

GRANT AID

APPLICATION FORM



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Application Number: **GA521**
(for office use only)

Please read the accompanying Guidance Notes *before* completing this Form.

NB the maximum amount of grant aid available using this form is £500.00.

Please complete ALL questions. If a question on the form is not relevant then please indicate this in your answer; if enough information is not given then it delay your application.

“Project” means the programme of activities, equipment or running costs for which grant aid is being applied.

1 Name of the organisation applying for Grant Aid

Girlguiding Bristol & South Gloucestershire International

2 Name of the applicant and position within organisation

Nicole Crompton and Roxanne Lock – International Advisors

3 Address for correspondence

4 Is the organisation:

a registered charity

[X]

5 Give a brief description of the project for which the grant is required

Girlguiding Bristol and South Gloucestershire (BSG) is seeking funding to support the continued growth and delivery of our International Opportunities (INTOPS) programme - a transformative initiative that enables girls and young women aged 13–17 to build confidence, independence, and global awareness through international travel, cultural exchange, and leadership development.

INTOPS provides a structured pathway for girls to take part in meaningful international experiences. Each year, members from across BSG sign up for a county-wide selection event, where they participate in team-building challenges, leadership exercises, problem-solving tasks, and outdoor activities. These activities not only help identify girls' strengths but also support their personal development, preparing them for the responsibilities of representing their community abroad.

Interest in the programme has grown rapidly since it was relaunched in 2024. What began with 10 participants has now expanded to 66 young people taking part in our most recent selection weekend, reflecting a remarkable rise in enthusiasm for global adventure and learning. Correspondingly, the number of successful participants has increased from 5 in 2024 to 32 selected for trips taking place in 2026 and 2027. The upcoming opportunities include travel to Ireland in October 2026 and Iceland in July 2027, providing girls with experiences focused on outdoor adventure, teamwork, international friendship, and cultural understanding.

However, with this growth comes financial pressure. International opportunities are life-changing, but they are also costly, with per-participant fees ranging from £930 to £2,700. We are committed to ensuring that no girl is excluded due to financial hardship, and grants such as this are essential in helping us keep the programme accessible, equitable, and open to all. Demand continues to rise, and we already have plans underway for additional trips in October 2027 and Summer 2028.

By investing in INTOPS, funders will be supporting a proven and expanding programme that empowers young women, develops future leaders, and strengthens our local community through global experiences. This grant will help ensure that every girl with the passion and potential to represent BSG internationally can take part, regardless of family circumstances, allowing the programme to continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

6 Which category most applies to this event? (Please circle ONE)

Art *Sport* *Community* **Youth**

7 Who in the Bradley Stoke Community will benefit from your project and who outside Bradley Stoke will benefit? Please enter actual or your estimated numbers below

Bradley Stoke Residents	Non Bradley Stoke Residents
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Secondary age/youth groups (11-14yrs, 15-18+ yrs)

[For 2026 selection, we had 14 from Bradley Stoke. 6 were successful in securing trips]

[For 2026 selection, we had 52 non-Bradley Stoke residents. 26 were successful in securing trips. These were from across the Bristol & South Gloucestershire County]

Note: This number varies from year to year, and the figures here reflect only our 2026 intake. Our hope is that, with increased funding, we will be able to open opportunities to even more girls across Bradley Stoke and South Gloucestershire. Greater financial support would make both the selection weekends and the trips themselves more accessible, so that cost is never a barrier to taking part.

This year’s Selection Weekend was an incredible experience in its own right. We were joined by the Navy for a full skills day, giving the girls the chance to learn and try things they may never have encountered at school or in their everyday lives. It was a fantastic example of how, with the right support, we can open doors to new experiences for every girl - no matter their background or circumstances. We plan to continue this partnership in years to come as it was enjoyed by everyone who attended!

Adults <i>under</i> retirement age	[1 Leader]	[7 Leaders]
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8 What will be the main benefits of your project to the Bradley Stoke Community?

The INTOPS programme provides far-reaching benefits to the Bradley Stoke community by supporting young people to grow into confident, resilient, community-minded citizens. International guiding experiences have a transformational effect something that is especially important in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many young people faced increased isolation, anxiety, and missed opportunities for personal development.

By taking part in INTOPS, girls from Bradley Stoke gain valuable life skills that they bring back into our local community. Through international travel, cultural exchange and shared adventure, they learn to manage themselves independently, step outside their comfort zones, and take on new challenges with confidence. These trips are designed to be girl-led, meaning participants take responsibility for planning, problem-solving, and working as a team. This hands-on leadership experience helps them develop strong communication, critical thinking, and decision-making skills - all of which positively contribute to their roles in school, at home, and in local organisations.

Participants also build friendships across the county and with peers from around the world, strengthening their sense of belonging and broadening their understanding of

different cultures. Upon returning home, we consistently see girls become more self-assured and more motivated to give back. Many go on to volunteer in local units as Young Leaders and adult volunteers, support community events, and become role models for younger girls. This creates a cycle of empowerment, where each generation inspires the next within the Bradley Stoke community.

In addition to supporting girls, this project also benefits the wider community by making it possible for volunteer leaders to continue delivering safe, inclusive, and high-quality international experiences. Leaders give their time freely, complete specialised training, and take annual leave to support these trips, yet currently must pay the same full cost as participants. This is a significant financial barrier, and without leaders, the trips simply cannot run. Ensuring leaders are supported means Bradley Stoke will continue to have experienced, dedicated volunteers who contribute not just to INTOPS, but to weekly unit meetings, events, and other youth opportunities in the town.

Support from the Town Council would directly benefit local families by removing financial barriers that often prevent young people from accessing life-changing experiences. By contributing to the cost of participation and leadership support, the Council would enable more girls from Bradley Stoke to take part, ensuring that all young people, regardless of family circumstances, can access opportunities that build their confidence, broaden their horizons, and shape their futures.

Ultimately, investing in INTOPS strengthens the Bradley Stoke community by helping young people develop into capable, compassionate, globally aware citizens. These girls return empowered, engaged, and eager to contribute - bringing their new skills, confidence, and sense of community back home. Through your support, you would be helping to build the next generation of leaders, volunteers, and positive role models within Bradley Stoke.

9 When and where will the project take place?

Current projects are live for Summer 2026, October 2026 and Summer 2027 but we will also have more coming for October 2027, Summer 2028 and beyond.

Is this project:

- a one-off
- on-going: daily

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| annually | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| other (<i>please specify</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| phased (<i>divided into stages</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(please tick the appropriate box)

10 If the project is phased, please give details below of all the timings of the phases

N/A

11 On what part of the project will the Bradley Stoke grant be spent? Please give full details, completing the income/expenditure statement on page 6.

The Bradley Stoke grant will be used to reduce the financial barriers that prevent local girls and volunteer leaders from taking part in our International Opportunities (INTOPS) programme. Specifically, funding will help cover a portion of participation costs for Bradley Stoke girls selected for upcoming international trips, and will also support essential leader places so that these trips can run safely and inclusively.

Your contribution would directly support:

- **Subsidising the cost of international trips** for Bradley Stoke participants, ensuring that no girl is excluded due to family financial circumstances.
- **Supporting volunteer leaders**, who are required to attend, complete specialist training, take annual leave, and deliver safe, high-quality experiences—but currently must pay the same full cost as participants.
- **Sustaining the growth of the INTOPS programme**, so that more young people from Bradley Stoke can benefit from life-changing experiences in 2026, 2027, and beyond.

In summary, the grant will be spent on making international guiding opportunities accessible, affordable, and sustainable for young people and leaders from Bradley Stoke.

11 How many Grant Aid applications to Bradley Stoke Town Council have you made in the last TWO years? None

12 Please give full details of the last Grant Aid application made by your Organisation to Bradley Stoke Town Council: NB This must be completed in FULL.

	Application Date	Application Number	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
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13 If your application is approved to whom should the cheque, be made payable?

The Guide Association – Bristol & South Gloucestershire

If you are asking the cheque to be made payable to someone other than the applying organisation please give your reasons below. We are unable to make cheques out to individuals.

N/A

Please attach the following information to the application form:

- evidence of the **current** financial status of the applying organisation
- a statement of income and expenditure for the last 12-month period
- the written constitution and/or Equal Opportunities Policy (if applicable)

Applications cannot be considered without the above or a satisfactory written explanation as to why they are not available.

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with the conditions laid down by Bradley Stoke Town Council if the grant application is approved; in particular to the requirement to:

- **complete the Grant Evaluation Form within 28 days of completion of the project or 31 March whichever is the sooner**
- **return the formal Receipt on receipt of the Grant Aid cheque**
- **provide Bradley Stoke Town Council with photocopies of Supplier invoices, if applicable for audit purposes**

- **recognise the financial assistance given by Bradley Stoke Town Council**

Signed: N. Crompton

Date: March 2026

On behalf of: Nicole Crompton & Roxanne Lock

The information contained in this document will only be used for the purpose of this application. The Bradley Stoke Town Council Privacy policy is available via the following web link: <https://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/town-council/policies-and-procedures.php>

(Revised February 2019)

Statement of the Project Income and Expenditure and amount of Grant Aid requested by:

Name of Organisation: Girlguiding Bristol & South Gloucestershire

Income		Expenditure
What is the total projected income for the project?	£2,970 Selection 2026 £34,000 Sweden 2026 £18,600 Ireland 2026 £54,000 Iceland 2027	£2,970 Selection 2026 £34,000 Sweden 2026 £18,600 Ireland 2026 £54,000 Iceland 2027
Please give details below of other sources of income		Please give a breakdown of the project cost below.
Own funds – from members or participants	£0	Materials/equipment (If necessary please provide separate list/costing.) £ budgets for each trip can be provided on request.
Participants contributions/charges	£109,070	Running costs £
Grants RECEIVED/APPLIED for from: South Glos Council	£0	Training £
Other Local Parish/Town Councils	£500 (applied – if not given, will have an additional cost to participants)	Administration Costs £
Charitable Trusts – please name: Lottery/Awards for All etc	£0	Publicity/Printing £
The Business Community	£0	Premises Hire (BSTC Facilities) £
OTHER income (please specify)	£0 so far (we are applying, but nothing has been given to date) £109,570	Premises Hire (Other than BSTC Facilities) £
TOTAL POSSIBLE PROJECT INCOME (If all other Grant/Funding Applications are approved)		Other expenditure (list) £109,570
		TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE £109,570
TOTAL POSSIBLE PROJECT INCOME (excluding Grant Applications)	£ £109,570	Amount requested in Grant Aid from Bradley Stoke Town Council (Max grant aid is £500.00)
		(NB This question MUST be answered) £500

This form must be fully completed in order for the application to be considered.