



# Project Funding

Eligibility, Application and Assessment  
Information



## Key features of this funding

- Multi-year funding for up to 3 years
- Can apply for between £10,000 and £100,000, or the equivalent of £33,000 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 is for your organisation if:

- The work you want to do advances Barnwood Trust's [strategic goals](#) for at least one year;
- But a commitment to disability or mental health outcomes is not 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.

If your charitable objects or governing document contain a commitment to disability or mental health outcomes, then you may wish to apply for Unrestricted Funding.

## Eligible Expenses

Examples of what the Trust would fund in this programme include: an inclusion and access post to enable disabled people to engage with a community resource; running a community mental health programme over several years; running an inclusive physical activity or arts project; running a staff development programme to improve understanding of disability and mental health conditions; undertaking research on disability or mental health-related topics; running co-design projects with disabled people and people with mental health conditions.

Funding can be spent on expenses that deliver the proposed work, including project staff salaries, evaluation costs, and associated overheads.

## What we do not fund

- 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 fill in. 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 **18 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><b>1. Vision</b></p> <p>What would you like to achieve with the proposed funding? What is the need you are trying to address?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clearly identified need in Gloucestershire, with a coherent proposal for activities that respond to that need</li> <li>• A clear and credible explanation of how the proposed activities are expected to lead to the intended outcomes</li> <li>• Outcomes that are realistic, proportionate, and achievable within the funding period and request</li> <li>• A credible approach to understanding whether the work is contributing to change. Includes reference to appropriate and accessible evaluation methods</li> <li>• Potential for the work to generate meaningful impact for disabled people and/or people with mental health conditions</li> </ul>	<p>5 = Excellent</p> <p>4 = Strong</p> <p>3 = Adequate</p> <p>2 = Below Expectations</p> <p>1 = Poor or Unclear</p> <p>0 = Not Evident</p>

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<p><b>2. Barnwood Alignment</b></p> <p>How do your proposed outcomes and ways of working align with Barnwood Trust's strategic goals?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed work and outcomes should align with Barnwood Trust's vision and goals. (We want to see change happen so that disabled people and people with mental health conditions have choice of opportunities, access their rights, and are included where they live.)</li> <li>Population served is clearly aligned with Barnwood's service group: disabled people and people with mental health conditions.</li> <li>Disabled people and people with mental health conditions are meaningfully involved in the development of and/or delivery of the work through, for example: co-design, lived experience leadership, or decision making.</li> </ul>	<p>5=Excellent</p> <p>4 = Strong</p> <p>3 = Adequate</p> <p>2 = Below Expectations</p> <p>1= Poor or unclear</p> <p>0 = Not Evident</p>

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<p><b>3. Knowledge and Expertise</b></p> <p>Why is your organisation well-placed to deliver this work?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisation is well-positioned-through experience, relationships, or mandate-to achieve the proposed outcomes.</li> <li>• Organisation has a demonstrated connection to the individuals/groups that they work with and a track record of successful delivery.</li> <li>• Essential connections needed for this work to occur are in place.</li> <li>• Key staff or project leads have appropriate lived or learned experience, and skills, relevant to the work.</li> <li>• Where there are recruitment, skills, or expertise gaps, you have a training and development plan in place to address these.</li> </ul>	<p>5 = Excellent</p> <p>4 = Strong</p> <p>3 = Adequate</p> <p>2 = Below Expectations</p> <p>1 = Poor or unclear</p> <p>0 = Not Evident</p>

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<p><b>Learning and Impact</b></p> <p>4.Learning Themes (not scored)</p> <p>5. What are you hoping to learn from this work during the funding period, and how will that be shared with Barnwood Trust and/ or others?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A commitment to building an active learning partnership with the Trust for mutual benefit and longer-term impacts.</li> <li>• There is plausible potential for learning from the work and outcomes to extend impact beyond the life of the grant.</li> <li>• Identified methods of sharing learning from activities and outcomes with BT and others (e.g.; networks, partners, stakeholders, sector) that show potential to influence practice and strategy within a wider scope.</li> <li>• Identified opportunities for internal learning or organisational development within the context of the proposal.</li> </ul>	<p>3 = Strong</p> <p>2 = Adequate</p> <p>1 = Partially Met</p> <p>0 = Not Evident</p>

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<p><b>Financial Planning &amp; Delivery</b></p> <p>6. Please provide a budget using the template provided.</p> <p>7. Delivery Plan: An overview of the project timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your plans to deliver the project are realistic and achievable; an appropriate level of planning has gone into the proposal.</li> <li>• Your projected spend fits with and is proportionate to your plans.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Personnel expenses meet at least the minimum wage and preferable the Real Living Wage. Adequate consideration given for on-costs such as NI.</li> <li>• Consideration is given for any evaluation or training costs outlined in the proposal.</li> <li>• Budget includes any predicted inflationary increases.</li> <li>• Overhead costs, if included, are clearly described in the budget document and include only what is essential for project delivery.</li> </ul>	<p>The budget and delivery plan 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>