

# APPLICATION FORM FOR A GRANT

**THE GREATER LONDON RFCA SPECIAL GRANT FUND**  
**THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION GRANT FUND**  
**THE LIEUTENANCY GRANT FUND – January only**

Amount:

	£
✓	£600
	£

This is a generic form; where any heading seems inappropriate please write 'Not appropriate' or 'None' as the case may be.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to return their completed Application Forms by e-mail. They should be sent to: [gl-citysec@gl.rfca.mod.uk](mailto:gl-citysec@gl.rfca.mod.uk) or:

**City Secretary, RFCA Greater London,  
 Fulham House, 87 Fulham High Street, London SW6 3JS**

**Fax: 94624 4664 or 020 7384 4664**

## Section 1

Unit (of participants)	<b>FANY (PRVC)</b>
Unit making the application (if different)	

## Section 2 **Go to Section 3 if your bid is not for adventurous training or similar group activities**

Expedition / exercise / undertaking name	Two week basic wings course to achieve French Military Parachute Wings Brevets			
Activities (list all that apply)	Ground school and 6 static line jumps			
Country and area	France, Ecoles des Troupes Aeroportees			
Departure date	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2013			
Return date	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2013			
Numbers eligible for a grant:	Numbers inside the brackets are total number of participants in that rank category. Numbers before the brackets show the number from RFCA Greater London sub-units.			
<u>Reservists</u>	<u>Officers</u> (8)	<u>SNCOs</u> ( )	<u>JNCOs</u> ( )	<u>Ptes</u> ( )
<u>Cadets:</u>	<u>Officers</u> ( )	<u>SNCOs</u> ( )	<u>Adult Instrs</u> ( )	<u>Cadets</u> ( )
Number of other participants not eligible for a grant	<u>Regulars:</u>		<u>Reservists</u> (FTRS, ADC, etc):	
	<u>Civilians:</u>			
<u>Totals</u>	Eligible:	8		
	Not eligible:	n/a		

### Section 3 To be completed in all cases

Description of proposal (Include details of method of travel or itinerary, accommodation and any other relevant information)

This application is seeking to assist covering the cost of a two week basic wings course to achieve the coveted French Military Parachute Wings Brevets at ETAP(Ecole des Troupes Aeroportees), the French Army Parachuting School for Airborne Troops at Pau. This is intended to take place May 2013.

The course is open to all members of the Corps as long as the appropriate regulations are adhered to. To gain a place on this course, all members must have completed a static line jump with the Army Parachute Association at Netheravon, Wiltshire and also pass a fitness test. They must also show a basic level of French.

The ETAP course builds confidence and challenges members both mentally and physically. It gives our members an incredible sense of achievement and a recognised qualification both within the Military Fraternity and Civilian world and it provides an excellent PR tool for the Corps. We have a very good uptake of eight FANYs wishing to attend this course. As all FANYs can participate, the course also enables those members who have not taken part previously to join in, and it is also open to those who want to build on their parachuting achievements from a previous year.

We will be flying civilian air from London to Pau. ETAP is situated adjacent to the airport. We will be staying in the Officers Mess accommodation at ETAP.

**Itinerary:** Monday (day 1) arrive - fitness test. Day 2, fitness test, ground training starts and finishes day 5 with simulator test which must be passed to be allowed to jump. Following week - 6 static line jumps are completed to include a night jump, a reserve ride jump (purposely opening reserve canopy) and jumping with a container. The Wings Ceremony will take place on the final day.

The opportunity for members to participate in this type of course is considered a valuable retention initiative. Members develop strong teamwork skills combined with personal, physical and intellectual stamina. Determination to succeed is key. This experience will strengthen our members' future commitment to the Corps.

The course is offered to all members of the Corps, and upon completion a report would be publicised in our Gazette and on our website gratefully acknowledging our sponsors. We would, as always, be delighted to provide the RFCA with a report and images of the Exercise for their use.

Could the equipment or facilities be provided by military sources? If 'yes', explain why they are not being used?

Parachuting equipment is provided by ETAP. As mentioned above, accommodation is in the Officers Mess.

### Section 4 Must be completed for all adventurous training and sporting activities

Adventurous training

Is JSATFA approval required? No Has it been obtained? NO\*

\* This exercise is run in association with the French Army Parachuting School for Airborne Troops at Pau.

Sports bids: Has an application been made to the relevant Reserve Forces Sports Board for support for this activity? No

## Section 5 To be completed in all cases

### Project Income and Expenditure Sheet

Total costs must be shown for all **eligible** participants only. Please modify the headings as necessary and give details.

<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Income</u>	
List the cost (incl VAT) of all items (identify anything obtained free)		£	List here all internal sources of funding (eg. fundraising activities, regimental support)	
Travel (flights)		1440.00	Individual contributions	
Accommodation		1280.00		
Equipment, clothing		00.00		
Food		576.00		
Insurance		160.00		
Wings Course		NA		
			List all external sources of funds (include loans as well as any grants and show any conditions attached to any source of funds)	
			71 Signal Regiment will pay a small grant towards the cost of accommodation we do not know how much at this stage	
<b>Total expenditure:</b>		3456.00	<b>Total income:</b>	
			3456.00	
<b>Funding sought from:</b>			Make certain that the addition is correct!	
<b>GL RFCA Special Grant</b>				
<b>Corporation Grant</b>	(City Assn units only)	600.00		
<b>Lieutenancy Grant</b>				

#### Additional information for expeditions and similar projects

Numbers eligible	Reservists: 8	Cadets:
Number not eligible		
<u>Are participants being paid MTDs?</u>	No – all FANY are volunteers	

<b><u>Finance Summary</u></b> Per capita details required for each <b>eligible</b> participant	
Cost for each person	£432
Contribution paid by each person (before this application)	£432
Grant requested for each person	£75

## Section 6 To be completed in all cases

### Commanding Officer's Recommendation

I confirm that: (Delete any that are inapplicable)

- This application has my full support and I approve the amount requested. Yes / No
- The expedition has the full approval of, and will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of, the appropriate Service authorities. Yes / No
- A post-exercise report and photographs will be submitted to the RFCA Greater London within 2 months of the conclusion of the expedition / exercise / undertaking

#### Reasons for supporting the request:

Parachuting is one of the Corps most expensive activities but it remains extremely popular. To have the chance for FANYs to gain their French Parachute Wings is a tremendous opportunity. The course is an excellent means of pushing participants to their limits, whilst building their confidence and often members surprise themselves with their courage in taking part in an extreme sporting exercise.

The Corps cannot afford to pay the costs for this training but I would not want members to be excluded for reasons of cost. I would either have to consider subsidising the costs through the Corps funds or assisting individuals towards the cost by alternative means.