

4.4 - SCOUT FUND

PREAMBLE

1. Through the generosity of the Lord Baden-Powell Society (National) and the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting (ACT), the Branch holds a Scout Fund from which assistance is available to enable young people who might otherwise be unable to do so, to become Youth Members or to participate fully in the activities of the Movement.

FUND ADMINISTRATOR

2. To preserve confidentiality, the Branch Executive Committee has delegated to the Chief Commissioner the authority to make grants from the Fund in consultation with the Principal Administrative Officer.
3. In all cases the Chief Commissioner will closely consult the Group Leader of the relevant Group or the Rover Unit Leader (as appropriate), and any other persons deemed necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

4. Applications for assistance may be made to the Fund at any time by Group Leader or Rover Unit Leader who must satisfy themselves that a grant is warranted. Applications may also be initiated by representatives of community help organisations.
5. Applications and grants must be treated in the strictest confidence by all parties.

SCOPE OF ASSISTANCE

6. Assistance may be provided towards annual Branch Registration Fee, special event fees, (like Jamborees, Cuborees) and purchase of uniform etc. The nature of the assistance will be decided in each case by the Chief Commissioner.
7. It is an accepted practice that the Scout Group or Rover Unit will also contribute appropriate financial assistance and that the recipient will also offer some assistance in return such as hall cleaning or help at fund raising events.
8. It is also expected that the recipient of financial assistance will continue being an active member of Scouts ACT for the duration of the assistance.

REPORTING

9. For each application, the Chief Commissioner shall record briefly the financial circumstances of the family and the amount and conditions of the grant. The activities of the Fund shall be reported in general terms in the Branch Annual Report.

AUTHORITY

10. This policy or amended policy was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 25 June 1997, 25 November 1998, 28 June 2018 and 7 May 2020.