

Funded Partner Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

I would like to apply for a small grant but my organisation or group does not have a bank account. Can I still apply?

You can still apply, but you will need to identify an organisation who agrees to hold the funds on your organisation or group's behalf. As part of the due diligence assessment, we will contact this organisation and ask them to send us a letter to confirm that this agreement is in place.

What do you mean by “mental health”?

We recognise that mental health covers a vast array of provision, services, research and activities. We will consider expressions of interest and charitable objects/ governing documents on a case-by-case basis, and clarify for you before you make a full application to Barnwood whether your project or organisation is eligible.

As a broad rule, mental health should be an explicit and identified theme for either your organisation or for the work you want funded. If you are looking for funding for work that seeks to improve wellbeing, but is not explicitly about providing opportunities for, involvement of, or supporting access to rights for people with mental health conditions in the county, then it is unlikely your application would be successful.

Can you fund the provision of treatments, therapies or counselling?

We will consider applications of this nature on a case-by-case basis, and will score applications based on an organisation's or proposal's vision to deliver Barnwood's goals. The Trust is unable to fund anything that falls under statutory responsibility.

We will assess the qualifications of staff as part of the due diligence assessment, and ensure that staff have the necessary qualifications to

deliver the service by checking membership of and/or certification by an appropriate body.

Please note that, as Barnwood operates in line with the [social model of disability](#), we cannot fund medical procedures or services.

What do you mean by “formally constituted”?

To be eligible for funding lasting more than one year, your organisation will need to have been formally constituted for at least two years. Being formally constituted means the organisation:

- Has a clear legal framework,
- Has a defined mission, and
- Is operating in compliance with the laws governing the type of organisation you are registered as (e.g., CIC, CIO, Charity, etc.)
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I work for a Community Interest Company (CIC) and would like to apply for a grant, but my organisation is not yet generating an income. Can I still apply?

You can, but only for Small Grants Funding. This is because a community interest company (CIC) is a type of company, designed for social enterprises that want to use their profits and assets for the public good. Therefore, by definition, CICs should not be generating income solely through grant funding.

For more information on CICs, visit: [Community interest companies: forms and step-by-step guides - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) For more information on the types of checks we do if you are a CIC, consult our Information Pack.

My organisation needs funding quickly. Is it worth applying?

Please see the Information Pack for details on how quickly an application is turned around. As a rule, for Unrestricted Funding and Project Funding, it may take up to 3 months between your application being submitted to Barnwood* and receiving an outcome. For Small Grants Funding, we aim to

have an answer for you within a month of Barnwood* receiving your application.

* Gloucestershire Funders timelines will vary depending on how many applications the collective receives in a given fortnight. Therefore, we can only guarantee turnaround times once your full application to Barnwood has been submitted.

My organisation needs funding to cover something that has either already happened or that we have already paid for. Is this possible?

Barnwood cannot award funding for projects, work or events that have already taken place.

My organisation recently received funding from Barnwood Trust. When can I reapply for further funding?

In the case of Unrestricted and Project Funding, organisations cannot receive another grant from Barnwood while they have a live grant with us. In the final year of your funding, your FRM will begin to discuss your future funding options with you. They will support you to submit a new application to Barnwood (if applicable) in the last 6 months of your grant. Any future funding awarded will not be paid until after your current funding has finished.

In the case of Small Grants Funding, the same applies. If you would like to reapply for funding, your FRM will support you to submit a new application to Barnwood (if applicable) in the last 6 months of the 12 month period since you were awarded your original funding. Any future funding awarded will not be paid until after your current funding has finished.

If Barnwood runs a Themed Funding round while you have a grant with us, you will still be eligible to apply for this. This is because themed funding tends to be specialist, and we want to ensure the opportunity is open to any organisation that is interested.

My organisation is eligible for Unrestricted Funding, but I would like to apply for a Small Grant or for Project Funding. How does this work?

If your organisation is eligible for Unrestricted Funding, we will always advise you to apply for this. This is because it is open, flexible, and enables your organisation to deliver anything that you need in line with your charitable objects or governing document. This means that what you would deliver through a Small Grant or Project Funding is automatically covered as part of this.

Small grants can be useful if you would like to trial or test something. However bear in mind that you won't be able to apply for any funding for 12 months from Barnwood Trust if you choose to apply through this programme.

My organisation is eligible for Project Funding, but I would like to apply for a Small Grant to pilot my project. How does this work?

This is possible. However, remember that you can only apply once in 12 months for Small Grant Funding. If you would like to pilot something, you can do this as part of a Project Funding application.

If you discover after a few months that the pilot did not work as planned, or you would like to trial a different approach, simply speak to your FRM, and they will go through your options with you. The Trust will always be as flexible as possible, provided the outcomes of your new project are not vastly different, and they still align with Barnwood's strategic goals.

My costs have risen since receiving my funding. Can I ask for an uplift mid-way through the funding period?

The overall amount you are awarded cannot be increased once you have signed your terms and conditions. When you are submitting your bid, we will always advise you to account for inflation in years 2 and 3, within reason. If costs rise unexpectedly, please speak to your FRM, who will discuss flexing your overall budget – for example, shifting funds from year 3 into year 2.

I would like to make accessibility improvements to my building. Is this possible?

Barnwood Trust cannot fund the construction of new buildings, extensions, or significant refurbishments under any of the strands outlined in this pack. Funding for work of this nature would require additional checks and paperwork, which means The Trust needs to manage this type of funding in a different way. For this reason, the Trust is considering how it might distribute capital accessibility funding through a separate scheme in the coming years. We will update our website when more information on this is available.

I am eligible for Unrestricted Funding and would like to use some of my grant to improve accessibility in my building or venue. Is this possible?

For Unrestricted Funding, the funding can be spent on routine building repairs and maintenance where this is critical to the running of your organisation. If your organisation identifies a critical need to make more substantial changes to improve access to your venue or building, we will consider these requests on a case-by-case basis.

Can schools apply for funding?

We can consider applications for Small Grants Funding from schools, provided that:

- a. The school is a special school*,
- b. The funding is not for curriculum-related activities or equipment, and
- c. The application has been submitted by the school's PTA, or registered charity associated with the school.

*Mainstream schools can apply provided that they meet conditions b and c, and the work they need funded will explicitly benefit disabled people and/or people with mental health conditions.

Please note that we cannot provide funding to fee-paying schools.