



## AWAC Advancement Team

### Eagle Scout Fundraising



The AWAC Advancement Committee met on 18 November to discuss Advancement changes and Eagle Project/Application issues. We had representatives from all districts except Miami. One of the items discussed was the cost of Eagle Projects and in particular the Fundraising Application. It is the aim of the Advancement Committee to support and enhance the process of an Eagle Scout Project. Below is a summary of the issues and the Advancement Committee's recommendation:

#### **Eagle Project Fundraising Application**

- The Eagle Project Proposal does not require completion and signatures on the Fundraising Application – it does ask for a cost estimate and initial plans to raise the funds to cover expenses. Those approving Eagle Proposals have asked for guidance as to when the Fundraising Application is necessary, and in what circumstances it is not.
- The Guide to Advancement (section 9.0.2.10) provides the following guidance:  
*“The Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application, found in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, is used to obtain approval when required. Note that local councils may add further definition to the standards established here or on the application form.... They could also establish dollar thresholds; for example, “Any effort expected to raise less than \$500 does not require an application.” Completed forms are sent to the local council service center where they are routed to those responsible for approval. This may be a district executive or another staff member, the council or district advancement committee, a finance committee, etc., as determined appropriate by the local council.”*
- In order to streamline the Approval Process, the AWAC Advancement Committee proposes the following cost threshold guidance be approved for AWAC Eagle Project Fundraising Applications:
  - For ALL Projects, the Fundraising Application shall be completed – *even in the event that the project is being fully funded by the beneficiary or the Scout* (this should be stated on the Fundraising application, and no further action is required).
  - If the estimated projected cost ***is below \$500***, no signatures are required for fundraising approval.
  - If the estimated projected cost is ***between \$500 and \$1,500***, the Fundraising Application can be approved at the District level, by the same person who approves the Project Proposal.
  - If the estimated projected cost is ***above \$1,500***, the Fundraising Application ***must be approved*** at the Council level, specifically by the Scout Executive or his designee, which will be the Field Director or the Staff Advisor for Advancement.

In all cases, regardless of amount to raise, the Scout should be directed to clearly communicate to all individuals and entities from which funds are being solicited, that the funds will benefit the “Beneficiary Organization” and not the Scout, a Scouting Unit, the Council or the BSA in general.

**Approved by AWAC Executive Committee, 17 December 2015**