

Potential funding for local Scouting in Wales



Funding Support

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a period of uncertainty for lots of individuals, charities and organisations. We know that many of our Groups, Districts and Areas will be struggling financially during the crisis and will need funding to help them.

Some funding packages have been put together that organisations may be eligible for. Each package aims to support organisations throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. The criteria varies for each funding scheme, so we'd recommend checking the details to see what you may be able to apply for.

We'll keep updating this resource as more funding packages are announced. If you see any funds that we don't have here and you think would be useful for more groups, email us at admin@scoutscymru.org.uk and we can add them.

Potential funds to apply for and top tips

We've created a list of funds below that you might be eligible for. Each fund will have different criteria, and won't be right for every group. You'll need to understand what your financial situation is so you can best choose the fund that might be right for you.

These funds are Wales or UK-wide, but there may be more funding available for local areas. It is worth checking your Local Authority website and the websites of any local funders that you're aware of.

There is some great advice on the [WCVA website](#) that might help you with writing your funding applications.

We also pulled together a few of our top tips that we always keep in mind when writing applications:

Be bold. Scouting makes a real impact – we see it every week, but the funders probably don't. Use numbers, quotes, case studies, images and stories - whatever it takes to get the message across about the huge difference you make to young people and communities across Wales.

Know what you're asking for and be specific. Be clear about what it is you're going to do, why you're going to do it, who it will benefit and how much it will cost.

Read the small print. Make sure you're eligible for the funding. If you're not sure, drop the funder an email or give them a call - they might be able to help you, although this isn't always possible during busy times.

Retail, Leisure & Hospitality Grants

The Welsh Government is working in partnership with local authorities to deliver the grants to qualifying businesses. Please note the application deadline for this grant is **30th June 2020**. This grant is for Business Rate paying premises only and is split into 2 parts:

Grant 1: A grant of £25,000 is being made available for retail, leisure and hospitality businesses occupying properties with a rateable value of between £12,001 and £51,000. This means businesses that occupy properties such as shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas, live music venues, hotels, guest and boarding premises and self-catering accommodation.

Grant 2: A £10,000 grant to all businesses eligible for small business rates relief (SBRR) in Wales with a rateable value of £12,000 or less.

Please note that the multiple property restriction which applies to Small Business Rates Relief also applies to this grant. Therefore, the same ratepayer may only receive the grant for a maximum of two properties in each local authority area.

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A £10,000 grant to all ratepayers eligible for charitable relief and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) relief, operating in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors occupying properties with a rateable value of £12,000 or less. Local authorities have discretion to provide grants to not-for-profit bodies they consider to be operating for charitable purposes but aren't currently receiving charitable relief or CASC relief. This discretion will only apply to not-for-profit organisations who are in receipt of or have entitlement to discretionary rates relief and operate in the retail, leisure or hospitality sectors.

The multiple property restriction applied to the Small Business Rates Relief scheme applies to this grant. Therefore the same ratepayer may only receive the grant for a maximum of two properties in each local authority. This multiple property restriction also applies to charities and CASC.

[**Find out more**](#)

Community Foundation of Wales – Coronavirus Resilience Fund

This fund has been established to assist groups and organisations that are adapting their services and support to individuals and families, whether singly or collectively, affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Primarily, they will provide support for the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

- activities that help vulnerable people who are self-isolating (the elderly, people with pre-existing medical conditions etc)
- Ongoing needs of vulnerable people to ensure that their health and wellbeing is maintained
- support for foodbanks and organisations working to combat hardship caused by the pandemic including child hunger
- community response coordination
- volunteer costs for those responding to the effects of the pandemic
- additional costs of working remotely and adapting services delivered in the wider community
- additional help as required for emotional and mental health needs and bereavement support

Please note that they will only consider the cost of delivering the service/support for 6 months initially. You will be able to re-apply for further funding if the need still exists after September 2020.

Secondarily, and if funds allow, they will provide support to:

- counter the loss of contract income and fundraising for organisations providing support for vulnerable groups

Please note that applications applying for a grant to cover loss of income are being placed on a deferred list at the moment and they will re-consider them in July when they have a better understanding of how much money they have to distribute. They have stated that they will be unlikely to offer funding to organisations who are holding reserves in excess of 6 months running costs.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for groups with an annual income of up to £200,000

[Find out more](#)

ScoutsCymru Resilience Fund

The ScoutsCymru Resilience Grant fund has therefore been set up to support our most vulnerable groups to be in a position to restart face-to-face scouting after the Covid-19 crisis by contributing overhead costs.

There is no specified maximum grant limit from this fund, however groups should be aware that due to demand they may not receive the entire amount applied for.

A group may only be awarded a maximum of one grant from this fund per term. Applications will be considered outside of the normal grant schedule.

[Find out more](#)

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a fantastic tool for Scouts to raise vital funds. If you're not already claiming Gift Aid, this is something that you could look into now that could make a big difference to your group financially. There is a bit of work required to get it set up, but you can potentially claim back for up to 4 years of Gift Aid that you've missed out on, and once you're set up your group will benefit for years to come.

ScoutsCymru guide to claim Gift Aid can be found [here](#)

Find out more information and how to apply on the Scouts UK Gift Aid webpage [here](#).