

FAQs | Grants for you

New individual grant for Barnwood

What changes has Barnwood made to individual grants?

The items we fund, who can apply and how we process our new grants have all been updated. This is to help us manage demand for our individual grants and to provide a better experience for people applying to us.

It is no longer possible to apply directly to Barnwood Trust for a grant for household items. We work in partnership with local specialist organisations who will help Barnwood reach disabled people and people with mental health challenges on a low income who need to apply for a grant for the home.

What can be applied for?

If you are eligible (see below), you can apply for what you need to take up an opportunity: a piece of technology; or a transport solution; or something for your enjoyment. Read further guidance on what you can apply for [here](#)

Can I apply for more than one item?

Yes, you can apply for what you need to make that one opportunity possible, including things like travel expenses or set-up fees. There is space on the online application form to say what you want and estimated costs.

How often can I apply?

If you meet the eligibility criteria, you can apply for a 'Grants for you' grant a minimum of 3 years after the last time you applied for a Barnwood grant to take up an opportunity.

Eligibility for the grants

Who can apply for this grant?

The new 'Grants for you' are for anyone with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI), an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC / ASD), an Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD / ADD) or Tourette Syndrome (TS). To be eligible, the person needs to live in Gloucestershire and receive a disability benefit. If this statement is true for you, you are eligible to apply for a 'Grants for you' Barnwood Trust grant.

For the purposes of this grant, we define 'Serious Mental Illness' as a diagnosed mental health condition which significantly affects someone's ability to manage day to day activities. We **will not** ask to see evidence of diagnosis for your Serious Mental Illness, Autism, ADHD or Tourette's. We **will** ask to see evidence that you receive a disability benefit.

Why is the 'Grants for you' only for some people?

We estimate that we can give about 200 people a 'Grants for you' grant this year. So, we are opening the grant up to specific groups of people, to reach those who have not accessed Barnwood grants easily in the past. We will keep reviewing this.

What documents will I need to provide?

You will need to provide one of the following documents as evidence of your eligibility, dated in the last 12 months: *Personal Independence Payment (PIP)*, *Disability Living Allowance (DLA)*, *Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)*, *Attendance Allowance*, *Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)*, or a *Blue Badge*. On your application form you can upload a photo or scan of the

document. Or we can help you to share your document with us another way. Get in touch to discuss this.

Other sources of support

If you are not eligible for one of our grants there is a list of useful organisations on the Barnwood Trust website [here](#).

Applying for a grant

How do I make an application?

For 'Grants for you', you can apply directly to Barnwood Trust using an online application form, or over the telephone with the help of a member of the Funding Team. If there is a different way that would work better for you, please get in touch.

Who can make the application?

You apply yourself; grant applications are made in the name of the person applying. Someone can support you to apply for the grant by filling in the form with you, like a friend or family member. On the application form, include their contact details as well as your own. We will ask for consent to store, process and share any contact information included on the form.

How do I apply online?

Barnwood Trust uses the Flexi-Grant application portal to manage applications. When you click on the link to apply, you will first be asked to register. [You will need an email address to register on Flexi-Grant. There is

advice about how to set up an email address on the Which? consumer website [here](#).]

Once you have registered, your contact details will be held on the system ready for you to make a grant application. With your Flexi-Grant login, you can save your application form part-way through and come back to check on progress after you have submitted it.

For further guidance on how to make an online grant application [see our instruction video here](#).

What do I do if I'm having trouble applying?

Call us if you would like assistance at any point in your application process. We want it to be as straightforward as possible for you to apply. If there is anything that will help, please let us know.

Getting the grant

How will I receive the items I am awarded?

After you have submitted your application, you will be given a named contact in the Funding Team to work with you. They will be in touch to discuss your application and to confirm your eligibility. Once we have all the information we need to award your grant, we will get back in touch to find out the best way for you to receive the things you have asked for. It will be helpful if you have an idea about the specific things you want, how much they are and where to get them from.

If you would like further information about our individual grants, please call the Funding Team on freephone: 0800 422 0404 or email grants@barnwoodtrust.org