



# Funding at Barnwood Trust

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Barnwood is an independent charitable Trust. We get millions of pounds of funding out into the county every year. But money is only part of the story.

We join with the people, communities and organisations in Gloucestershire's disability and mental health movement – creating change so that disabled people and people with mental health conditions have choice of opportunities, access their rights, and are included where they live.

# Our vision and purpose

## **Vision**

Gloucestershire will be a better place when disabled people and people with mental health conditions are equal, empowered and their rights are upheld.

## **Purpose**

The Trust acts as an agent of social change, working alongside disabled people and people with mental health conditions to create that change.

# Funding

- Individual Grants
- Themed Funding
- Funded Partner Programme



## OPEN & TRUSTING grant-making



### *Flexible funding*

We are calling for funders to adopt more open and trusting practices that make life easier for those they fund.

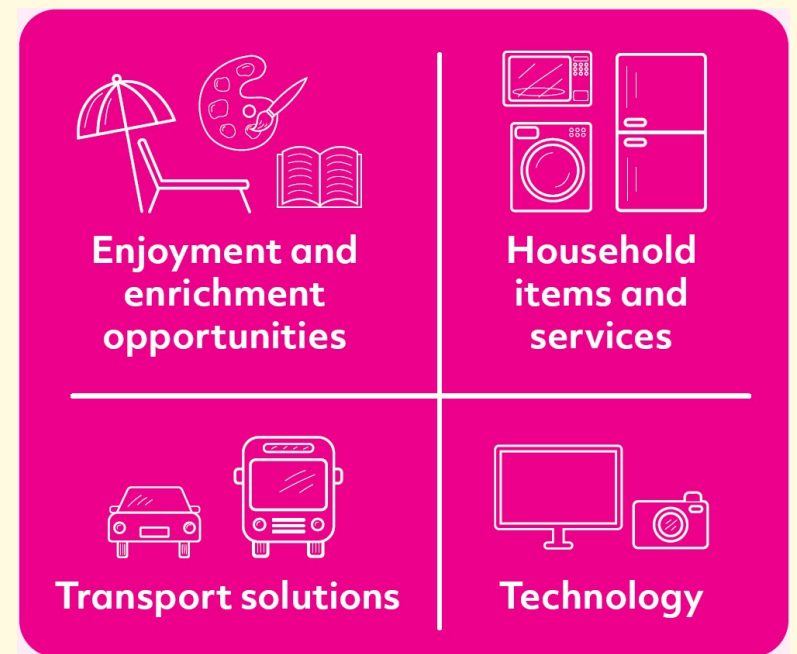
- Grant processes feel easy, straightforward and trusting
- Voluntary organisations are respected and trusted to know best how to deliver their missions
- Voluntary organisations and funders approach impact as a shared endeavour
- A culture of mutual understanding and respect becomes the norm

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# Grants for Individuals

Access support via the Advice & Access Team at Citizen's Advice North & West Gloucestershire on 0808 189 6280 or email [adviceandaccess@gloscab.org.uk](mailto:adviceandaccess@gloscab.org.uk)

[www.barnwoodtrust.org/funding/grants-for-individuals/](http://www.barnwoodtrust.org/funding/grants-for-individuals/)



# Themed Funding

## Short Breaks

- Working with GCC to test new ways of delivering and commissioning short breaks and respite for disabled children and their carers
- Including directly funding 8 VCSE providers to deliver activities

# Themed Funding

## Accessibility Fund

- Supporting projects that improve access to indoor and outdoor spaces for disabled people and people with mental health conditions.
- Criteria co-designed with experts by experience
- Up to £150,000 for capital and other work that supports access in the widest sense (not just lifts and ramps!)
- Final round opening Autumn 2026

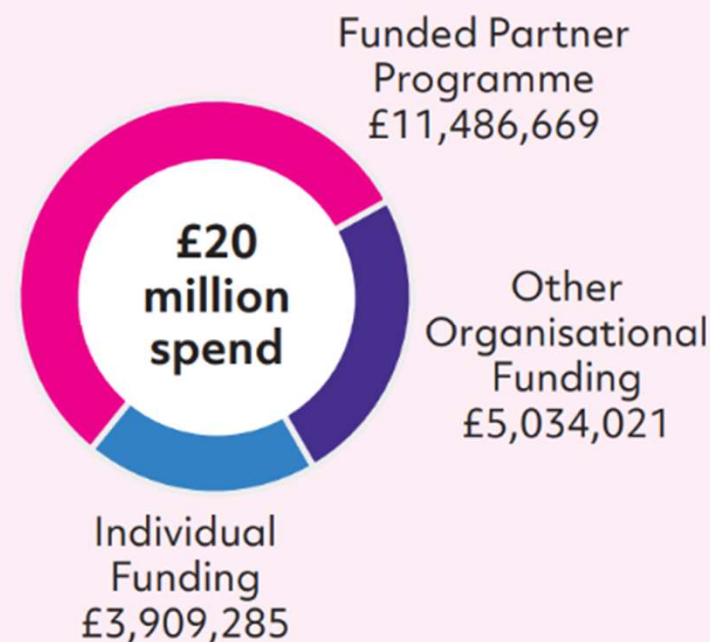
# What is the Funded Partner Programme?



Our largest funding programme supports the ongoing sustainability and development of VCSE organisations, and their ability to deliver activities aligned with the Trust's goals: **opportunity**, **inclusion**, and **access to rights** for disabled people and people with mental health conditions in Gloucestershire.

Between 2023 and 2026, the Trust will release over £20 million pounds - **£11.4 million** of that will be through the Funded Partner Programme.

Funded Partners are so called because our focus is on working in a learning partnership; we each develop our activities and learn together about what works.



# The Funded Partner Programme

- Small Grants
  - 1 year
  - Up to £10,000
  - Currently CLOSED
- Multi-year funding
  - Up to three years
  - Up to £150,000
  - Open for Expressions of Interest- June 8th



## Opportunity

We want disabled people and people with mental health conditions across Gloucestershire to have choice of opportunities that meet their hopes and passions.



## Inclusion

We want disabled people and people with mental health conditions across Gloucestershire to be included and involved in their communities and the places they live.



## Rights

We want disabled people and people with mental health conditions across Gloucestershire to access their rights and see positive change on disability issues.

# Wide range of organisations and activities

- Dementia choir
- Mum and baby groups
- Community transport
- Wheelchair rugby
- Play therapy
- Community hubs
- Campaigning

# Range of eligible expenses

- Direct delivery
- Organisational development
- Staff salaries
- Expansion
- New service
- Delivering tried and tested service



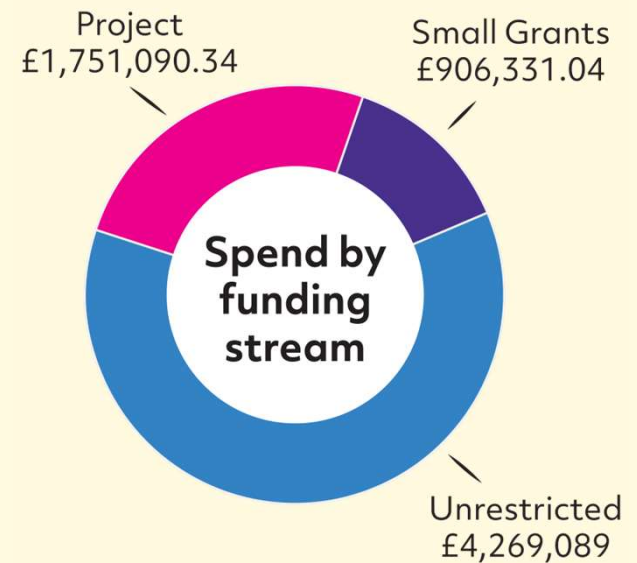
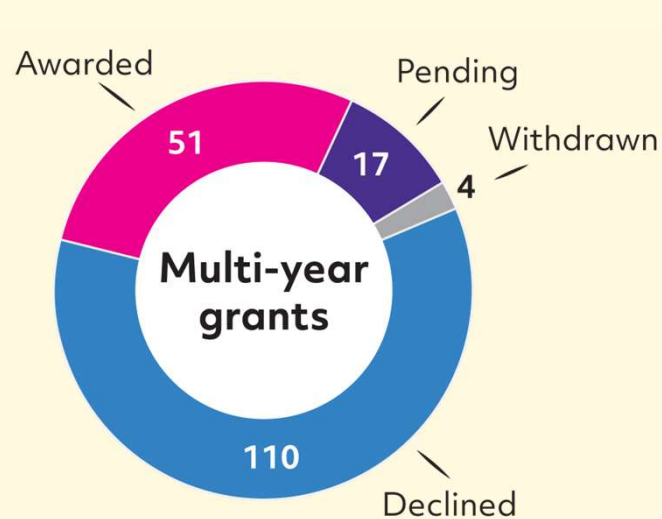
# Funded Partner Programme

Average Project award:

**£81,193**

Average Unrestricted award:

**£128,728**



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# The Funded Partner Programme

## Multi-year funding

### **Unrestricted:**

- Where the organisation's whole purpose is disability and/or mental health
- Up to 150k over 3 years

### **Project:**

- For organisations with another focus (sports, arts etc.) who want to do work with disabled people and/or people with mental health conditions
- Up to 100k over 3 years

# Timeline and Process

EOIs Open	8 June
EOIs Close	20 July
Invite to Application	7 August
Application Deadline	28 Sept
Lived Experience Panel	21 October
Trustee Panel	12 November

## Journey from Expression of Interest to Funding



# Eligibility

## For Unrestricted and Project Funding

- Are you an organisation or group delivering work in Gloucestershire?
- Does the work you need funding for have a disability and/or mental health focus?
- Has your organisation been incorporated for more than 2 years?

# What we do not fund

- Work that is not legally charitable.
- Organisations without an asset lock
- Building expenses, construction costs, refurbishments, vehicle purchases or leases. We will fund permanent equipment, supplies and vehicle maintenance.
- Applications from schools. We will fund applications from PTAs or nonprofits to deliver work in schools, as long as the work is not a statutory responsibility.
- Work, activities or equipment that are a statutory responsibility.
- Grants to individuals.
- Medical procedures or practice.
- Work that does not have a direct benefit in Gloucestershire

# Due diligence

- Bank account
- Safeguarding policy
  
- Constitution
- Accounts and finances
- Three unrelated directors (CIC)
  
- Check website for full details

# What makes a good EoI?

- Are you eligible?
- Follow the guidance
- Are we the right funder for you?

# Scoring Criteria



COMPELLING VISION



ALIGNMENT WITH  
BARNWOOD'S GOALS



KNOWLEDGE AND  
EXPERTISE/LOCAL  
CONTEXT



IMPACT AND LEARNING

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# After the funding is awarded

- Catch up meetings with your FRM
  - Project Funding: Every 6 months
  - Unrestricted: Quarterly
  - Both: Annual reporting meeting prior to processing next year's payment
- The **3 learning topics** you have committed to within your application can build the foundation for these catch ups.
- A short learning and evaluation form completed annually with your FRM, sharing thoughts on your learning topics, any key impact data and some headlines about your organisation's plan for the coming year.

# Our support

- Guidance documents
- Webinars
- 1-2-1 surgeries
- EoI check with a Funding Relationship Manager

# Funding questions?

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# Other ways to get involved with Barnwood Trust

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# Barnwood Circle

Barnwood Circle is a network of people who inform and guide Barnwood Trust's work to fund and influence change in Gloucestershire.

- **Membership is open to:**
  - Disabled people
  - People with mental health conditions
  - Unpaid carers
- **Being a member**
  - Members join Barnwood Circle for **up to 3 years** to:
  - Share experiences, views and ideas
  - Take part in co-design projects with us
  - Join meetups in-person or online
  - Get a quarterly Round Up newsletter
  - Access the member area of our website



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Resources, stories and insights to help organisations and groups in Gloucestershire make nature more accessible.

We will be hosting an event to bring people together to learn and explore how we can take positive action.

You can register your interest to hear more about it when we launch <https://wkf.ms/41Q2wPi>

# Keep in touch

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