



CCFA Duke of Edinburgh's Award Support Grant

Application Guidance Notes

Overview and purpose

1. To support the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) in the Combined Cadet Force, the Combined Cadet Force Association (CCFA) have allocated a grant fund to which CCF units will be able to bid for a one-off grant.
2. All CCF contingents are invited to bid for a grant under the following headings:
 - A **£1,000** grant towards specific items of expedition equipment for use on DofE
 - A **£500** grant towards the DofE Licence fee for schools that do not currently offer DofE
3. The purpose of this funding is to enable Cadets from all backgrounds to access DofE and Expeditions.

Expedition Equipment – Grant information

Grant Criteria

1. Bids must:
 - Be no more than £1,000 in total (including VAT and delivery costs).
 - Have the support of the Contingent Commander.
 - Only include the following items:
 - Camping stoves
 - 2- or 3-person tents
 - Waterproof jackets and trousers
 - 65-75 litre rucksacks
2. All items must meet the specification requirements in **Annex A** at the end of this document.
3. This grant is open to standalone contingents and lead schools. Partner schools are not eligible.

Grant Conditions

The contingent must be a current member of the CCFA to be able to apply for this grant.

Should the application be successful, the contingent will comply with the conditions of the grant by providing a financial report to account for the purchased equipment and a short report on the use of the grant and its impact.

Application and Selection Process

1. Applications must be submitted to grants@cadetsinschools.org by **16 January 2026**.
2. All grant applications will be reviewed by a CCFA selection panel.
3. Contingents will be notified by **23 February 2026** whether their bid has been successful.

DofE Licence Fee Support – Grant information

Grant Criteria

1. Only open to schools who have not previously had or do not currently have a DofE licence and whose cadets do not therefore have access to DofE through the CCF.
2. The grant amount is up to £500 and the school will need to contribute towards the remaining cost of the licence. All pupils in the school will be able to take part in DofE, and eligible cadets in the CCF must be allowed to participate in DofE.
3. This grant is open to standalone contingents and lead schools. Partner schools are not eligible.

Grant Conditions

This is a one-off contribution to kickstart DofE within the CCF. There is no guarantee of future grants from CCFA for the same purpose, therefore the school must be prepared to bear the cost going forward.

The contingent must be a current member of the CCFA to be able to apply for this grant.

Application and Selection Process

1. Schools must complete an Expression of Interest form by **5 December 2025** at this [LINK](#).
2. After the Expression of Interest is submitted, schools will be asked to complete an application form which will be reviewed by a CCFA selection panel.
3. Contingents will be notified before **31 March 2026** whether their bid has been successful.

Any further questions should be sent into the RC-Cdts-0Mailbox@mod.gov.uk FAO SO2 DofE.

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Annex A – Specification requirements for items being purchased using CCFA Funding

To ensure that items being purchased with the CCFA Funding are both fit for purpose and represent good value for money, the specifications below must be used when identifying which items to purchase:

Item	Specification	Example products
Camping Stove Set (designed for group cooking)	Full set including burner, stand, handle and 2 pans Compatible with self-sealing gas canisters (not twist and click or puncture type) OR meths burners Gas burner attached by flexible gas hose Check that replacement parts can be purchased through the lifetime of the product	Trangia 25 or 27 Series with Meths Burner or Gas Converter Access Expeditions Endurance Lava 400
2- or 3-person Tent	Semi-geodesic or tunnel design Porch space Alloy poles Lightweight Small pack size Labelled/engraved poles Min 3,000mm Hydrostatic head (flysheets) and min 6,000mm HH for groundsheet Separate flysheet and inner Oversized tent bag with compression straps Check that replacement parts can be purchased through the lifetime of the product	Access Expeditions Endurance Tent range OEX Jackal II or III
Waterproof Jackets and Trousers	Jackets: Hydrostatic head min 5,000mm Fully adjustable hood and hem Available in a wide range of sizes Zipped pockets Zipped front with storm guard Adjustable cuffs Trousers: Hydrostatic head min 5,000mm ¾ side zips/fasteners for putting on/taking off easily Available in a wide range of sizes Elasticated waist	Berghaus Deluge Pro Jacket and Trousers Keela Prosport Jacket Keela Rainlife 5000 Trousers Rab Downpour Waterproof Jacket
65-75 litre rucksacks	65-75 litre volume External side pockets. Adjustable back system. Available in slim waist size (optional) Hydration system compatible. Dual access points. Durable 600 Denier fabric. Detachable rain cover (optional) Padded hip belt Adjustable sternum strap	Vango Contour 60 + 10 Access Expeditions Endurance Quest or Mission 65L or 75L