

Policy on Grants for Scout Den Development

GM8 at National Council 2010 decided the following:

“That this National Council instructs the National Treasurer to set up a Grant Scheme for Groups who have newly acquired land or a Scout Den and who are vesting it in the Scout Foundation, by way of a rebate on a figure not exceeding 50% of the previous years National registration fee for that Group. This Grant should be made payable to assist in any Legal fees and/or initial development costs, for work or fees incurred in that financial year”

In relation to the above motion the National Management Committee approved SID59/10 on recommendation of the National Treasurer.

Purpose

The Grant Scheme covers expenditure:

1. Group’s building a new Den on land where the land is either freehold property or long leasehold (greater than 25 years) property of the Scout Group;
2. Group’s acquiring an Den on either on freehold basis or a long leasehold basis (greater than 25 years)
3. Group’s redeveloping a Den which they hold either on a freehold basis or a long leasehold basis (with greater than 25 years until the expiry of the lease)

The Grant Scheme does not apply to the development of Campsites/Centres as this is covered by another Grant Scheme within Scouting Ireland’s budgets.

Qualifying Criteria

1. The Group is in full compliance with the Constitution, Rules and Policies of Scouting Ireland.
2. The Group has paid its registration fees by the due date.
3. The Group has submitted its Annual Accounts to the County Treasurer
4. The completion of an application form by the due date
5. The property is vested, or the Group Council has given an irrevocable guarantee that the property will be vested, in one of Scouting Irelands Trust Companies.

Qualifying Expenditure

1. Legal Fees

2. Architect & Design Fees
3. Project Feasibility Fees
4. Building Development Costs

Grant Pool

The Annual Grant Pool for the “Scout Den Development Grant” will be approved by the National Management Committee as part of the annual Budget for Scouting Ireland on recommendation of the National Treasurer.

Grants Available

Groups may qualify for a maximum grant up to 50% of the annual registration fees paid by the Group in the previous year.

The total of Grants awarded will be subject to the maximum pay-outs per the Annual Grant Pool.

Groups can only qualify for one grant payment under this Grant scheme.

Annual Grant Timeline

31st December: Closing Date for the receipt of completed application forms

By 15th February: Assessment of Application Forms completed by the National Treasurer

By 28th February: Scout Group’s notified of result of Application process

During the following year up to 30th September – Scout Group’s submit proof of expenditure incurred.

Within 4 weeks of Expenditure Report – Scouting Ireland pay the Grant to Scout Group

Any funds not claimed by 30th September will be lost