



## Small Grant Application

**Name of Organisation**

5<sup>th</sup> Ashington Brownies

**Contact Name**

[REDACTED]

**Position**

[REDACTED]

**Address for correspondence:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Email:****Preferred contact for Grant Aid correspondence**

Letter ( ) Telephone ( )

Email (✓)

**Bank Details:**

[REDACTED]

Please tick to show you have read and understood the **Data Protection Statement** in the attached guidelines (✓)

**What is the status of your organisation?** (Please tick)

Registered Charity (✓)

Voluntary Organisation ( )

Community Group ( )

Tenants' Association ( )

Other, please specify

**If applying for the first time**, please give a brief description of your group/organisation:

We are a Brownie Unit in Ashington. We are part of Girlguiding and we offer a safe space for girls aged seven to 10 to express themselves, develop their own identity and have fun. We welcome all girls, regardless of background, and strive to be affordable for every girl who wishes to join. Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community. We provide a girl only space and encourage our members to make decisions for themselves. We have been an inclusive organisation from the beginning and welcome all girls, giving them a sense of belonging.

**Please include the following with your application:**

- ✓ Your constitution or governing document, or written aims and objectives.
- ✓ Up-to-date financial information, including latest accounts and bank statement.
- ✓ A set a basic core policies or statements:
  - ✓ Health & Safety
  - ✓ Equality and Diversity
  - ✓ Safeguarding
  - ✓ Data Protection and GDPR

**Please contact us if you are unsure about any of the above. We will support any group to achieve the required policies, in accordance with our work to promote Equality and Diversity in Grant Aid Allocation, and our obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty 2022.**

**Does your organisation work in partnership with any other organisations?** Yes/No (please circle)

If yes, please give details below:

We are a part of Girlguiding and works closely with other units in the Ashington area.

**Please provide details of membership/users:**



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Number of Members/Users? 25 girls	Do members/users pay a subscription fee? <b>Yes/No</b> (please circle)	Subscription Fee? £9 per month
Number of paid employees (if any)? None	Number of volunteers? 4	
What percentage of members/users live in Ashington? 75%, the rest come in from Newbiggin and Choppington		
Please use this space to tell us how your organisation serves the residents of Ashington or contributes towards the wellbeing of the town and residents.  As well as providing a place for girls to grow and learn, we also encourage them to give back to their community. We have taken part in local events, from litter picks in the area round our unit, fund raising for the local foodbank and planting trees in the community woods. We've also looked at the town and written to our MP about the good things in Ashington, and the areas we could, and should improve. We inspire our young members to think beyond themselves and aim high in life.		

**Amount of small grant requested (up to £500)**

**£500**

Small Grants can be awarded towards specific projects, 'start-up' costs or maintenance/running costs (see Small Grant Guidelines) and must be spent in the financial year awarded, for the purpose given. You can only receive one small grant in any financial year.

**Please give full details of the purpose of your Small Grant application:**

We are taking our Brownies to Seahouses for a weekend on 31<sup>st</sup> May. This is an opportunity for our members to go away together, many for the first time without their parents  
We would use £250 to provide half the cost of a bus there and back (lowest quote is £490). [we have applied elsewhere for the other £250, but haven't had a response yet]  
The remainder would allow us to take the Brownies on a boat trip to the Farne Islands whilst we are there (£15 per girl) and discover the beauty of their county and some of its wildlife.

The cost of this modest, self-catered weekend is approx £110 per head, and we are looking to bring it down to less than £70 paid by parents. Partly from our current funds and partly with grants. If we were to receive a grant it would benefit all our members equally. We have also applied for bursaries elsewhere for a couple of members who wouldn't otherwise be able to come, even at the lower cost.



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**Please attach a copy of your latest financial statement together with a copy of your most recent bank statement for each bank account your organisation maintains.**

**UNRESTRICTED BALANCES WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN AGREEING AWARDS**

**DECLARATION**

- ✓ I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application is true and correct.
  
- ✓ I agree to any disclosure or exchange of information about this application which Ashington Town Council deem appropriate for the administration, evaluation, monitoring and publicising of Small Grants.
  
- ✓ I understand that acceptance of this application by Ashington Town Council does not in any way signify that the organisation is eligible to or will receive a Small Grant.
  
- ✓ I have included the documents and policies required.
  
- ✓ I have included an up-to-date Financial Statement and copies of bank statements.
  
- ✓ I understand that the Council will *freeze* or *withdraw* funding or *reject* future applications if certain conditions are not met and/or there is evidence of unlawful activity, malpractice, or other behaviour that the Council deems improper.
  
- ✓ I agree to verify that Grant Aid has been spent for the intended purpose.
  
- ✓ I agree to inform the council of any significant changes to the membership or running of the organisation.

Signed <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Print name <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Date 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
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Date application received	Application successful? Yes/No	Proposed Award £
Any additional information requested:		



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