

Appendix 3: Army Cadets

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6032			
Name of Organisation	Army Cadets			
Organisation Type	Not a registered charity but are supported and in part governed by the ACCT policies – charity number 305962			
Ward	Covers the whole of Letchworth			
Project Type	Youth Group			
Green option considered?	/			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None that we are aware of.			
Previous financial support within six years	None			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£2,500	Total project cost	£6,704	
Officer Summary				
<p>The Army Cadets recently spent money from their reserves on new storage for their Adventurous Training (AT) equipment, which they now need to replenish. In addition, they need to service and maintain the existing items, replace some old/damaged items, and hope to purchase new equipment, subsidise cadets attending courses and other great opportunities they may otherwise not be able to afford. Their HQ is in Icknield Way, Letchworth. They have detachment locations in Letchworth, Hitchin, Royston, and other areas in Hertfordshire. Some of the activities include Outdoor Climbing, Mountain Biking, Paddling and Navigation exercises. There is a lack of activities available to young people in our area and the Army Cadets are filling a gap in provision.</p> <p>They have been working towards getting their volunteer team qualified as activity leaders and instructors so that they can reduce the costs of running activities for the cadets. This means that once they have the correct equipment the running costs for any activities reduce to almost zero and allow them to deliver more days training. This funding would primarily help the cadets in the area, but also the adults who volunteer. Currently that is approximately 230 12-18 yr. olds and 40 adults living in Hertfordshire. With an annual turnover of about 30% for new cadets. Their target audience in those enrolled in the Army Cadet Force (ACF).</p> <p>The ACF advertises on the radio, on social media, and posters. Advertising is focussed more in areas where their numbers are low, or they can make the biggest impact to the community. Word of mouth has the best results. The adventurous training element of what they offer is aimed at helping to build resilience in those who take part, to push themselves physically and mentally in a safe and fun environment. The skills that are targeted include teamwork, communication, self-reliance, planning, awareness (of dangers), co-ordination and help with building strength, stamina, self-confidence. By providing the funding it will make the Cadet places more accessible to families on low incomes and provide opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to experience activities that they may not be able to access otherwise. They believe in an all-inclusive policy; everyone can achieve something.</p>				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation