

Additional Funding Policy At-A-Glance

This page is meant to provide an overview only. Please review the entire Additional Funding Policy here before proceeding with any money earning activities. Following this policy helps to ensure the safety of our adult volunteers and protects the council as a whole.

Through the Fall Product Program and cookie programs, girls have the opportunity to “earn and learn.” They earn funds for their Girl Scout activities while learning key skills that will help them in business and in life. Girls practice Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics. We refer to these as the Five Skills and they make up the entrepreneurial pillar of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

While the Fall Product Program and cookie program should provide enough revenue for troops to participate in most activities, we understand that sometimes, large projects or extended travel may require additional funds. GSCP2P has outlined a policy for troops to earn additional funds, while continuing to build on their five skills.

All Additional Funding must first be approved by council staff. Always complete an Additional Funding Activity Application before beginning any fundraiser or asking for donations. After your fundraiser is completed or your donation has been received, you must complete an Additional Funding Final Report.

Troops are allowed to participate in additional funding activities if they meet the following criteria:

- Have an established GSCP2P bank account.
- Are in good standing with no outstanding debts to the council.
- Have participated in the most recent Fall Product Program and cookie program.

Money Earning Activities

Troops may host additional money earning activities to raise funds for special projects or activities. The troop must submit an Additional Funding Activity Application at least 30 days prior to their event and receive council approval. The event should reflect the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) and help girls practice their Five Skills.

Examples of approved money earning activities are:

- Badge workshops
- Drop-in babysitting
- Spaghetti supper
- Car wash

Solicited Donations

Troops may ask individuals or businesses to donate money, goods or services to help with their special project. Before you ask for donations, the troop must submit an Additional Funding Activity Application at least 30 days prior to their intended ask and receive council approval.

The council can provide a tax deduction letter if needed, but the troop is responsible for the appropriate thank you notes.

Unsolicited Donations:

Troops may receive unsolicited donations (gifts that you didn't ask for) up to \$1,000 per membership year. Once the \$1,000 amount has been met, additional donations should be forwarded to the council. Any gift over \$250 should be processed through the council for tax purposes. The full gift, up to \$1000, will be deposited into the troop bank account.

Things to consider:

- Girl Scouts may not raise money for other organizations.
- Girl Scouts forbids co-ventures or product demonstration parties where the use of the Girl Scout trademark increases revenue for another business.
- Fundraising may not take place at the same time as the council's Fall Product Program or cookie program or during a United Way blackout period.
- Individuals may not receive a donation on behalf of GSCP2P.
- All funds must be administered through a Girl Scout bank account.

For the complete Additional Funding Guidelines, visit:

<https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/content/dam/girlscoutsp2p-redesign/forms-and-documents/business/Additional%20Funding%20Final%20Guidelines-%20March%202024.pdf>

Additional Funding Forms

- [Additional Funding Application](#)
- [Additional Funding Final Report](#)