

COUNTY FUNDS – SUMMARY

Fund	Purpose	Basic Details/Criteria	Further details
Roger King International Fund	The Roger King International Fund provides support for leaders and organisers of Berkshire international events and activities.	To obtain funding for an international event/activity, this must be an approved County event/activity. These events/activities include Jamborees, Project Africa type events, adventurous activities (overseas), international expeditions, overseas award events/activities (e.g. King's Scout Award, Explorer Belt, DofE, etc.), international activities within the UK, or a County Beaver/Cub/Scout/Explorer/Network event abroad.	1.11 Roger King International Fund v5
Michael Nightingale Community Fund	The Michael Nightingale Community Fund provides support to Groups and Units who wish to undertake activities which will make a positive impact in the community that the Group or Unit is based.	The proposed activity must involve young people; • The young people must be involved in shaping the activity; • Where appropriate the activity is part of a programme working towards the Community Impact Staged Activity badge; • After or during the activity, photographs and stories related to the activity are sent to the County Office.	1.12 Michael Nightingale Community Fund v4
New Section Fund	To support the growth of Scouting in Berkshire through opening new sections, whether as part of an existing Scout Group or as part of a new Scout Group. The Fund is to recognise that making a generous amount of funding available for new sections can be encouraging to local teams who will need to support a new section.	The County will provide the following grants for new sections: Squirrels and Beavers - £500 Cubs - £750 Scouts and Explorers - £1,000 The grant is normally made after the new section is registered with HQ and can prove satisfaction of the Grant criteria: • The Section/Group has been running for 4+ weeks excluding any pilot project period • The Section/Group has not previously received this funding. • The Section/Group can demonstrate both volunteer and young people support for the long term, including evidence of volunteer training and investitures • The Section/Group is correctly registered with HQ and on Scouts.org.uk • Should a group require earlier access to funding, this would be by agreement only.	1.13-New-Section-Fund v4.pdf
Activity Permit Fund	To assist in the cost of gaining permits in adventurous activities.	The applicant can normally expect to receive 75% of the cost of the cheapest reasonably easily available training & assessment course (or series of courses) leading to a permit or qualification. If the applicant is gaining a permit by obtaining an equivalent National Governing Body (NGB) qualification, the Fund will contribute 75% of any certificate or mandatory registration fees. If an overnight stay is required the Fund will also contribute 75% of the cost of basic accommodation. Berkshire Scouts run training and assessment courses for climbing, hillwalking, rowing, archery, shooting and traditional rafting within the County. Attendees on one of these for training or assessments, will only be charged 25% of the full fee.	1.14 Activity Permit Fund v5
Special Needs Fund	To support 'special needs' projects or initiatives in Berkshire	The Special Needs Fund supports individuals Scouts with Special Needs and the development of special needs Scouting in general. • Improving physical building access, linked to the provision of an Accessibility Audit; • 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; • Translators, signers for large events or adult training, provision of appropriate signage and information systems at events. The fund is relatively small so grants will be limited, and generally on a matched funding basis, other than in exceptional circumstances.	1.15 Special Needs Fund v5
Friends of Berkshire Scouting Fund	To support the County's Scouts and Scouting at the request of the County Lead Volunteer (CLV) and at the discretion of the Managers of the Fund.	In putting forward requests to the managers of the Fund, the CLV will consider exciting and innovative projects and initiatives from within the County, whether at Group, District or County level. Any such requests are encouraged to be in support of the vision and strategic aims of the Scout Association and the County Plan, and such requests will generally be to those that would not normally be funded from existing local budgets	1.16 Friends of Berkshire Scouting Fund v5
Carbon Offset Fund	To support initiatives that create an environmental or sustainability benefit.	Applications are open to sections, groups, districts or other members of Berkshire Scouts; Young people must be involved in shaping the proposed activity or initiative; The activity or initiative must create a benefit that will reduce environmental impact and/or increase sustainability; Activities or initiatives should ideally support the delivery of the wider scout programme (challenge badges, activity badges and top awards); The size of any grant will be dependent on the size of the fund at any one time. (NB this is a small fund)	1.18 Carbon-Offset-Fund-v01.pdf

Note: Please refer to the further details of each fund before considering making an application.