

Mini Grants for Growth

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Faith in Young People

The Boys' Brigade in Scotland is delighted to be working together with the Church of Scotland Guild as one of their project partners for 2018 – 2021.

Find out more this partnership > <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/guildpartnership/>

We look forward to three years of sharing and learning, through our project 'Faith in Young People'. Using funds received from this partnership we have established a mini-grants scheme to support the development and growth of BB Companies across Scotland.

The aim of this funding is to support the growth of the Brigade in Scotland and improving the quality of experience offered to members and leaders.

Who can apply?

- Any BB Company in Scotland*

What will the mini-grants support?

Grants of up to £1,000 may be used for:

- supporting the development of a new Company or new Sections
- programme development in existing Companies, for example:
 - the purchase of equipment
 - accessing training
 - trips/visits
 - instructor costs for a particular activity
 - or promotional materials.



Key features

- Applications must demonstrate *clearly* how they meet the aims of the funding – supporting growth and improving quality.
- Applications will be able to demonstrate how a Company has identified their development needs through the use of the Company Healthcheck, and how a grant will support their development action plan.
- Grants may be awarded to support activities and efforts around the *Raise the Bar* campaign. Find out more about *Raise the Bar* > <http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/raisethebar.htm>
- The minimum amount that can be applied for is £100 and the maximum £1,000.
- Match funding is not required but is encouraged.
- Funding will not support travel costs outside the UK.

* CashBack for Communities funding is also available to support young people (aged 10+) in the top 20% areas of social deprivation in each local authority in Scotland. If you think your company or battalion could benefit from CashBack and meet the criteria, please get in touch with Jackie Wilson, Development Officer, by emailing jackie.wilson@boys-brigade.org.uk

Timescales

Completed applications for Growth Mini-Grants should be sent to Scottish HQ at Carronvale House prior to the following closing dates:

- 1st August 2019
- 7th January 2020
- 1st May 2020
- 1st August 2020
- 8th January 2021
- 1st May 2021
- 1st August 2021

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising of three members of the Scotland Committee and the Director for Scotland. You will be informed whether your application has been successful within 21 days of the closing date.

What will happen if your application is successful?

- Funds will be released to the Company within 21 days.
- The monitoring and evaluation for the funding will require applicants to record how the funding has been used, and the impact it has had on the lives of young people (simple templates will be provided to complete). We would also encourage Companies to evidence the impact by gathering photo and video content and through personal testimonies/quotes.

Conditions

- Allocated funds *must* be used for the stated purpose in the original application, unless otherwise agreed with the Director for Scotland.
- Funds must be used in line with Brigade policies and procedures on safeguarding, health & safety as well as Brigade Regulations.

Questions and support

Please contact Scottish HQ if you have any questions or require any assistance with completing your application.