

SHARPE BEQUEST

Priority for the Award of Grants

- It has been agreed, previously, that applications will be accepted from any group/unit with youth members.
- In allocating the limited funds available, the following will apply:
 - Priority will be given to applications received from newly formed groups/units (within the first five years since their formation).
 - It would not normally be the case that a grant will be awarded to a group/unit in the year after their previous grant (although exceptional circumstances will be considered - with advice sought from the DC).
 - Consideration will also be given to determine if the group/unit can meet the funding required using their own resources or if circumstances prevent the group/unit meeting this requirement (see second bullet point in the next section).

Procedure for Application for Grants - 2021

- Applications for a grant from the interest from the Sharpe Bequest Fund may be made by any group/unit with youth members which has its HQ/Meeting Place within the area of Lonsdale Scout District.
- The interest received from investing the Sharpe Bequest must be used in providing capital equipment for Scout Groups in Lonsdale District conditional upon such Groups raising an equivalent amount and making the fullest use of any grant available outside Scouting.
- Except in exceptional circumstances, the purchase of equipment is to be made **after** the notification of the award of a grant. If there are exceptional circumstances the District Chair should be consulted in advance of making an application. After a grant has been awarded, the purchase is to be for the equipment as exactly specified in the application - if clarification is needed the District Chair should be consulted prior to any purchases. If half the final cost is less than the grant awarded then the smaller sum will be paid.
- Applicants should provide the following information (using the form provided):
 - Please only fill in the coloured cells on the form.
 - Itemised details (description, quantity and cost) for the equipment on which any grant will be spent.
 - Evidence that the group/unit has raised at least half the cost of the proposed items(s) by its own fundraising.
 - A complete copy of the most recent independently examined or scrutinised accounts.
- Completed applications shall be sent to Tony Andrews, District Chair, by 30 June 2021; note that if incomplete applications are received then these will automatically not be considered.
- Grants will be allocated by the District Finance sub-Committee as soon as possible after the closing date for the receipt of applications.
- Successful applicants must provide receipts/proof of purchase by the 30 November 2021 or the grant will be lost.