

<b>Designated Fund</b>	<b>ACTIVITY PERMIT FUND</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To assist in the cost of gaining permits in adventurous activities.
<b>CEC Approval/Update</b>	March 2018, updated January 2020, updated February 2023, updated April 2023
<b>History</b>	<p>Grants to support the gaining of permits for adults have in the past been available and amounts have been included in annual budgeting.</p> <p>In March 2018, the CEC agreed to set up a separate designated fund for the purpose.</p>
<b>Funding</b>	<p>An initial £10,000 was set aside for the fund, with the intention to top back up to this amount at the end of each financial year.</p> <p>Any additional funds could be allocated at the discretion of the CEC on an ad hoc basis.</p>
<b>Managers of Fund</b>	Bob Meldrum (Chair), Conor Chippendale, County Treasurer (any two to agree funding)
<b>Details</b>	<p>The scheme covers training to run all adventurous activities where permits are required including D of E Award expedition assessor and supervisor training, as well as first aid for adventurous activities.</p> <p>It is open to all Explorer Scouts, whether or not Young Leaders, as well as Scout Network Members and other adults in Berkshire Scouting.</p> <p>Block applications from Groups or Districts for people all seeking permits etc. for the same activity at the same time are accepted and encouraged.</p>
<b>Funding Criteria</b>	<p>The applicant can normally expect to receive 75% of the cost of the cheapest reasonably easily available training &amp; assessment course (or series of courses) leading to a permit or qualification to run an activity for our young people providing you commit to gaining a permit or other required qualification and to running these activities for young people in Scouting.</p> <p>If the applicant is gaining a permit by obtaining an equivalent National Governing Body (NGB) qualification, the Fund will contribute half of any certificate or mandatory registration fees.</p> <p>If an overnight stay is required as the course cannot be provided locally, the Fund will also contribute half the cost of basic overnight accommodation (e.g. campsite or YHA overnight fees).</p> <p>Berkshire Scouts run training and assessment courses for climbing, hillwalking, rowing, archery, shooting and traditional rafting within the</p>

	<p>County. Attendees on one of these for training or assessment, will only be charged 25% of the full fee providing the attendee commits to gaining a permit or other required qualification and to running these activities for young people in Scouting. Consequently, there is no need for an application in advance of these courses.</p> <p>The cost of Berkshire County run Rescue/Remote Emergency Care Level 2 and Outdoor Pursuits 16 Hour First Aid Courses is also subsidised for permit holders and those qualified to run activities covered by the scheme, so application for a grant is not required in advance.</p>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<p>The following is not covered by funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses which the applicant has already attended before funding application.</li> <li>• Training covered by The Scout Association's adult leader training programme, including Nights Away and First Response courses, as Berkshire Scouts already provides these free of charge.</li> <li>• Training in the basic skills for an activity, such as the BCU 1 &amp; 2 Star awards in Paddle-sport, or training for personal hobbies. The applicant must commit to gaining a permit or other required qualification and to running the activities they are being trained in for young people in Scouting</li> <li>• Cancellation fees, lost deposits etc. if the applicant fail to attend or complete a course.</li> <li>• Training not required to gain a permit or recognised equivalent qualification leading to a permit or higher-level permit.</li> <li>• Practice sessions to help build up experience.</li> <li>• Maintenance of any NGB registration or the cost of CPD (continuing professional development) training.</li> <li>• Travelling costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding decision</b>	At the discretion of the Fund Managers, based on the criteria above
<b>Application process</b>	By completing the relevant individual or block application form available on Berkshire Scouts website, and then emailed to <a href="mailto:grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk">grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk</a>
<b>Other information</b>	Payment of any agreed funding will only be made once the applicant has provided evidence of payment and completion of the course.