



# Bedfordshire Scouts County Grant Scheme Information



## How it will work as a County

### Funding Amounts

County Treasurer to consider current account situation and present to the County Executive together with a proposal for the amount to be allocated as grant funding for the coming year.

This 'Grant Budget' will be managed by the county office and monitored when grant applications are made. Information as to the amount of the budget remaining will be communicated to the County Chairman at different points during the year.

Applications received by the county office will be collated and communicated to the County Chairman who will organise a grants panel.

### Decision Making

The decision to make grants within the guidelines allowed will be delegated to the grants panel. This will be split into two parts:

- **Larger grants** – We shall recruit a number of adults from around the county who would be interested in supporting this process. This will include members of the County Exec, Members of the County Team, DCs and District Teams and GSLs. A register of people who have attended a briefing on the grants process will be available to the County Chairman and the County Office.

When larger grants are received, and no more than three months after, a meeting will be called to discuss the application. This will happen at different places within the county and will be led by a member of the County Exec or County Team. At least four people are needed for a quorum.

Applications will be judged against the guidelines and considering how the funding will support growth within the county. Decisions will be made at the meeting and feedback provided to the applicant and Executive using the form provided. Where applications are unsuccessful, feedback will be given, where possible with the offer of support to complete the project in a different way.

- **Smaller grants** – We shall ask three DCs, one in each are of the county, to lead a small team who will meet once or twice each year to consider smaller applications. This way, there will be around 6 meetings per year so applications can be considered quickly.

The DCs will be asked to form a small team from surrounding districts, which consists of approx. 50% young people and 50% adult leaders working in groups.



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When applications have been received and no more than 6 weeks after, the DCs, in turn, will be asked to hold a meeting which will need at least 4 members to be quorate.

At this meeting, the applications will be measured against the guidelines provided and decisions made. Feedback will be provided to the applicant and Executive using the form provided.

At each County Executive Meeting, there will be an agenda item where the Chairman will feedback on grants which have been made. If the Executive feel that any grants have not been made inline with the aims of the policy, changes to the guidelines can be made for future applications.