



Northern Star Scouting
**INNOVATION FUND
APPLICATION**

Overview:

- Funding is available to finance innovation
- Designed to encourage creation of programs that respond to youth's changing needs and interests
- Assures timely response to innovation requests

Guiding Principles

- Generation, development and implementation of ideas that add value to Scouting.

Funding Process:

- Council committees, task forces, districts, units and individuals encouraged to apply
- Grants range from \$300 to \$50,000
- Applications should secure staff champion and be reviewed by a related committee
- An Innovation Committee Member will be assigned to help guide the process
- Completed application should be submitted to Innovation Committee one week prior to presentation
- Committee meets every two months: in person presentation recommended
- Approved projects will be submitted to Council's Board of Directors for final decision

- Applicant will be immediately notified of Board's decision

Innovation Committee Mission:

- To encourage, review and evaluate ideas that can help Scouting programs continue to be responsive and relevant, focused on effective ways of fulfilling NSC's mission of positive youth development.

Council Mission: We prepare young people to be leaders and individuals of strong character by helping them discover and live by the principles of Scouting.

Council Vision: Northern Star Council is a positive influence in the lives of all young people in our communities.

Council Strategic Plan Pillars - Initiatives

- Strengthen Core Programs
 - Attain maximum membership
 - Evolve programs to fit desires and needs of youth and families
 - Provide effective support to units and volunteers
- Broaden Impact Beyond the Core
 - Expand Base Camp Programs
 - Expand impact of key programs
 - Evolve impact measurement approach

Project Name: _____

Submitted By: _____ **Date:** _____

Amount Requested: _____

Brief Project Description (75 words or less):

Please address the following funding criteria:

(Note - for project requests under \$3,000, simply complete questions 1, 2, 3 and 9)

1. **Impact Level** – *How do you feel this positively impacts Scouting?*

2. **Strategic Fit** – *Describe how this project fits with the Council's Strategic Plan. (Full Strategic Plan on our [website](http://www.northernstarsa.org/our-strategic-plan) www.northernstarsa.org/our-strategic-plan)*

3. **Plan/Timeline** – Three parts:
 A. Describe the implementation plan for this project.
 B. Which council committee has reviewed this project and what is their input?
 C. Who on the staff will advise this project?
4. **Leveraging of other resources** – Describe leverage of new resources (people, materials, location, etc.)
5. **Targeting of priority populations** – Describe how this project will help deliver programming to targeted groups.
 (Priority populations include: disadvantaged, underserved by Scouting, youth and families at the entry points of Scouting and our increasingly diverse community)
6. **Sustainability of Idea** – Will funding lead to sustained program improvements? Yes No
 Brief Explanation:
7. **Availability of other funds** - Are there other means of funding? Yes No
 Brief Explanation:
8. **Recurring need for funds** – Is this a one-time request? Yes No
 Brief Explanation:
9. **Budget** - List key income and expense items

Attach additional pages as necessary. This request should be no more than 3 pages long.
 All successful applicants will be required to meet reporting requirements.