment holders and members. The grants are either paid from the General Fund or from a specific designated fund when the grant application falls into that category.

General Fund - Training

Grants are not available to enable volunteers to attend general training sessions including programme, First Response and Safe Space as these are a legitimate expense in the level's accounts.

County training weekends organised at a Girlguiding training centre or equivalent may be subsidised by the County. The level of subsidy and who should benefit from it will always be discussed and agreed at a County Executive meeting.

An individual who wishes to participate in any other training may apply to the County Commissioner in writing for a standard grant of 33% towards the cost of the training session provided that it is recognised as an "appropriate" training i.e. when attendance at the training will be of benefit to the County in delivering the Girlguiding programme.

The request will be discussed at the next Executive meeting following the receipt of application and their decision is final. If the grant is agreed it will either be paid direct to the individual or to the organising body whichever is most appropriate. Where there is a financial need the % can be increased up to 100% after discussion and agreement between the appropriate Division Commissioner and the County Commissioner.

When a Girlguiding South Yorkshire County appointment holder is either directed or expected to attend a training which is not funded either in whole or part by the organising level, the county will reimburse 100% of the training cost which the participant has to pay.

The grant will either be paid direct to the individual or to the organising body whichever is most appropriate.

General Fund - UK Trips via Selection Process

County trips organised within the UK do not automatically qualify for grant payments however financial support may be considered to contribute to any fees incurred by a leader of the trip or to give a total grant to the group to either cover a specific cost or to contribute to general costs incurred.

A request from the trip leaders or a proposal from a member of the Executive Committee or the appropriate County Sub-committee should be made to the County Commissioner in writing who will take the request to the next County Executive meeting for a decision. This decision will be final.

Any monies allocated will be a transfer to the trip in the County's books. If there is a financial surplus on the trip, the amount of grant given will be taken into account before any monies are paid back to the participants.

County International Grant Fund - International Trips via Selection Process

Grants are available to young members who are selected as a participant in an International Trip. They must be under 19 years of age at the time of the trip and cannot receive more than two such grants from the County.

Grants are available to adults who are selected to be leaders on an International Trip. These grants are not specifically limited by number but the executive committee reserves the right to review the number of grants received by any one individual and to refuse a grant where they feel it appropriate to do so.

All grants will be paid to the organising body and not to the individual member except for a county organised trip when the grant will be a transfer in the County's book from the grant fund to the specific trip fund.

Grants available are -

Selected by NEE / HQ	Up to 20% of the total cost with a limit of £400
Selection for NEE ICE	Up to 20% of the total cost with a limit of £400
Organised by County	Up to 15% of the total cost with a limit of £150

Young members and leaders who are selected to travel abroad should apply via the County Commissioner in writing for a grant towards the cost of their trip. Young members will need to include their age at the time of the trip.

Helping Hand Grant Fund

Grants are available to -

- Any individual member, within Girlguiding South Yorkshire, whose financial circumstances prevent or limit their membership or the activities they can participate in.
- Any unit which experiences financial difficulties because of a particular event or circumstance which is beyond their control or any unit who wishes to purchase a one off larger single item of equipment to provide new opportunities for the unit.

Individual Grants

- Up to 50% of the cost to enable them to take full part in joining Girlguiding activities with a limit of £20 including uniform and books.
- Up to 50% of the cost to enable them to take part in a non-selected trip or residential experience within the UK with a limit of £25
- Up to 15% of the cost to enable them to take part in a non-selected international trip with a limit of £100.
Details of the organising level's finances, commitment of the individual to any fundraising activities for the trip and details of any other grants / financial help received must be included with the application form.

Only one grant application per year will be considered for an individual across all the categories listed. (Year is defined as the County accounting year which runs from 1st July to 30th June e.g. 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021)

Unit Grants

- Up to 50% of the cost for the purchase of equipment to enhance Girlguiding activities with a limit of £50.
A copy of your latest year-end financial statement must be included with the application form.
- Up to £100 where units are struggling to meet running costs and where increasing the unit subscription would be prohibitive to girls continuing in Guiding. This includes rent and annual subscriptions.
A copy of your latest year-end financial statement must be included with the application form.

Only one grant application per year will be considered for a unit across all the categories listed. (Year is defined as the County accounting year which runs from 1st July to 30th June e.g. 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021)

Application process for a grant

- Application for any of the grants available must be made by the unit leaders on the Helping Hand Fund grant application form.
- Only one grant can be applied for on each form
- If additional information is specified as being required and it is not attached, the application will not be processed until this has been received.
- Applications will be considered at the next meeting of the County Executive Committee following the receipt of the application and their decision will be final.
- Grants awarded will be paid by cheque to a unit bank account.

Please note

- The number of grants available each year will be limited by the balance on the County Grant Fund.
- Grants cannot be applied for retrospectively
- The executive committee reserves the right to review the number of grants received by any one individual or by any unit and to refuse a grant where they feel it appropriate to do so.
- Grants will not be considered towards the following costs
 - Girlguiding UK programme resources as Girlguiding UK grants are available. (Information is available on the website.)
 - Outdoor trainings and qualifications as bursaries are available from NEE. (Information is available from the County Commissioner)