



# Unrestricted Funding

Eligibility, Application and Assessment  
Information



## 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 constituted for more than 2 years, and
- the work you want to do advances Barnwood Trust's [strategic goals](#) over multiple years.

If your organisation is less than 2 years old, or is not formally constituted, 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 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.

## Key features of this funding

This funding is specifically for organisations that, as defined by their constitution or objects, deliver Barnwood's strategic goals through their day-to-day work. Unrestricted Funding means that you can use this grant for anything that falls within your charitable objects or governing document, over a specified period up to three years. All that we ask from you in return is that you share your learning periodically, and contribute 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.

### Key features of this funding

- Open to established charitable and community organisations delivering work in Gloucestershire and whose governing document or charitable objects show an explicit commitment to disability and/or mental health outcomes
- 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
- Funding can be spent on anything within the organisation's charitable objects
- Ongoing learning relationship with Barnwood Trust
- Organisations cannot apply for another grant from Barnwood Trust during this funding period\*

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

## 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 19 points. Any application scoring 12 points or higher will be funded, and any application scoring 11 points and below will be declined.

If any of your response 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.

Assessment criteria	Questions that assess these criteria	What assessors are looking for	Total possible score
Compelling vision	<p>1. Please explain your organisation's vision and how you will deliver this over the funding period.</p> <p>(up to 500 words)</p>	<p>This criterion is about your organisation's vision. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a clear and cohesive vision for your organisation and what it would like to achieve through this funding;</li> <li>• You can articulate why it makes sense for your organisation to apply for funding from Barnwood Trust;</li> <li>• Your vision supports 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);</li> <li>• You have a compelling plan to ensure the voices of disabled people and people with mental health conditions play a role in your organisation during the funding period.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Key:            5 = exceeded            3 = met            1 = partially met            0 = not met</p>

<p>Barnwood alignment</p>	<p>2. How does your vision outlined above align with one or more of our long-term goals?  (up to 500 words)</p>	<p>This criterion is about your organisation's strategic alignment with Barnwood Trust. You should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the work of your organisation in this period will contribute to the delivery of at least one of the following strategic aims:</li> </ul> <p>Disabled people and people with mental health conditions across Gloucestershire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. have choice of opportunities that meet their hopes and passions</li> <li>2. are included and involved in their communities and the places where they live</li> <li>3. access their rights and see positive change on disability issues</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can provide examples of how this/these strategic goals will be delivered, for example: planned projects, ongoing business as usual, staff roles, advocacy, research, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Key: 5 = exceeded 3 = met 1 = partially met 0 = not met</p>
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<p>Realistic financial planning</p>	<p>3. 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 – this includes any predicted inflationary increases.</p>	<p>This criterion is about how you plan to spend your grant. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 vision for the funding period, and your proposed draw-down schedule reflects this.</li> </ul>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Key:  3 = exceeded  2 = met  1 = partially met  0 = not met</p>
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\* As this is Unrestricted Funding, this budget should only be an indication, and you will not be asked to report against this

<p>Knowledge and expertise</p>	<p>4. How will you ensure that your organisation has the skills and experience to deliver your plan?  (up to 300 words)</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"> <li>• The skills and experience* of your organisation will enable you to deliver against its vision over the life of the grant;</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><b>3</b></p> <p>Key: 3 = exceeded 2 = met 1 = partially met 0 = not met</p>
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\*As your application will be anonymised for assessors, please do not include any personal details.

\*\*Remember that you can use funding from Barnwood Trust to cover the cost of recruitment and organisational development.

<p>Impact and learning</p>	<p>5. How will you know that your organisation has achieved the vision you outlined in Question 1? (for example, feedback from beneficiaries and staff, an evaluation report, annual impact report, etc.)</p> <p>(up to 300 words)</p> <p>6. An additional Question 6 is included in the application form, but this is not scored.</p> <p>7. How will you share this learning with Barnwood? [max. 200 words]</p>	<p>This criterion is about your approach to learning and evaluating the impact of your work. You should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A commitment to working towards and learning about at least one of the themes identified in question 6 of the application form;</li> <li>• Enthusiasm and curiosity for learning what works, what doesn't and how you can improve;</li> <li>• A commitment to sharing your learning with Barnwood Trust through your Funding Relationship Manager.</li> </ul>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Key:  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.