Individual Grants (January 2025 – March 2026)

Impact and Learning Report

At a glance

Between January 2025 and March 2026, Barnwood Trust awarded £1.2 million through 779 Individual Grants, helping disabled people and people with mental health conditions across Gloucestershire access the resources, opportunities and support they need to live independently and well.

This report highlights who was reached, what was funded, where need exists and what the data tells us about demand across Gloucestershire.

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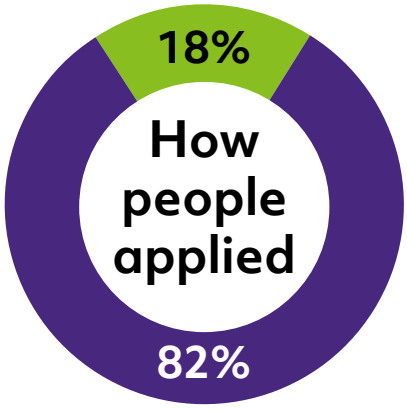
Advice & Access Team



Community Partners

£60
Smallest grant

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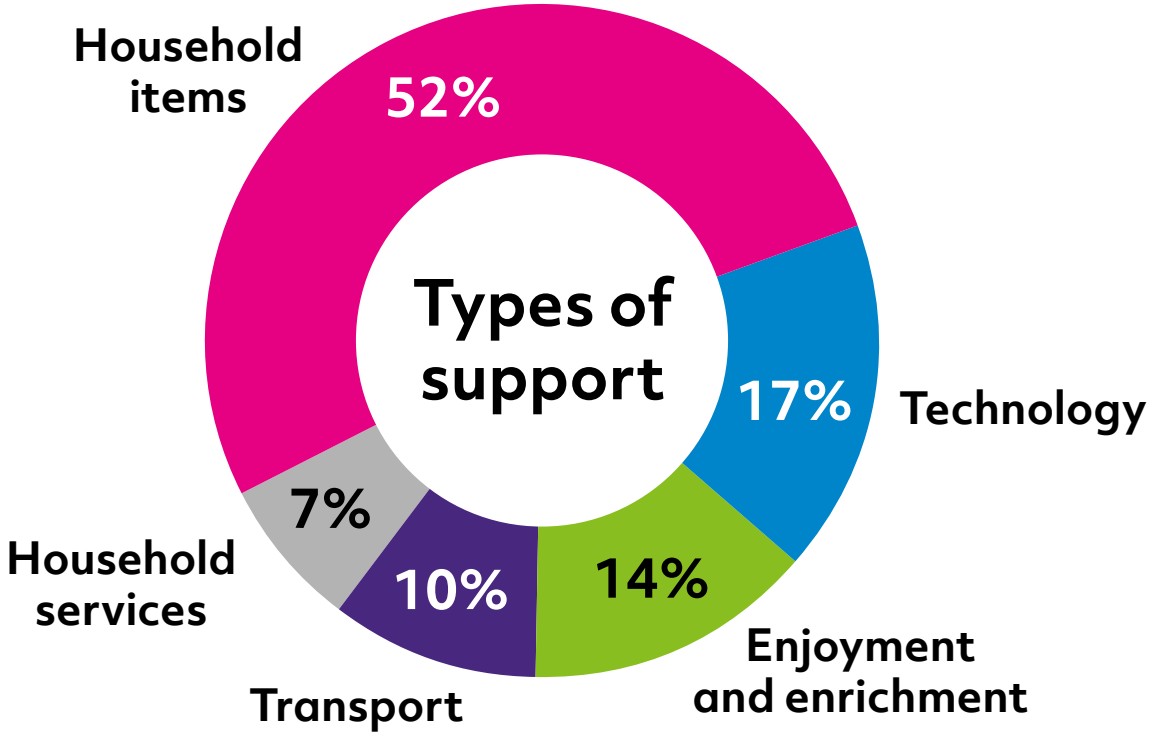
£3,741
Largest grant

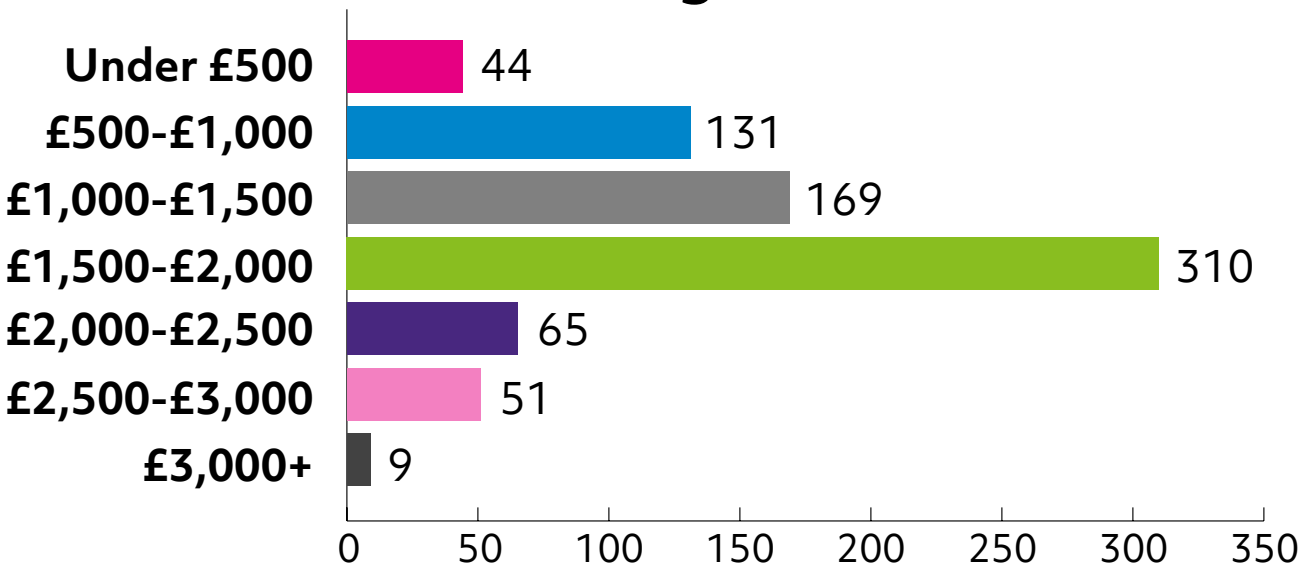
Worked with
18
Community Partners

How grants were used

Individual Grants supported a wide range of needs, from essential household items and technology to transport solutions and opportunities that improve wellbeing, confidence and quality of life. The charts below show both the types of support funded and the typical value of grants awarded.



Value of grants

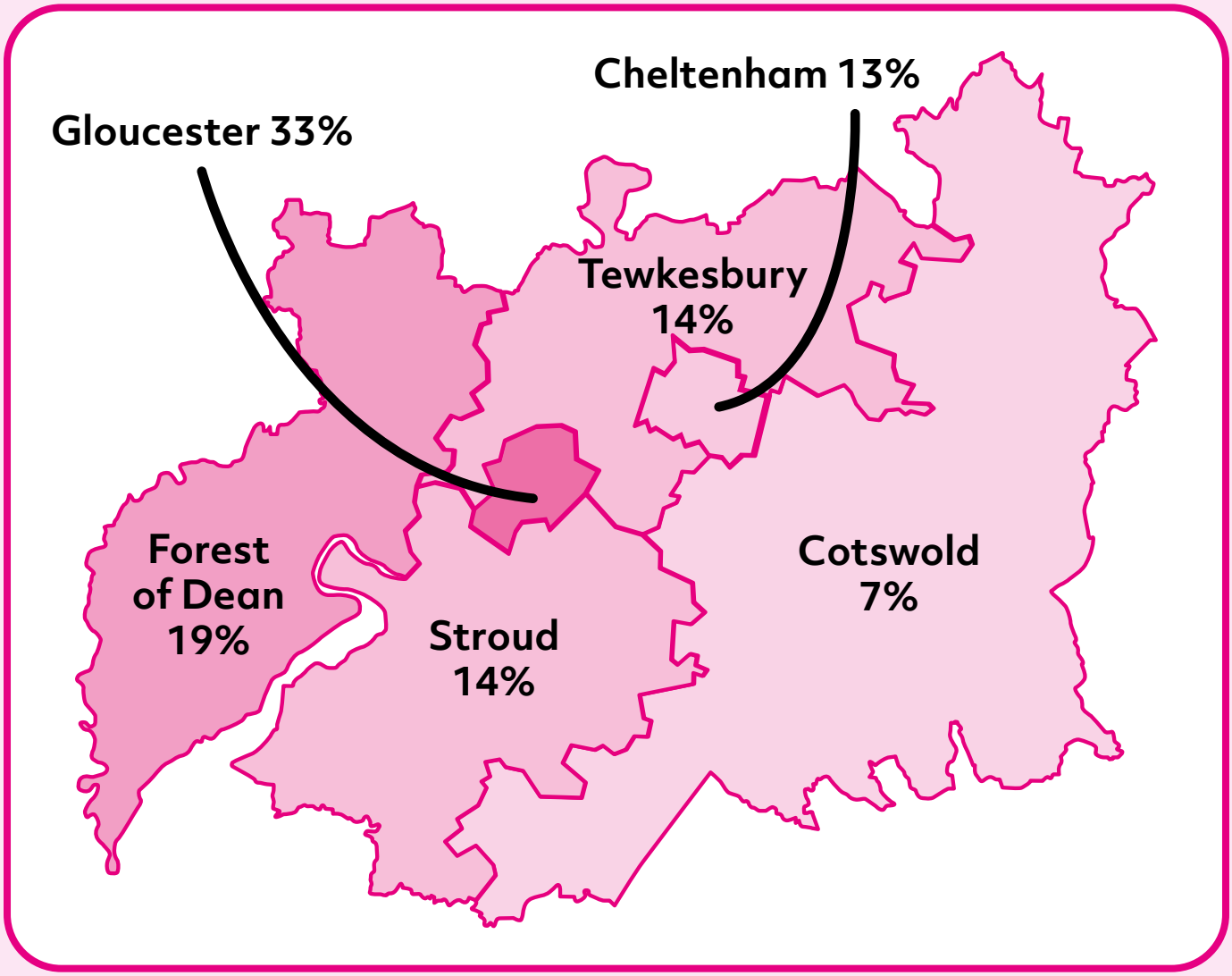


Reaching people across Gloucestershire

One of the strengths of the Individual Grants programme is its ability to reach disabled people and people with mental health conditions across Gloucestershire through a trusted network of local organisations.

Applications were submitted by 18 Community Partners on behalf of individuals, helping Barnwood Trust reach people in all 6 Gloucestershire districts.

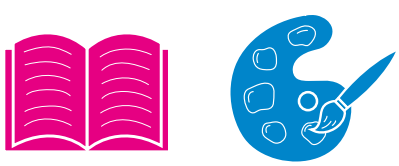
These figures reflect the reach of our Community Partner network and highlight opportunities to strengthen engagement and access in underrepresented areas.



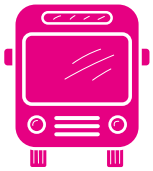
Advice & Access Team

Alongside our Community Partner network, 18% of applications came through the Advice & Access Team at North & West Gloucestershire Citizens Advice.

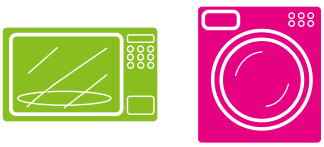
Compared to applications received through Community Partners:



Requests for enjoyment and enrichment opportunities were **16% higher**.



Requests for transport solutions were **2% higher**.



Requests for household items and technology were both **9% lower**.

This difference highlights the distinct role the Advice & Access Team plays in supporting disabled people and people with mental health conditions who may not yet be connected to other local support services. As well as helping people explore funding options, the team also provides advice on issues such as benefits, housing and financial difficulties.

What the data tells us

Household costs remain a significant area of need

More than half of all grants funded household items or services, highlighting the ongoing financial pressures faced by many disabled people and people with mental health conditions.

Technology supports independence and participation

From mobile phones and laptops to specialist software, technology grants helped people stay connected, access services and participate in everyday life.

Wellbeing matters as much as practical support

Grants for hobbies, holidays and other enrichment opportunities show that quality of life, confidence and social connection are important needs alongside essential items.

Trusted local organisations extend reach

Community Partners and the Advice & Access Team play a vital role in identifying need, supporting applications and connecting people to wider sources of support.

Transport continues to be a barrier

Demand for mobility scooters, bicycles and driving lessons demonstrates the importance of accessible transport in supporting independence.

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