

Grants available

(Effective from October 2025)

General Notes

- All grant requests should be addressed to the county treasurer.
- Funding decisions are made by the county finance committee and their decision is final.
- With the exception of the unit hardship grant, grants are to assist individuals and are not normally awarded to groups.
- Retrospective applications for grants will not normally be awarded.
- Unless otherwise stated, payments for grants will be made to the relevant unit.
- All grants are reviewed annually and are subject to budget limits.

Unit Sleepover Grant

Paid where it would otherwise not be possible for a leader and/or girl to attend a sleepover event.

- £10 per member.

Requested by the unit leader and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

Applications should be received 4 weeks in advance of the event.

Camp And Holiday Grant

Paid where it would otherwise not be possible for a leader or girl to attend a camp or holiday event.

- £15 per member per night away.

Requested by the unit leader and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

Applications should be received 4 weeks in advance of the event.

Karolyn Culverwell Friendship fund

Paid where it would otherwise not be possible for a young member to attend a camp or holiday.

- Up to £50 per individual

Requested by the unit leader and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

Grants from this fund are payable in addition to the camp and holiday grant.

Pat Minchinton Legacy

Paid to help members between the ages of 14 and 30 to achieve a personal goal or challenge, ie

- A County, SWE Region, Girlguiding event that involves an individual challenge, adventure or community action project.
- Equipment, training or travel cost to enable the young person to attend a special trip or training course, gain a qualification or try something new.
- Up to £200 per member.

Applications must be made by letter from the individual member and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

A successful applicant is not precluded from applying for other county grants.

Grants For International Travel

Available to members representing Girlguiding at national, region or county level at an international event; for example, following an INTOPS selection for an international or GOLD trip.

- 20% of the cost up to a maximum of £300.

Whilst there is no restriction on the number of times members meeting these criteria may apply, the finance committee will consider second and subsequent applications based on merit.

Where the finance committee considers the number of adults to be disproportionate to the number of girls participating, grant requests will only be considered for those adults who are active members of the leadership team for the event. Grant requests will not generally be considered for adults travelling without girls.

For clarity, applications from members attending a unit, district or division holiday abroad will not be approved. Support for such trips is available under the terms of

the camp and holiday grant and/or Karolyn Culverwell Friendship Fund or Pat Minchinton legacy.

Applications for an international grant need to be made by an individual member as soon as possible following confirmation of selection. It is expected that the recipient of any grant will act as an ambassador to promote international travel with Girlguiding and provide a brief report about the trip. This can be in any format, for example: a video blog, an article for the county newsletter, social media posts, a presentation, a letter etc.

Where South West region or Hampshire West has responsibility for organising the international event, an individual member will be notified of the amount of the grant, with payment being made to the relevant organising body.

If a member is unable to attend an international event the grant must be returned to Girlguiding Hampshire West.

Uniform Grant

Paid to a member of Girlguiding Hampshire West on an individual needs basis

- £45 maximum per ranger, young leader or adult member.
- £35 maximum per rainbow, brownie or guide

Requested by the unit leader and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

Unit Hardship Grant

Paid to a unit with limited resources to assist in providing a full guiding experience to all girls.

The county finance committee has discretion as to the amount and frequency of payments.

All applications must include:

- the most recent set of annual accounts
- the current financial position of the unit
- the activity programme for the current term
- details of planned expenditure

Requested by the unit leader and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

Individual Hardship Grant

Paid to a member of Girlguiding Hampshire West with limited resources to enable the individual to participate in Girlguiding activities for which other grants are not available. Applications for this grant will only be considered if the local district or division does not have funds available to provide support.

The county finance committee has discretion as to the amount and frequency of payments.

Requested by the unit leader and endorsed by the district or division commissioner.

Training Grant

Paid to leaders, commissioners or advisers attending one of the following:

- Residential training at a guide training centre.
- Residential training at any other approved centre.
- First aid course run by an approved organisation.
- Life saving course run by an approved organisation.
- Any other course at the discretion of the finance committee. This would not usually include courses run by Hampshire West as these are already subsidised by the county.

The county will pay the full cost of region trainings where the leader/adviser is attending at the request of the county commissioner to fill Hampshire West's allocated places. In all other circumstances payment is limited to 50% of the course fee.