



Small Grants Funding

**Eligibility, Application and Assessment
Information**



Introduction

This funding category is for organisations and groups who want a small grant of up to £10,000 to do time-limited work. The funding must be spent on work that supports Barnwood Trust's [vision](#), and that benefits disabled people and people with mental health conditions in Gloucestershire. Examples of what the Trust would fund in this programme include access support for community events, inclusive participatory activities, holidays, equipment for a mental health or disability community group, and short projects.

If your organisation has been constituted for less than 2 years, or if your organisation or group is not formally constituted, this category is for you.

If you are from an established organisation with a greater vision for creating social change for disabled people and people with mental health conditions in Gloucestershire, we recommend you consider applying for longer-term funding, if you are eligible (see Unrestricted Funding and Project Funding).

Key features of this funding

- Open to newly constituted and non-constituted groups, as well as established organisations and groups that would like to do work that supports Barnwood's vision ([click here to view our vision and strategic goals](#))
- Funding must be spent in 1 year or less
- Can apply for up to £10,000
- Funding can be spent on anything that delivers the proposed work, including project staff salaries, evaluation costs, and associated overheads
- Can cover group holidays, events, equipment, short-term or one-off projects
- Organisations can only apply once in a 12-month period, and cannot receive another grant from Barnwood Trust until any live funding comes to an end*

Questions and assessment criteria

Once your due diligence assessment is complete (see section 3, Step 1 of the main information pack), 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 14 points. Any application scoring higher than 9 points will be funded.

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.

*Barnwood Trust periodically runs one-off, themed funding rounds, which may be open to current grant recipients.

Assessment criteria	Questions that assess these criteria	What assessors are looking for	Total possible score
Compelling vision and alignment with Barnwood Trust	1. What is the purpose of this funding? (up to 500 words)	<p>This criterion is about what you need this funding for. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the funding and what you would like to achieve is clear; • You can articulate why it makes sense for your organisation or group to apply for funding from Barnwood Trust for this work; • This project is compatible with Barnwood Trust’s vision (that Gloucestershire will be a better place when disabled people and people with mental health conditions are equal, empowered and their rights are upheld); • 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 work. 	<p>5</p> <p>Key: 5 = exceeded 3 = met 1 = partially met 0 = not met</p>

<p>The local context</p>	<p>2. Considering your answer to Question 1, why do you think there is a need and demand for this work in your area, or among the people you intend to engage in this work?</p> <p>(up to 300 words)</p>	<p>This criterion is about how the need and demand for the work was identified. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can clearly identify who you would like to reach with this project and why they will benefit; Your organisation or group has a solid, local knowledge and understanding of disabled people and/or people with mental health conditions 	<p>3</p> <p>Key: 3 = exceeded 2 = met 1 = partially met 0 = not met</p>
<p>Expected delivery plan and cost</p>	<p>3. Please provide a brief timeline and breakdown of costs for this project.</p> <p>(up to 300 words)</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 plans to deliver the work are realistic and achievable; Your projected spend fits with and is proportionate to your plans. <p>Your funding amount can include associated costs such as recruitment, training, equipment to deliver the work, and salary costs for associated staff.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Key: 3 = exceeded 2 = met 1 = partially met 0 = not met</p>

Learning	<p>4. How will you share the impact of this work with Barnwood?</p> <p>(up to 200 words)</p>	<p>This criterion is about sharing the impact of the work covered by the funding. You should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to sharing stories, successes and/or challenges with Barnwood Trust through your Funding Relationship Manager. 	<p>3</p> <p>Key:</p> <p>3 = exceeded 2 = met 1 = partially met 0 = not met</p>
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Next steps

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