

Funded Partner Programme Small Grant Funding Awards – 2025

Organisation	Awarded	Description
ADHD Hub	£10000	ADHD Hub was awarded £10k to investigate feasibility of Friendship Breaks project - to engage families from minority communities in Short Breaks. Progress to be reviewed after one year when decision will be made on ongoing funding.
Art for All Mental Health	£10000	Organisational costs to support Art For All Mental Health's free weekly therapy sessions in Gloucestershire, covering staff, session delivery, venue rent, and volunteer training. Funding sustains ten sessions, develops outreach with local partners, and ensures an accessible, user-led, and sustainable programme.
Believe in Beyond	£10000	Funding will enable BiB to continue to support survivors of childhood sexual abuse locally, delivering affordable counselling, wellbeing programs, and student placements, and develop online training for passive income. It will cover clinical supervision, administration, website support, advertising, room hire, and management costs.
Bournstream Trust	£4548	Grass cutting is the organisation's major annual cost. They rely on a trusted company that not only cuts the grass but also monitors site issues while remaining respectful of families nearby. The grass cutting company delivers essential services to ensure the site remains safe and well-kept.
Brain Tumour Support	£10000	The funding will support Brain Tumour Support's Family First programme, which provides tailored emotional and practical assistance to families affected by a brain tumour diagnosis. This programme addresses the profound impact on the entire family,

		including loss of income, changes in relationships, cognitive and mobility challenges, and anticipatory grief.
Branches Out Forest School	£10000	The funding will be used to deliver an inclusive outdoor education project for up to 12 children aged 5–11 in Gloucestershire who are experiencing mental health challenges or disabilities. The initiative covers 18 weekly sessions focused on building confidence, resilience, social connections, and practical skills
Brodys Trust	£8000	Funding to create an accessible wet room with a thoughtfully designed space, including a ceiling hoist, height-adjustable changing bench, and waterproof, non-slip surfaces. The goal is to provide a trackable ceiling hoist suitable for children up to 18 years old.
Cheltenham Community Trust	£10000	The funding will fund inclusive football for adults with disabilities and youth sessions for ages 12–25 in Cheltenham, with two weekly weekly 40-week sessions featuring skills, fixtures, and social activities. It includes outreach to SEN schools, covers staffing, venue, kits, and equipment, and provides branded jackets for year-round participation.
Children Lead The Way	£10000	The funding will cover a two-year hire for a staff member to deliver neurodiversity sessions, boosting confidence, social skills, and wellbeing for vulnerable KS2 children. It ensures safe staffing, maintains affordable session costs, and enhances inclusion by funding sensory tools and communication aids for non-verbal children.
Cotswold Communities First CIC	£10000	Funds will hire a part-time support worker for 5–6 adults facing mental health, disability, and social exclusion, providing trauma-informed emotional support, advocacy, and practical assistance.

Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre	£10000	Funding covers a £50,000 rise in employment costs, allowing the Centre to maintain high-quality, inclusive nursery care for children from three months to school age, including those with special needs.
GL Communities Menshed	£5000	The funding will help GL Communities Men's Shed cover essential running costs and purchase spare parts and materials needed for the maintenance and repair of tools and equipment. This support will ensure the continuation of a safe, welcoming space where men—particularly those who are retired, isolated, or experiencing mental health challenges—can come together to share skills, work on projects, and build social connections.
Maggies	£10000	Funding will cover the salary of Maggie's Cheltenham HCPC-registered Clinical Psychologist, providing trauma-informed care—including one-to-one, family, and group interventions—to support cancer patients and families.
Making a Difference Adventures	£9940	The grant enables MAD to host an inclusive adventure weekend for 10 disabled participants and their carers, featuring accessible activities like climbing and orienteering. Funds cover equipment, venue, staff, and safety.
Marah Hub	£10000	Marah will use the funding to sustain and expand its drop-in service, offering free meals and a supportive space for those facing homelessness, poverty, addiction, and mental health issues.
Music for Memories	10000	MfM plan to expand into Gloucestershire, reaching 300 more individuals in 12 months. This funding will ensure effective, lasting music therapy services.

Orders of St. John's Care Trust	5500	Funding for an omiVista interactive table at Paternoster House to improve dementia residents' well-being through engaging activities that promote socialisation, communication, and physical movement, leading to enhanced emotional stability, stronger relationships, and family involvement.
Riding for the Disabled Association	10000	To host a free, inclusive event at the UK's largest disability equestrian festival, features include activities, sensory zones, and info on Equine Assisted Services and volunteering. Funding is needed for accessible facilities, transport, activity resources, volunteer support, and promotion.
Severn Rivers Trust	10000	Funding will support inclusive river-themed workshops for young people and families with disabilities or mental health issues, featuring adapted activities like wildlife surveys and sensory experiences. The program offers accessible venues, specialist equipment, and transport, fostering confidence, well-being, and connection to rivers through flexible, participant-led engagement.
Starr in the Community	9916	Funding will finance an accessible circus in Gloucester, covering venue hire, BSL signer, mobile Changing Places toilet, new sound desk, sensory visual poi, and spare costumes. These measures enhance engagement and accessibility for families facing disability, mental health, or financial challenges.
Strike a Light	10000	Applied for multi-year funding to improve arts access for disabled communities in Gloucester via a Community Connector, disabled-led artist commissions, and artist residencies. Panel deemed project premature and awarded a small grant to advance efforts before reconsidering multi-year support.
Swifts and Swallows	7033	Funding for a Hi Riser Shower Stretcher to ensure safe, dignified showers for individuals with profound disabilities at Swifts, Swallows CIC, and Ashley's Meadow, enhancing comfort, safety, and inclusion.

The Cotswold Listener	10000	Applied for multi-year funding to maintain operations and supplies to serve 150+ listeners, were unsuccessful but obtained a small grant to cover one year of operations.
The Garden Pathway	6636	Funding will support therapeutic horticulture for Gloucestershire dementia patients: staff, plants, garden upgrades, durable furniture, and tools, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and engaging space.
The Place Outside	9964	Funding to support Naturewell, a mental health program fostering belonging, resilience, and well-being through nature and creative activities, addressing barriers like sensory and emotional challenges. Both trauma-informed group and solo interventions.
Wyldwood Arts	10000	Wyldwood will expand access for disabled and mentally ill individuals via co-designed projects, universal access measures, and training. Enabling skill development, create work placements, and support employment in culture, increasing disabled-led performances.

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Organisation	Awarded	Description
Be a Good Neighbour	£10000	Be a Good Neighbour supports people in Cheltenham facing mental health challenges, long-term illness, disability, domestic abuse and other complex issues that can lead to isolation. It provides consistent, relationship-based one-to-one and small-group support, delivered by trained staff with support from a small volunteer team.
GL4CIC	£10000	GL4CIC provides facilitated craft sessions to bring people together in a safe, supportive space; over 80% of participants live with chronic health conditions or disabilities. The project will deliver six craft sessions and four seasonal projects with all materials provided and clear, facilitator-led outcomes.
Cotswold Exercise Referral	£10000	Cotswold Exercise Referral CIC supports inactive people aged 16+ to increase physical activity and improve health. The programme helps prevent and manage long-term conditions including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, mental health difficulties, musculoskeletal conditions and some cancers, through accessible, guided activities.

Mikedcare	£9850	Funding will support facilitated wellbeing and peer-support sessions for mothers who struggle to access traditional services. Sessions will combine guided conversations about mental health with creative and reflective activities that build emotional regulation and confidence. Participants will be supported to develop trusted peer networks, with practical wellbeing toolkits and resources to help them continue using strategies beyond the sessions.
MS Society	£10000	MS Society provides subsidised Pilates at Viney Hall (Forest of Dean) for people living with MS. Evidence and participant feedback show exercise can improve MS symptoms, mobility, mood and overall wellbeing, and Pilates offers low-impact full-body strengthening, balance and posture work. Classes also reduce isolation by offering routine, peer connection and shared understanding.
Iris Possibilities	£10000	Iris Possibilities will research which forms of support families of children with medical complexity find most impactful, compared with what is currently provided. They will provide evidence on how personalised, family-responsive support can improve quality of life and reduce public costs.

Practical Intelligence	£10000	Funding will sustain free Pi Guitars workshops in Nailsworth, supporting mental health, inclusion and skill development. Participants of all abilities work together to build guitars from recycled wood in a welcoming community space. Sessions are led by an experienced luthier and supported by volunteers, helping people grow confidence, independence and social connections.
Engaged Now	£10000	EngageD Now promotes social inclusion for people with dementia across Gloucestershire by embedding support in local community hubs and networks. Using an asset-based community development approach, they aim to reduce barriers so people can participate meaningfully.
Cirencester Talking Newspaper	£10000	Funding will establish a sustainable base for the Cirencester & District Talking Newspaper, replacing outdated equipment inherited from Coronium Talking Newspaper. It will cover a small studio set-up and equipment for CD/USB copying and distribution management. Support will also fund essential office kit and marketing/communications to grow reach and ensure consistent production.
Children achieving Lifelong Movement	£10000	CALM support children and young people (4-18) with long-term movement disorders caused by illness, disease, injury or birth who need ongoing, life-long rehabilitation. NHS provision is

		often limited or unavailable, and families report relapses in mobility once hospital support ends. Without continued rehab, children can be affected across education, friendships and family life.
Hope & Vision Communities	£10000	Hope & Vision provide small, stable, family-like support homes where residents feel safe, cared for and part of a community. We currently support 20 residents across nine properties. They are expanding with two new Gloucester homes for women in recovery, where trauma-informed, psychologically safe accommodation is critical and in short supply.
Field Notes	£9800	Field Notes will run a year-long, seasonal, trauma-informed pilot for up to 20 LGBTQIA+ adults in Gloucestershire, prioritising disabled people and those limited by mental health. Across 12 accessible sessions at Ashley's Meadow, participants will use creative practice to co-produce a community publication and resource pack.
Wildlings Ed	£10000	Wildlings Ed will launch an inclusive outdoor Family Provision Programme at Noxon Farm for disabled and neurodivergent children and their families. Weekly, calm nature-based sessions will support up to 20 children.

Gloucester Area Quakers	£10000	Creative Age is an arts-based programme for people with early to mid-stage dementia (including young-onset and complex needs) and their carers, delivered at Cheltenham Quaker Meeting House.
Queer Futures	£9964	This funding will enable Queer Futures Gloucester to deliver a targeted, time-limited programme of proactive support for LGBTQ+ young people aged 13–25. The project will also provide guidance for parents/carers and build understanding and allyship within the wider community, helping young people feel safer, better connected and more supported locally.
Equi Guide	£9669	Funding will cover essential start-up costs to create a safe, professional setting for children and animals at Equi Guide. This includes clear signage, educational resources and branded clothing, plus animal-care and safety equipment. Support will also fund required licensing and initial staffing to ensure sessions can run safely, consistently and to a high standard.
Earth Wisdom Therapy	£10000	Delivery of eight trauma-informed outdoor Sharing Circles in Gloucestershire for adults with mental health challenges who face barriers to traditional support. Led by qualified therapists, weekly 90-minute circles create a safe, non-judgmental space

		for connection, trust and mutual understanding—without pressure to “fix” or perform.
Discover DeCrypt	£5170	Discover DeCrypt is a busy, accessible community hub at St Mary de Crypt Church and the Old Crypt in Gloucester, welcoming over 25 partner organisations that support vulnerable residents, including people affected by sight loss. Open five days a week, the venue offers community space alongside a café and shop and hosts weekend/evening events, attracting more than 27,500 visitors last year.
Shift MS	£6984.00	Shift.ms provides peer-led digital support, matching MSers with trained volunteers for up to six months of 1-to-1 mentoring. Mentors offer practical guidance on diagnosis, symptom management and coping, helping build confidence and connection. The Gloucestershire outreach project will use social media to reach more young/newly diagnosed MSers and link them into local services and groups.
Glos Adaptive Skiing	£10000	Funding will help sustain and expand Glos Adaptive Skiing by replacing two retiring specialist coaches and strengthening volunteer capacity. As a small, volunteer-led club, we enable disabled people and those affected by mental ill health to access snow sports locally at an affordable cost.

ND-SEND Consultants	£10000	ND-SEND Consultants is a neurodivergent-led organisation supporting children, young people and families experiencing disability and mental health challenges, particularly in rural areas. The service advocates for families, provides practical support and aims to build an accessible community safe space.
Cirencester Opportunities Group	£10000	COG provide early intervention support for children aged 0–3, assessing developmental needs (emotional, social and physical) and putting help in place as early as possible. Families are referred where a child shows emerging needs, has a diagnosed or suspected SEND, or where trauma, disadvantage or deprivation has contributed to delays.
Music For Miniatures	£9980.00	Music For Miniatures deliver Bubble Bach—a gentle, multisensory mix of live classical music and bubble art—to 12 state special schools across Gloucestershire. Performances are short and intimate (groups of up to 10 pupils), taking place in familiar school settings to support comfort and engagement. The experience enables safe, curiosity-led interaction with Bach’s music and bubble art, tailored to pupils’ sensory profiles.
Common Soil	£10000	Common Soil will deliver therapeutic, nature-based food-growing sessions at its community farm for people with learning disabilities and others experiencing disability or mental health

		challenges. Sessions will offer meaningful, hands-on activity, connection with nature and opportunities to build friendships and belonging.
Frame Running Giants	£10000	Frame Running Giants provide a sheltered, accessible winter space linked to the Friendship Café so people with limited mobility can stay active and socially connected. Weekly Thursday afternoon sessions will be led by physiotherapists The project aims to maintain physical wellbeing and reduce isolation during colder months.
Horses for Wellbeing	£10000	Horses for Wellbeing delivers Equine Facilitated Learning for young people, particularly those experiencing mental health challenges. Sessions use grounding, mindfulness and structured activities (LEAP Method) with horses to build trust, resilience and emotional regulation.
Mason Foundation	£9827.00	This 12-month pilot will establish Propel in Gloucestershire, supporting neurodivergent young people facing barriers to employment and building evidence for longer-term expansion. With very low rates of paid work among people with learning disabilities and autistic people, the project intervenes early to prevent potential being lost. Propel will work with 30–45 young people (14–19) through tailored workshops.

Connect AT	£5000	Connect AT supports young people from ordinary family backgrounds who have limited opportunities to try new activities and showcase their talents. In a small, supportive group they feel safe and not judged, with professional activity leaders providing personalised encouragement and helping them achieve achievable, meaningful goals.
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