



**Information relating to potential grants
available to Scout Groups and Districts to
support the impact of Covid-19 restrictions**

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Local Restrictions Support Grant:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-business-is-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-grant-due-to-national-restrictions-for-closed-businesses>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-local-restrictions-support-grant>

The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRS) supports businesses including Scout Groups that were open as usual, providing services in person to customers (young people) from their Scouting premises, but which were then required to close due to lockdown restrictions imposed by government. It is for Scout Groups that pay business rates on their premises (even if this is discounted to nil). Local councils may at their discretion also provide funding for businesses including Scout Groups that don't pay business rates.

Eligibility

Your Scout Group may be eligible if it:

- occupies property on which it pays business rates (even if this is discounted to nil payment)
- is in a local lockdown area and has been required to close because of the formal publication of local restrictions guidance that resulted in a first full day of closure on or after 5th November. This funding is not retrospective
- has been required to close for at least 3 weeks because of the lockdown
- has been unable to provide its usual in-person customer service from its premises

What you will get

- For properties with a rateable value of £15k or under, grants to be £1,334 per month, or £667 per two weeks;
- For properties with a rateable value of between £15k-£51k grants to be £2,000 per month, or £1,000 per two weeks;
- You can't claim for single weeks, ie, £750 for one week. It is either for a two-week period or none.
- The grants are "per property". This means if you as a Scout group have more than one premise each with a rateable value), you can apply and will receive two grants.
- Further eligibility criteria may be determined by local authorities.

Discretionary funding - The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-additional-restrictions-grant>

Businesses including Scout Groups and Explorer Units that are required to close but do not pay business rates (i.e. do not have a rateable value) may be eligible for funding at the discretion of the local council. The scheme provides local councils with grant funding to support closed businesses that do not directly pay business rates as well as businesses that do not have to close but which are impacted.

- You may receive a grant of up to £1,500 at the discretion of your local council if:
- your Scout Group or Explorer Unit is required to close but you do not pay business rates
- if your Group or Unit is not required to close, but has been severely affected, for example as a result of customer businesses being closed
- Your local council will publish details of discretionary funding on their website.
- Also, £1.1bn is being given to Local Authorities, distributed on the basis of £20 per head, for one-off payments to enable them to support businesses including Scout Groups and Explorer Units more broadly.

Council Grants	Business Grants (LRSG and ARG)	Community Funding
Breckland District Council	https://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/15862/Covid-19-Local-Restrictions-Support-Grant-LRSG-	https://www.breckland.gov.uk/community-funding
North Norfolk District Council	https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/economic-growth/coronavirus-support-and-advice-for-businesses/	https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/section/your-community/community-grants-and-funding/
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council	https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20148/business_rates_and_bid/819/business_help_due_to_coronavirus_covid-19	https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants
Broadland District Council	https://www.broadland.gov.uk/info/200644/coronavirus/642/coronavirus_support_for_businesses	https://www.broadland.gov.uk/info/200152/your_community/119/community_grants
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/local-restrictions-support-grants	https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/grants-and-funding
Norwich City Council	https://www.norwich.gov.uk/news/article/399/further_financial_support_for_businesses_during_new_restrictions	https://www.norwich.gov.uk/info/20256/commissioning/1685/community_grants_programme
South Norfolk District Council	https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-information/support-businesses	https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/communities/community-grants
Mid Suffolk	https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/business/business-rates/grant-funding-schemes/	https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/features/our-pledge-to-support-communities-in-babergh-and-mid-suffolk/
Other Funding Opportunities		
Scout Association: Race round the world	https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/support-scouts/race-round-the-world/	
Norfolk Community Foundation	https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/	
Community Action Suffolk	https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/community/#funding	
Suffolk Community Foundation Trust	https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/	

Making the most of Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a **tax relief** set up by the Government to **enable charities to claim back 25p for every eligible £1 donation** that is made to your charity. When applying for grants a common criteria requirement is whether a Scout group is registered for Gift Aid. Gift aid can be applied to monies raised from fund raising events, single donations as well as subs.

Gift Aid declarations **can** even be **backdated** to apply to **gifts** made during the previous 4 years as well as the current year.

Do you need a charity number to apply? No! To apply for Gift Aid you need to be [recognised as a charity by HMRC](#). Scout Groups are given an 'exception' and not required to register with the Charity Commission unless:

- their income is more than £100,000
- they have permanent endowment
- or, they own land or buildings.

A Scout charity that has permanent endowment or owns a building must register if its income is more than £5,000.

'Excepted' Scout Groups: you **can't** use or cite the District, County or The Scout Association's charity numbers as your own. HMRC will provide you with a **unique Gift Aid registration number** which you can use for fundraising platforms too.

'Non-excepted' Scout Groups: If your Scout Group isn't classed as 'excepted', you'll need to register with HMRC as a charity to claim Gift Aid.

Online Scout Manager (OSM) helps you to complete your Gift Aid claim more quickly. OSM captures the donor declaration and the details of a donation, at the point that a parent pays their subs through the tool. This then creates a prepopulated spreadsheets for you, capturing the data you need to process your claim on one downloadable form. OSM also provides you with a function to prompt parents and carers to make their donor declaration, helping you to make sure you can claim on every eligible donation.