

ACCT UK Grant Programme

Application Guidelines

What is the fund?

Our **ACCT UK Grant Programme** is available all year round to benefit cadets and Army Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) of the Army Cadet Force (ACF) in accordance with ACCT UK's charitable aims:

"To give mental, moral, and physical training to young people and so to form and develop the character of each as to enable them to make a good start in life and to develop in them principles of good citizenship."

"To promote the efficiency of the ACF through fostering the activities of Army Cadets and advancing the youth leadership abilities of Army Cadet Force Adult Volunteers."

Who can apply?

You can apply for financial support if you:

1. Are a **volunteer** or **cadet**, irrespective of rank or uniform status, of the ACF.
2. Are a **Detachment, Company, or County** of the ACF.
3. Applications from any geographical area within the UK are eligible for consideration. Applications from non-UK based people or organisations of the ACF are **not** permitted.

What can you apply for?

4. Grants to support an **individual cadet** or **CFAV**, or **groups of cadets and CFAVs**, to **take part in activities** being delivered through the Army Cadet Safety Management System **that they would not otherwise be able to afford**. These include, but are not limited to:
 - *Battlefield Tours; Commemorative Events etc.*
 - *Overseas Training; Adventurous Training or Expeditions etc.*
 - *UK-based Training; Static-line Parachuting Courses etc.*

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5. Grants to **ACF Counties**, to take part in activities delivered through the Army Cadet Safety Management System, **by the purchase of approved, necessary equipment** that is **not normally funded** by the Army Cadets. These include, but are not limited to:
 - *The purchase of musical instruments; flutes, drum pads etc.*
 - *The purchase of adventurous training equipment; paddleboards etc.*
 - *The purchase of expedition equipment; Bikepacking equipment etc.*
6. Applications for equipment must be supported with evidence that the HQ RC Cadets Branch's 'Equipment Authorisation Committee' (EAC) have approved the purchase and use of equipment for cadet activity.
 - It is advised that ACF Counties complete an approval request form prior to submitting an application to ACCT UK. This form can be accessed here online; [Non-MOD Equipment Approval Request](#) or via email from RC-Cdts-Sp-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk
 - **ACCT UK will not award grants for equipment without this approval.**
7. Applications for musical instruments should go to SO2 Music, Regional Command Cadets Branch, in the first instance, please submit your request directly to music@armycadets.com
8. **ACCT UK will not normally award grants where the activity or purchase has been conducted** prior to the application being submitted. In such cases ACCT UK will require evidence of the costs incurred prior to a grant decision being made.
9. **ACCT UK will not normally make individual awards for CFAVs if they are in receipt of Volunteer Allowance** for the same activity. Consideration will be given if explicitly supported by the ACF Commandant in cases of hardship or similar extenuating circumstances. This must be explained within the application form.
10. For funding for CFAVs to achieve a recognised qualification, please see the **ACCT UK Personal Development Bursary**.
11. You must be able to demonstrate what direct benefits the activity will have on the individuals participating within the application form.

How much can you apply for?

12. **There are no set minimum or maximum grant amounts**, but the following are offered as guidance for activity grants:
 - Battlefield studies are generally funded between £75-£130 per cadet for a standard 4-day trip.

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- Overseas training is generally funded between £150-£250 per cadet, more could be awarded depending on the skill level of the training.
 - UK training is generally funded between £30-£75 per cadet, more could be awarded depending on the skill level of the training.
- 13. It is unlikely that 100% of the activity or project will be funded**, it being an important principle that the applicant contributes or undertakes additional fundraising.
- 14.** If 100% funding is required, the reason for this plus any additional supporting information must be clearly provided within the application form.

Who and what is excluded?

- 15.** General appeals for hardship support not relating to cadet activity or personal development, for example, loss of housing, household bills, personal debt etc.
- 16.** Applications from CCF (A) cadets, volunteers, or Contingents will not be considered. In this case, please contact the Combined Cadet Force Association grants officer grants@cadetsinschools.org
- 17.** You must be an active member of the ACF, any applications from cadets or volunteers in the non-effective pool will not be considered.
- 18.** Any ACF focused activity that is not delivered in accordance with the Army Cadet Safety Management System.
- 19.** Any activity that only includes adult volunteers, unless linked to their personal development and the achievement of a qualification. For funding for an individual CFAV to achieve a recognised qualification, please apply via the **ACCT UK Personal Development Bursary**.
- *ACCT UK will accept applications for a **group of CFAVs** for the achievement of a qualification via the main ACCT UK grant programme, but the individuals attending the training must have been on strength for at least 24-months.*
- 20.** Any equipment that can be obtained through the MOD system, including all first aid training equipment.
- 21.** Any adventurous training delivered by an external provider in the form of multi-activity packages, particularly as part of an ACF County's Annual or other seasonal Camp.
- *ACCT UK will accept applications for adventurous training delivered by an external provider for singular activities at county, company or detachment level e.g. Static-line Parachuting, Indoor Climbing, Sailing etc.*
 - *ACCT UK are more likely to support adventurous training grant applications that will lead to an individual qualification or will improve the capacity to deliver AT within the ACF County.*
- 22.** Any maintenance, redecoration or refitting of local cadet training establishments.

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What will the conditions be?

If you are successful, you will be subject to the following general conditions. Specific conditions will be detailed in your grant award letter if required.

23. You will need to provide full bank details of your ACF County. The grant will be paid directly to the bank account of your ACF County, unless otherwise authorised.
24. You will be required to submit a short report detailing the impact of the grant. The content of this may be used in ACCT UK advertising, annual reports, and future appeals for funding.
25. If you wish to make changes to the funded activity or project, these must be agreed in advance with ACCT UK. Failure to do so may result in the grant being withdrawn.
26. If the activity or project is cancelled, this may result in you needing to repay the value of the grant in full.

How can you apply?

27. You can **submit an application at any time**, though we recommend that you apply at least six weeks prior to the start date of your activity. This is to allow time for decision making and payment.
28. Complete the **ACCT UK Grant Programme Application Form**; this can be downloaded from our website www.acctuk.org or obtained by email from grants@acctuk.org
29. ACF Counties/individuals are not limited in the number of grant applications that can be submitted at any one time or in any given financial year.
30. If you have any questions about the bursary or need help completing the form, please contact the ACCT UK Grants Team:

 020 4586 8186
 grants@acctuk.org

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