



Unrestricted Funding

Eligibility, Application and Assessment
Information



Key features of this funding

- Multi-year funding for up to 3 years.
- Can apply for up to £150,000, or the equivalent of £50,000 per year if less than 3 years.
- Organisations can apply for an overall budget of no more than 3x50% of their year prior revenues.
- You may only hold one Funded Partner Programme award at a time. However, you may also be eligible for or receiving Barnwood Trust themed funding.
- To ensure that we are fair and equitable in supporting voluntary and community sector partners across the county we will need to consider carefully before awarding any more than two 'live' awards concurrently or more than £300K during any three-year period. This decision will be made by our funding committee, who may decide not to award the funding.
- Requires a commitment to an ongoing learning relationship with Barnwood Trust, by sharing your learning periodically, and contributing to our ongoing understanding of how to deliver the Trust's vision for social change for disabled people and people with mental health conditions in Gloucestershire.

Who is this funding category for?

This funding Programme is for your organisation if:

- The work this funding will support is being delivered in Gloucestershire.
- A commitment to disability or mental health outcomes is explicitly cited in your charitable objects or published governing document.
- Your organisation has been incorporated for more than 2 years. If your organisation is less than 2 years old, or is not formally incorporated, you will not be eligible for this funding. Please refer to our Small Grants Funding for more information.
- The work you want to do advances Barnwood Trust's [strategic goals](#) over multiple years.
- If your charitable objects or governing document do not contain a commitment to disability or mental health outcomes, but the work you would like us to fund aligns with the Trust's goals, then you may wish to apply for Project Funding.

Eligible Expenses

Unrestricted Funding means that you can use this grant for anything that falls within your charitable objects or governing document.

What we do not fund through this programme:

- Work that is not legally charitable.
- Organisations without an asset lock or other general mechanism used to cover all the provisions designed to ensure that the assets of an organisation, including profits or surpluses generated, are used for charitable purposes.
- 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.
- International appeals.
- Medical procedures or practice.
- Work that does not have a direct benefit in Gloucestershire

Application

Once your due diligence assessment is complete, your Funding Relationship Manager (FRM) will send you the application form to complete. The following table shows the questions you will need to answer on your application to Barnwood Trust. It also outlines what assessors are looking for when they score your application, as well as how many points you can receive for each answer you write.

Applications can receive a total possible score of 16 points. Ranked applications will be recommended for funding based on budget availability within the funding cycle.

If any of your responses scores 0, your application will be declined. Your FRM will support you to ensure that the likelihood of your answer scoring 0 is low ahead of your application being brought to a panel meeting.

Funding

Please refer to the Funded Partner Programme Information Pack for information on the decision-making, award and funding relationship management process.

Application Questions and Scoring Criteria

Question	What assessors are looking for	Scoring Key
<p>1. Compelling Vision</p> <p>Please explain your organisation's vision and how you will deliver this over the funding period.</p>	<p>This criterion is about your organisation's vision. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have a clear and cohesive vision for your organisation and what it would like to achieve through this funding. • The outcomes of your organisation's work create meaningful impact in Gloucestershire. • You have a compelling plan to ensure the voices of disabled people and people with mental health conditions play a role in the creation and/or delivery of this project. • Your organisation is uniquely positioned to deliver this project based on its mission and capabilities. • Partnering with the Trust supports your organisation's current strategic priorities and position within the wider sector. 	<p>5 = Strategic and compelling vision, high impact</p> <p>3 = Clear developing vision and moderate impact</p> <p>1 = Under-developed or unclear vision, limited impact</p> <p>0 = No articulated vision, no impact</p>

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<p>2. Barnwood Alignment</p> <p>How will this project help to deliver one or more of Barnwood Trust's strategic goals?</p>	<p>This criterion is about how your project will support the delivery of Barnwood Trust's strategic goals. You should demonstrate that the project will contribute to the delivery of at least one of the Trust's strategic goals. Disabled people and people with mental health conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have choice of opportunities that meet their hopes and passions. 2. Are included and involved in their communities and the places where they live. 3. Access their rights and see positive change on disability issues. 	<p>5 = Strong alignment</p> <p>3 = Moderate alignment</p> <p>1 = Limited alignment</p> <p>0 = Unclear or no alignment</p>
<p>3. Knowledge and Expertise</p> <p>How will you ensure that your organisation has the skills and experience to deliver your plan?</p>	<p>This criterion is about having the appropriate skills and experience in place to deliver your vision. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skills and experience of your organisation will enable you to deliver against its vision over the life of the grant. • Where there are recruitment, skills or expertise gaps, you have a training and development plan in place to address these. 	<p>3 = Strong level of expertise</p> <p>2 = Moderate level of expertise</p> <p>1 = Limited level of expertise</p> <p>0 = No demonstrated expertise</p>

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<p>Impact and learning</p> <p>4. How will you know that your organisation has achieved the vision you outlined in Question 1?</p> <p>5.(An additional Question 5 is included in the application form, but this is not scored.)</p> <p>6.How will you share this learning with Barnwood and beyond?</p>	<p>This criterion is about your approach to learning and evaluating the impact of your project, and a commitment to sharing that with Barnwood and beyond. You should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to working towards and learning about at least one of the themes identified in question 5 of the application form. Your commitment to the learning theme(s) is identifiable within the narrative of your application. • Appropriate learning and evaluation methods are proposed for the project. • Measures of success clearly and directly relate to the vision set out in Question 1. • Evaluation methods and practices have been designed to be accessible to participants. • Detail is given around how you will share your learning with Barnwood and Beyond. • Consideration has been given for potential wider impacts of learning both inside and outside the organisation. If relevant, detail is given on how learning will be shared with communities, partners, or stakeholders. 	<p>3 = Strong potential for learning</p> <p>2 = Moderate potential for learning</p> <p>1 = Limited potential for learning</p> <p>0 = Unclear or no potential for learning</p>

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<p>7. Realistic Financial Planning</p> <p>Please provide a budget using the template provided. Your budget should show how this funding may be spent over the funding period, as well as the amount you would like Barnwood to release each year. We recommend that you request an amount that aligns with what you need to deliver the intended work over the full funded period.</p>	<p>This criterion is about what you plan to deliver, and how you plan to spend your grant. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your projected spend fits with and is proportionate to your plans. • Your budget adequately covers the time and resource you will need to successfully deliver your project for the funding period, and your proposed draw-down schedule reflects this. • Personnel expenses meet at least the minimum wage and preferable the Real Living Wage. Adequate consideration given for on-costs such as NI. • Consideration is given for any evaluation or training costs outlined in the proposal. • Budget includes any predicted inflationary increases. 	<p>The budget section of your application will not be scored by a panel, but must be approved by the Funding Team prior to your application being considered by the Internal Funding Panel</p>