

Boy Scouts of America Local Council Participation Grant Program (2015-2016)

Many councils realize great savings by participating in nationally negotiated contracts. We would like to encourage more participation and pass along even more savings to local councils.

To that end, we have developed a grant program based on the savings that have accrued on our total purchases as of the anniversary of these contracts. These dollars will be made available through the Local Council Participation Grant Program. The funds will be distributed at year-end. (Contracts for food purchases are excluded because a separate program already exists.)

This application should be completed by councils wishing to participate. Councils will need to submit their outdoor program plans and how they will spend the grant funds if they are approved.

Program Goal

To promote participation and retention of membership and support quality outdoor programs offered to the youth in local councils.

Vendor Participation Grant Application Guidelines

1. Projects must be used for the development, implementation, and creation of more life-changing experiences for Scouts through outdoor programs.
2. Grant applications must be approved by your council leadership.
3. For all approved projects, a final report must be sent to the Outdoor Programs/ Properties Department by Dec. 31, 2016. The report should include a description of the project, proposed and final budget, volunteer labor, donated materials, photographs or drawings of the completed project, and outcome data (such as customer satisfaction surveys, number of youth provided service as a part of this project).
4. Grants are available for a variety of purposes, but innovative programs that will attract new members and retain current members are most desirable.
5. The council must be enrolled with and purchase from approved national vendors - currently Lowe's and Office Depot to be eligible. Others will be added during the year. Provide a list of purchases you have made from these vendors during the past year.

The funds can be used for any outdoor adventure program-related project. The goal is to create more life-changing experiences for Scouts through outdoor programs.

Download the fillable PDF application from www.scouting.org/outdoorprogram. Completed applications are due on or before **Nov. 15, 2015**. All councils that apply will be notified of their status by Jan. 31, 2016. Approved grant projects must use all funds by Aug. 31, 2016.

Project Selection

Applications are due on or before **Nov. 15, 2015**. The selection committee will review all applications and notify applicants by Jan. 31, 2016.

Objectives

Applicants should address these critical concepts:

- Will the project attract and/or retain members, and how will this be accomplished and measured?
- In what ways is the project innovative?
- What are the broad impacts of the program?
- How does the project increase participation in the council to enhance the Scouting experience through outdoor programs?
- What is the "need" for the project?
- How does the project align with the council's strategic plan?
- In what ways does the project incorporate funds and donations from other sources, additional manpower, etc.?
- How will the council measure success?

Local Council Participation Grant Application – 2015

Instructions: Save this form to your desktop as "430.816.pdf" and return the completed form as an attachment to keith.christopher@scouting.org on or before **Nov. 15, 2015**.

Council: _____ No. _____

Region: (check one) Central Northeast Southern Western

Council headquarters: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Which national vendors have you used in the past year for purchasing? _____

Does your council have an outdoor program committee? Yes No

If yes, name of Chair: _____

Journey to Excellence status for 2014: Bronze Silver Gold None

Project title: _____

Executive Summary

Project title: _____

Total project cost: _____ Amount requested: _____

If applicable, explain how you plan to raise any funds needed for this project that are in excess of this grant request. _____

The following documentation must be included as attachments to your application:

- Provide a short (750 words or less) detailed description of the grant request describing how the project will satisfy the objectives outlined in the grant instructions.
- Explain the method you will use to measure the success and outcomes of the proposed program. (Note: If your application is approved, you will be asked to provide a report on the success and outcomes of your program upon its completion.)
- Provide a detailed estimated budget for the project. (Attaching an EXCEL spreadsheet is suggested)

The 2015 BSA Local Council Participation Grant Application is submitted by:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

I certify that this request has been approved by the following council representatives:

Scout executive: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Council president: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Council vice president of program: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____