

## **4.4 - SCOUT FUND**

### **PREAMBLE**

1. Through the generosity of the Lord Baden-Powell Society (National) and the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting (ACT), the Branch holds a Scout Fund from which assistance is available to enable young people who might otherwise be unable to do so, to become Youth Members or to participate fully in the activities of the Movement.

### **FUND ADMINISTRATOR**

2. To preserve confidentiality, the Branch Executive Committee has delegated to the Chief Commissioner the authority to make grants from the Fund in consultation with the Principal Administrative Officer.
3. In all cases the Chief Commissioner will closely consult the Group Leader of the relevant Group, and any other persons deemed necessary.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

4. Applications for assistance may be made to the Fund at any time by Group Leaders who must satisfy themselves that a grant is warranted. Applications may be initiated by representatives of any community help organisation with which the Branch has an agreement in this matter.
5. Applications and grants must be treated in the strictest confidence by all parties.

### **SCOPE OF ASSISTANCE**

6. Assistance may be provided towards annual Branch Registration Fee, special event fees, (like Jamborees, Cuborees) and purchase of uniform etc. The nature of the assistance will be decided in each case by the Chief Commissioner.

### **REPORTING**

7. For each application, the Chief Commissioner shall record briefly the financial circumstances of the family and the amount and conditions of the grant. The activities of the Fund shall be reported in general terms in the Branch Annual Report.

### **AUTHORITY**

8. This policy or amended policy was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 25 June 1997, 25 November 1998 and 28 June 2018.