

9th June 2020

Dear Group Contacts, District Treasurers and District Contacts,

### Co-op Good Causes Funding, June 2020

The Co-op have just launched the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the Good Causes funding, and you will be pleased to note that 'Woodcraft Folk' is listed as a type of organisation they will fund.

Folk Office wish to encourage every District or group who are eligible to apply e.g.

- Every group within the trading area of a Coop Group business (store, travel or funeral care)
- Every group with their own bank account, for those Districts with multiple bank accounts and multiple locations it is possible to attract funding from different stores

Previously some Districts have been successful in attracting £1,000s to support their ongoing running costs e.g. rent, registration fees, volunteer expenses. Others have successfully attracted funding to start a new group or work in partnership with a local organisation to meet a local need e.g. improving local play facilities, community cohesion projects.

Folk Office would like to encourage groups to apply for the following:

- Reopening costs, PPE, equipment and promotion
- Volunteer expenses e.g. membership fees, camp fees, Folk costume. This will help remove the financial barrier which currently exists.
- Volunteer training, with the aim of linking up with local Districts for a facilitated event. Folk Office can provide the trainers if local Districts can find the funds for room hire, travel costs and refreshments.
- Outreach and community projects

The funder has feedback that they have funded enough marquees and would like to focus on people within the community and benefits directly to individuals e.g. as volunteers who gain skills and children who gain confidence, friendship, critical thinking skills and more!

Due to the nature of the funding there is no requirement for a detailed budget, as chosen charities get a percentage of the store's profit which is paid in two instalments (50% in April 2021 and 50% in November 2021). The application form is simple to complete and the monitoring is incredibly light touch. Tom Brooks and I have updated guidance for groups and are offering feedback on applications. If you would like support with your application please email [funding@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:funding@woodcraft.org.uk) by 21st June 2019. Please note the fund deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> June.

If you decide this fund is not right for your District or group please consider giving permission to Folk Office to apply on your behalf to co-ordinate regional activities for children, young people and adult members. We are very keen to replicate the activities we are delivering in the Eastern region, such as the 'The future we would like to see' camp and our bushcraft and social action days for Pioneers.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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Yours faithfully,

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