

GUIDING GRANTS

The following grant and loan funds are available from Girlguiding South West England:

Leadership and Training Grants

Leadership and Training Grants are available to assist Senior Section Members, Leaders and Commissioners from all Counties and Islands in South West England towards the costs of attending trainings and conferences.

The events must be organised either by Girlguiding UK or Girlguiding South West England and be held at a venue recognised and approved by either Girlguiding UK or Girlguiding South West England. The only trainings that will be considered for grant purposes are those where the participant is able to gain a recognised qualification or leadership development.

If an application is approved, a grant of 33% of the travel and accommodation costs and the event fee will be paid after adjusting to take account of any other grants received.

The Revolving Fund

Interest free loans of up to £2,000 are available, repayable over five years. The loans are to help Units, Districts, Divisions or Counties/Islands with the cost of building or maintenance projects for the benefit of members of Girlguiding South West England.

Loans will be considered for:

- Acquiring a new building;
- Maintenance, repair or improvements to existing buildings;
- Purchase of necessary equipment for a building;
- Maintenance, repair or improvement of existing equipment.

The Buchanon Opportunities Fund

Grants are awarded to girls, Leaders, Commissioners and other uniformed members to fund special projects which will enable them to achieve personal Guiding goals, or to assist members who are suffering financial hardship and are struggling to raise funds for an event, a camp or international event.

Grants from the Buchanon Opportunities Fund are awarded at the sole discretion of the Chief Commissioner.

Starting a New Unit Grant

This grant is available for all new Units and those re-opening in areas where Units have been closed for at least 6 months. You can apply for funding to cover Unit resources and equipment, Leaders' guiding wear, general equipment such as a first aid kit and the first month's rent of the meeting venue. The maximum grant available per application is £500.

If you are interested in applying for a grant or loan, please download an application form and return it to Jenni Freeth at the Region Office.

If you have any queries, please e-mail Jenni on jennif@girlguiding-southwestengland.org.uk.