

## ***County International Fund Policy***

### **The Fund**

The Fund amalgamates two sub-funds:

1. The County International Fund, (formerly classified as a restricted fund, but in reality a designated fund)
2. The Horace Robinson Legacy Fund, which was bequeathed with an expression of wish that it be used to further international aspect of Scouting by Durham Scout County Scouts.

In expending monies out of the Fund, the trustees may have resort to both income and capital, but with the general intent that the capital of the Fund should be accessed with caution so as to preserve the value of the Fund for as long as possible.

### **The Designation**

The Fund is designated for use to support International activities which demonstrably will have a significant element of developing international relations and understanding. In categories A and B below, the contingent leader for a Durham Scout County contingent will be entitled to receive funding as of right. All other funding assistance will be discretionary, and in determining applications the following criteria will be applied:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Unit leader or assistant leader</b>	<b>International service team staff member</b>	<b>Participants</b>
A: World Jamboree	General discretion, - on the basis that the applicant is an ambassador for the County at such events, or making a significant contribution for the benefit of the County, or member of UK or International Jamboree organising teams.		Based on need, with account being taken of funding from other sources, particularly the National Scout Hardship Fund and any contribution from the Scout Group or the Scout District and personal fund raising
B: European Jamboree			Based on need, and dependent on being warranted or full member of Durham Scout Network
C: World Scout Moot			
D: Explorer Belt	General discretion	N/A	Based on need and if over 18 years being warranted or full member of Scout Network in a District in Durham County

<b>Event</b>	<b>Event leader or assistant leader</b>	<b>Participants</b>
E: International Community Development projects	Leaders and/or Young people from Durham Scout County must be participating in the project, based on need and type of project being undertaken. Personal fund raising must also have being undertaken.	
F: Scout Cultural exchanges	Based on need and conditional on hosting a return visit of Scouts from the Country visited.	

In addition to the listed events, financial support may be made available from the County International Fund to support the following:

G: For the purchase of equipment offering *significant benefit* to individuals and groups planning visits abroad

H: For an international event hosted by Durham Scout County

**NOTE: 1.** *"Terminal illness" will not normally be regarded as a hardship matter, or an event justifying on its own the exercise of discretion. That is not to rule out help for a terminally ill person; but they must satisfy the need for an award on other criteria, rather than the emotional "draw" of the terminal nature of the illness.*

**2.** *The following activities would not normally be considered as fulfilling the criteria, but may do so in exceptional circumstances:- Foreign "holiday"-style visits by Districts, Groups or Individuals (e.g. Kandersteg; EuroDisney, European Group Activity camps. )*

## **PROCEDURE**

- 1.1 Applications should be made in the first instance to the ACC (International) on the International Fund application form available from the County office and the County website.
- 1.2 The application will be considered and investigated by the ACC (International) with such assistance as he/she considers appropriate. Consideration will normally include an interview with the applicant, and information as to the objective of the expedition or event.
- 1.3 If the ACC (International) considers the application should be supported he/she will refer it to the County Commissioner for confirmation. If confirmed, the County Commissioner will refer the application to the County Executive Committee for approval, with appropriate supporting information at the February or September meeting.
- 1.4 If either the ACC (International) or CC are not prepared to support the application, the applicant will be informed in writing of that fact, and of the reasons. The applicant shall then have the right to renew his/her application direct to the County Executive Committee.
- 1.5 The decision of the County Executive Committee shall be final.