

<b>Designated Fund</b>	<b>SPECIAL NEEDS FUND</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To support 'special needs' projects or initiatives in Berkshire
<b>CEC Approval/Update</b>	March 2017, updated May 2018, updated January 2020, updated February 2023
<b>History</b>	<p>The Fund was originally set up as a 'restricted fund'. Despite strenuous efforts through historic information held by the County or with the Auditors, no information was found as to the criteria for funding. The matter was also discussed with the Charity Commission.</p> <p>The CEC decided in May 2018 to re-designate this Fund as a 'Designated Fund' with a wide purpose.</p>
<b>Funding</b>	<p>The Fund is believed to be from an original donation, which has not been added to.</p> <p>The Fund is open to other donations or any additional funds allocated to it at the discretion of the CEC on an ad hoc basis</p>
<b>Managers of Fund</b>	Simon Pickett (Chair), <b>CYC or DCYC</b> , County Treasurer (any two to agree funding)
<b>Details</b>	<p>The Special Needs Fund supports individuals Scouts with Special Needs and the development of special needs scouting in general.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving physical building access, linked to the provision of an Accessibility Audit</li> <li>• Provision of portable equipment; ramps, wheelchairs, induction loop systems, play equipment and similar items and mobility or other equipment in order that individuals can participate in scouting activities</li> <li>• Translators, signers for large events or adult training, provision of appropriate signage and information systems at events</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Criteria</b>	The fund is relatively small so grants will be limited, and generally on a matched funding basis, other than in exceptional circumstances
<b>Restrictions</b>	As detailed above
<b>Funding decision</b>	At the discretion of the Fund Managers, based on the criteria above
<b>Application process</b>	Email to <a href="mailto:grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk">grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk</a>
<b>Other information</b>	None