

4.4 - SCOUT FUND

PREAMBLE

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 children who might otherwise be unable to do so, to become Youth Members or to participate fully in the activities of the Movement.

FUND ADMINISTRATOR

To preserve confidentiality, the Branch Executive Committee has delegated to a Scout Fund Administrator the authority to make grants from the Fund, subject to the endorsement of the Branch Treasurer.

In all cases the Administrator will closely consult the Group Leader of the relevant Group, and any other persons he or she deems necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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.

Applications and grants must be treated in the strictest confidence by all parties.

SCOPE OF ASSISTANCE

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

REPORTING

For each application the Fund Administrator 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

This statement was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 25 June 1997; and amended on 25 November 1998.