

CashBack: The next phase

On the 30th December 2010, the Scottish Government announced that they would be investing a further £500,000 from criminal cash directly into the CashBack Small Grants Scheme.



Make a Difference: Apply for the CashBack Small Grants Scheme

If your group would like to apply for a CashBack Small Grants Scheme grant, check you are eligible against the criteria below:

- Are you a member group of one of the 6 partner organisations? (Youth Scotland, The Scottish Council – The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, The Boys' Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland and Clubs for Young People (Scotland) *)
- Do you work predominantly with young people aged 10 –19 years?
- Are you led and managed by volunteers? (If your group has paid staff – you should apply to the YouthLink Scotland CashBack funding programmes – see below for more details).
- Are you based in Scotland?
- Are you looking for up to £1,000 towards the start up costs of a unit or youth group or up to £2,000 towards the costs of a particular programme of activity?

If you can answer yes to all of the above, then you may be eligible for a CashBack Small Grant.

* This requirement is to ensure all groups awarded a small grant have the appropriate policies and constitutions in place. If you are not a member of one of the organisations, but would like to apply for the Small Grants Scheme, you may be interested in joining either Youth Scotland or Clubs for Young People (Scotland).

Deadlines for applications

1 June 2011 1 December 2011
1 September 2011 1 March 2012

How to apply

You should apply directly to the organisation of which your group is a member:

The Boys' Brigade: call Anne Dickson on 01324 562 008, email cashback@boys-brigade.org.uk or visit <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Clubs for Young People (Scotland): call Garry Beardsworth on 0131 555 1729, email garry@cypscotland.com or visit www.cypscotland.com

The Girls' Brigade in Scotland: call Hazel McCallum on 0141 332 1765, email hazel.mccallum@girls-brigade-scotland.org.uk or visit www.girls-brigade-scotland.org.uk

The Scottish Council – The Scout Association: call 01383 419 073, email shq@scouts-scotland.org.uk or visit www.scouts-scotland.org.uk

Girlguiding Scotland: call Lynne Pow on 0131 226 4511, email LynneP@girlguiding-scot.org.uk or visit www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk

Youth Scotland: call 0131 554 2561, email office@youthscotland.org.uk or visit www.youthscotland.org.uk

More CashBack funding

YouthLink Scotland - the National Agency for Youth Work, is also currently offering two funds through CashBack for Communities, which your group may be eligible to apply for:

Youth Work Fund (Round 4)

Grants of up to £30,000 for youth work organisations to provide diversionary events and activities for young people aged 10 - 19 years who are at risk of becoming involved in anti social behaviour.

Anti-Violence Fund

Grant funding for projects that address the perception or experience of violence in Scotland among young people aged 10 - 19 who are at risk of becoming involved in violence.

Find out more about these schemes at www.youthlinkscotland.org

Useful Links

- For general information about the CashBack Small Grants Scheme, visit www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm
- For more information about the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative, visit www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/public-safety/17141/cashback
- For details about CashBack activities for young people taking place across Scotland, visit www.youngscotwow.org

Making a Difference The CashBack Small Grants Scheme

Last year, six of Scotland's leading voluntary youth organisations established the CashBack Small Grants Scheme. Funded by the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities fund, the scheme has given more young people access to positive programmes of activity.



This information supplement celebrates some of the fantastic projects that have taken place so far.

What is the CashBack Small Grants Scheme?

The Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative uses funds seized from criminal activity to provide positive activities for young people. So far it has committed nearly £24 million to help young people's projects across the country.

The CashBack for Communities Small Grants Scheme was established by Youth Scotland, The Scottish Council – The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, The Boys' Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland and Clubs for Young People (Scotland).

Help where it's needed

The Small Grants Scheme year-long pilot was specifically aimed at volunteer-led youth organisations. Its primary objective was to enable more young people to access an exciting range of activities in settings where they felt safe and comfortable.

Two levels of grant have been available - up to £1,000 towards the costs of setting up a new group or up to £2,000 to help an existing group run a new programme of activity. Many of the organisation's member groups and units had not had access to external funding before.

"We were looking for a small pot of money that we wouldn't have to jump through hoops for," said one youth leader. **"The CashBack Small Grants Scheme provides a quick and easy way to enable us to kick-start new activities for the young people in our area. I feel I should be telling everybody about this... great idea!"**

To accompany the application process, 118 volunteers and youth leaders attended training seminars that ran across Scotland. Receiving practical help and advice about how to fill in the application form, over 90% of attendees left the roadshows feeling prepared to submit an application.

Making a difference

As of March 2011, the scheme has awarded over £233,000 to 252 individual projects. It is estimated that over 12,000 young people will benefit from these projects.

This has included helping 37 projects to start completely new groups in areas where there was little provision, such as the establishment of a new Explorer Scout Unit in Arran and a new Guide Unit in Irvine. More young people from disadvantaged communities have also benefitted from the scheme, with 59% of the projects funded located within the top 5 areas of multiple deprivation in Scotland.

Supporting communities

Many of the projects are already making a real difference to their communities. Braes Youth Club on the Isle of Skye wanted to enhance interactions between young people and the elderly on the island. Their grant enabled them to purchase a community polytunnel, which will allow them to grow plants and vegetables for consumption at community events.

Children and Young People ScotWest, a group based in Kilmarnock, used their grant to work collaboratively with local artists and arts organisations to provide a weekly youth arts and crafts group. By providing a safe and stimulating environment for young people to learn and have fun, the project brought peace of mind for families and a sense of inclusion in the project for the wider community.

Find out more about some of the projects, as well as how your group can be part of the next exciting phase...



CashBack Small Grants Scheme: Making a Difference

Since June 2010, 252 projects have received funding, creating opportunities for over 12,000 young people to take part in exciting, dynamic, safe and supported programmes of activity. The scheme has allowed young people to try their hand at activities including sports events, music tuition, camping trips, outdoor activities, samba drumming lessons, urban art classes, swimming lessons, first aid courses, healthy eating projects and sailing courses. Here's just a taster of what's been happening across the country.



Paisley



Dingwall



Dundee

Access the Action

The challenge for the Boys' Brigade Seniors Paisley and District Battalion was to inspire and motivate young men by providing activities that were financially accessible.

With the support of CashBack funding they were able to provide a popular physical activity programme for over 40 young men, which included a five-a-side football tournament and a day of paint balling.

"The CashBack grant has made these events possible by allowing us to host a number of exciting events at a competitive price," said the Seniors' Convenor David Love. "In these cash-strapped times the grant ensures the success of events that simply wouldn't otherwise be feasible. The receipt of grant funding has transformed our Seniors' activities, with increased participation, enthusiasm and momentum from this age group, which we will build on in future years."

Name of group: Boys' Brigade Seniors Paisley and District Battalion

Partner Organisation: The Boys' Brigade

Grant awarded: £1,000

Location: Paisley, East Renfrewshire

A Day at the Museum

Glasgow may be over 100 miles from Inverness, but for the 1st Evanton Guide Unit, distance was no obstacle to an educational and rewarding city excursion.

Thanks to funding through the CashBack Small Grants Scheme, the group travelled to Glasgow to visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, as well as squeezing in a Guide celebration pop concert and a ride on the Glasgow underground. The museum received a big thumbs-up from the girls. "The crocodile skull surprised me the most," said Guide Eilidh, "You could see every bone and tooth!"

"The girls were excited by the museum, and for many it was a totally new experience," said Unit Leader Moira McKenna. "Since the trip we have had more guides join our unit and the older guides don't want to leave. By allowing us to provide interesting and stimulating activities such as the trip to Kelvingrove, the CashBack funding has helped put us on the right track of ensuring our groups can sustain in the local area."

Name of group: 1st Evanton Guide Unit

Partner Organisation: Girlguiding Scotland

Grant awarded: £500

Location: Dingwall, Ross-shire

The Right Kit

Outdoor camping trips and the informal learning that takes place as part of them are at the heart of the Scouts' activities. But for some Scout groups, a lack of modern equipment can make such trips difficult. The 1st Hillside Scout Group in Dundee received a grant to purchase new patrol tents and dining shelters to allow more young people to benefit from a regular programme of camps in rural locations across Scotland.

"We desperately needed to provide suitable camping equipment to support the needs of the Scout Group," said Scout Leader John Campbell. "Our existing tents were over 30 years old. On one of our first trips, the new equipment enabled us to have a hub where everyone could meet together out of the bad weather and keep their spirits up."

"Great new tents," said Scouts Thomas and Callum. "We will be comfy and dry at last."

Name of group: 1st Hillside Scout Group

Partner Organisation: Scottish Council – The Scout Association

Grant awarded: £1,550

Location: Dundee

The Great Outdoors

Attending a residential can be amongst the most memorable experiences of a young person's development. For the young people from the Tolsta Youth Club on the Isle of Lewis, the opportunity to stay at the Scaladale Activity Centre and get involved in a programme of outdoor activities also meant overcoming some personal fears.

"Some of the young people had never spent a night away from home and felt slightly apprehensive, but once we all got to the centre, it was straight into the activities," said Youth Leader Joan Macleod. "All the kids participated in all the events and had a fantastic time, and a lot of fears were quashed!"

"We would not have been able to organise the event if it hadn't been for the grant. Two of our volunteers are now working towards mini-bus training so that we can replicate the trip for others in the future."

"When can we go again?" added Mairi, age 11.

Name of group: Tolsta Youth Club

Partner Organisation: Youth Scotland

Grant awarded: £500

Location: Isle of Lewis, Western Isles

Getting Creative

The 55th Glasgow Girls' Brigade were keen to use their CashBack grant to run a completely new programme of activities over the summer holidays that would be accessible to all of their members, including those with physical disabilities. Getting creative, the young women took part in zumba fitness classes, samba drumming lessons and the exciting experience of creating their very own urban art installation.

"For the first week or so of the art project, the girls, together with a freelance artist, made up sketches of what they wanted the art to look like. Using some of the grant, the group purchased the materials they needed to turn it into a reality and the art began to take shape. The final design depicts our group and other groups in our community" said Captain of the Company Irene Sutherland.

"The CashBack grant has been of great benefit to the girls of the 55th Glasgow Girls' Brigade. We have encouraged the girls to get more creative and active, and are now looking for ways to continue to provide such exciting activities!"

Name of group: 55th Glasgow Girls' Brigade

Partner Organisation: The Girls' Brigade in Scotland

Grant awarded: £1,350

Location: Glasgow

Challenging Stereotypes

In the village of Kennoway, Fife, young people were determined to work with their community to address negative stereotypes.

The CashBack grant supported an informal programme of activities including hill-walking, rock-climbing and a community project at the local nursery. The group purchased gardening equipment, as well as resources such as stationery and scrapbooks to help them record their achievements and gain accreditation.

"The project really boosted young people's confidence and their ability to take on new challenges, as well as recognising how their behaviour can be perceived by others," said Youth Worker Angela Knox. "Within their schools and community there has been a real improvement, with better relationships having been built."

"We will continue to build on the team work and communication skills they have developed. We hope to support young people to secure employment placements in Summer 2011, which should give them the confidence to pursue further education routes. Thank you for supporting our project."

Name of group: Youth at Kennoway

Partner Organisation: Clubs for Young People Scotland

Grant awarded: £1570

Location: Kennoway, Fife



Isle of Lewis



Glasgow



Kennoway