

## SHARPE BEQUEST

### Award of Grants

- It has been agreed, previously, that applications will be accepted from any Group/Unit with youth members.
- The Finance sub-Committee will award grants at their discretion bearing in mind the advice from the District Commissioner and considering the financial circumstances of the applicant Group/Unit.
- The Finance sub-Committee's decisions are final.

### Procedure for Application for Grants - 2023

- 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 groups/units in Lonsdale District conditional upon such groups/units 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.
  - If the fund raising is insufficient to cover half the cost of the proposed equipment purchase, the grant allocated will be adjusted in consultation with the Group/Unit.
  - A complete copy of the most recent independently scrutinised or examined accounts.
- Completed applications shall be sent to Tony Andrews, District Chair, by 14 July 2023; 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 1 December 2023 else the grant will be lost.