



Mark

Benevolent

Fund

2020

Annual

Review



The Mark Benevolent Fund was founded in 1868 and is the official charity of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the third largest branch of Freemasonry.

The Fund comprises of twelve Trustees who in turn form the two committees who review applications:

- The Petitions Committee who assess applications from individual Mark Master Masons or their dependants who may be in distress.**
- The Worthy Causes Committee which looks at applications from registered charities and other worth while organisations.**



Fund Activity Summary

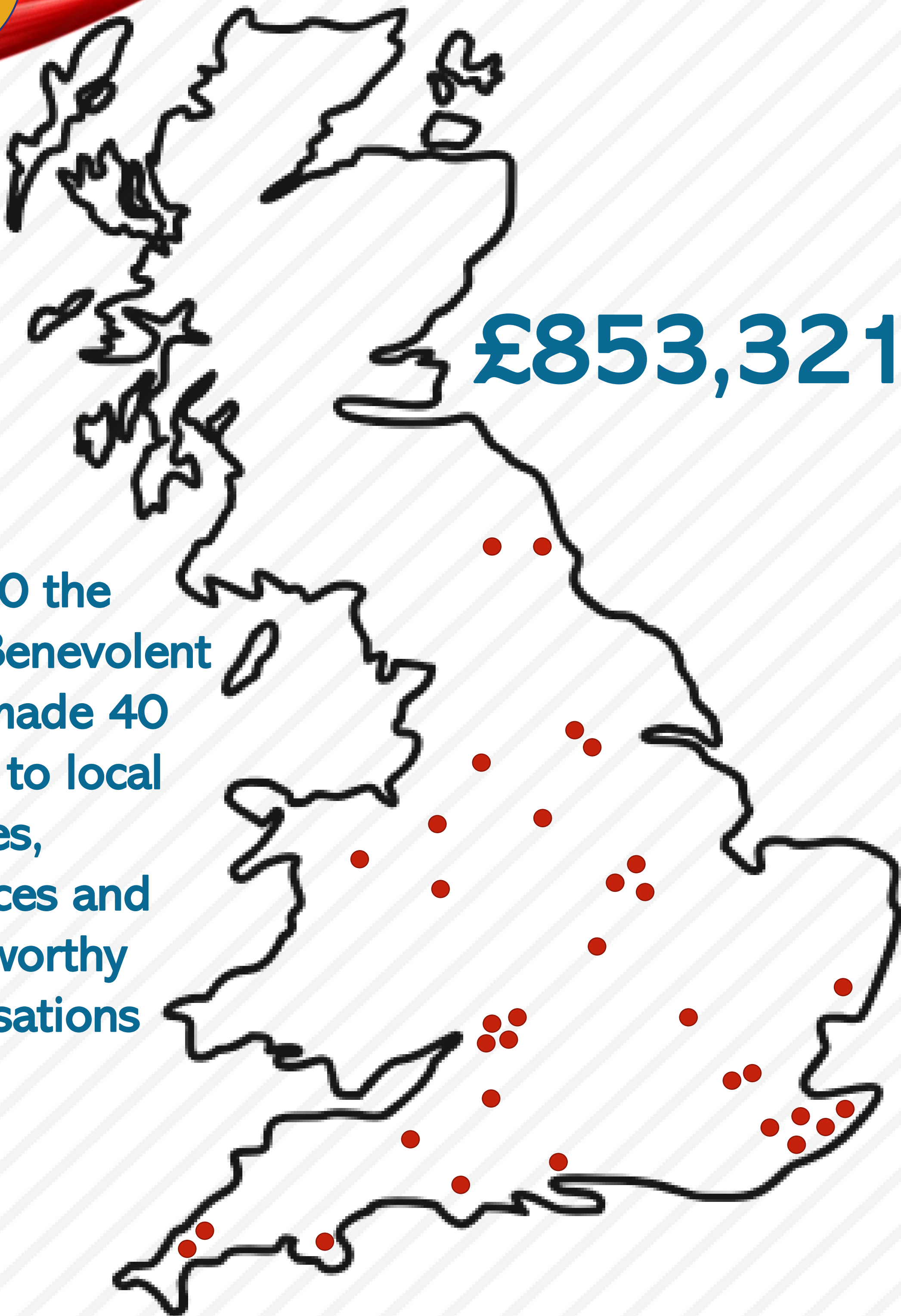
- £166,167 - Back to our Provinces
- £355,585 - Supporting those with Disabilities
- £78,548 - Hospice Movement
- £137,473 - Secondary Emergency Services
- £89,144 - Youth Sector
- £36,554 - Other Sectors
- £74,176 - Individuals

26%

of funds went to
Masonic
Initiatives

74%

of funds went to
Non-Masonic
Charities



**In 2020 the
Mark Benevolent
Fund made 40
Grants to local
charities,
Provinces and
other worthy
organisations**



£166,167



Thousands of meals have been provided to the elderly and vulnerable who were required to shield for much of 2020.



Foodbanks were replenished, PPE provided and communications equipment was sent to care homes and hospices.

Brethren offered that much needed link to the outside world for those in isolation as friends and family were unable to visit during lockdowns.





£1,088

Bristol

Children's Hospice South West



£7,000

London & Middlesex

West London Masonic Centre

Provincial Grand Lodge
of Mark Master Masons
of Middlesex



£8,500

Somerset Bath Masonic

Square Meals

£5,750

Somerset Food Banks



£9,000

Devonshire

Teignmouth Meals

Project



£10,000

Derbyshire Care

Home PPE Supplies

£14,240

Northumberland

Meals on Wheels

£4,378

Abbeyfield House

Care Home



£14,800

Leicestershire & Rutland

Keystone Boxes



£25,987

Essex Meals on

Wheels Initiative

£29,512

Cornwall – Transform

CPR Food Bank



£37,000

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

University of Southampton



£335,585



£48,488



for an inspired mobile sensory room



£35,250

canal boat modifications



£3,980

new walkways at their centre in Cheriton

£30,000  **Autism**
BEDFORDSHIRE
supported living for 21 young adults



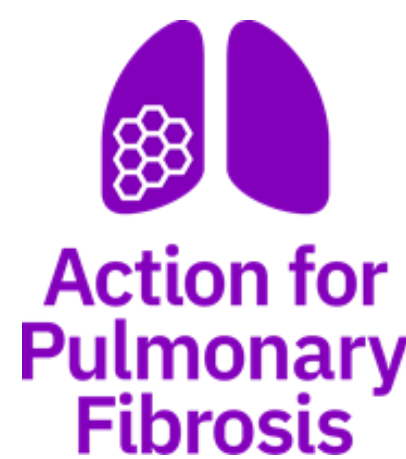
£16,908

14 new specially adapted beds



£32,739

a minibus to assist the elderly suffering with dementia, Alzheimer's and other disabilities



£8,800

for emergency PPE supplies during the Covid-19 pandemic

£10,700

disabled friendly reception area



£158,970

providing a state of the art disabled friendly river cruises



£78,548



Supporting



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

Registered Charity No. 1003314

£1,088

for PPE at the Bristol facilities
during the Covid-19 pandemic



forget
me
not
children's
hospice

£16,585

providing an essential perinatal
service covering Yorkshire



Richard House

London's first children's hospice

£6,875

to provide help with the
Hospice at Home initiative
in London Boroughs

hope house
we're here for children

£45,000

aquatic therapy pool refurbishment in Oswestry



£4,000

to provide a specially adapted trike and safety kit for Ben Jones from Kent who suffers from Mowat-Wilson Syndrome



tree of HOPE

The fundraising charity supporting children's healthcare needs

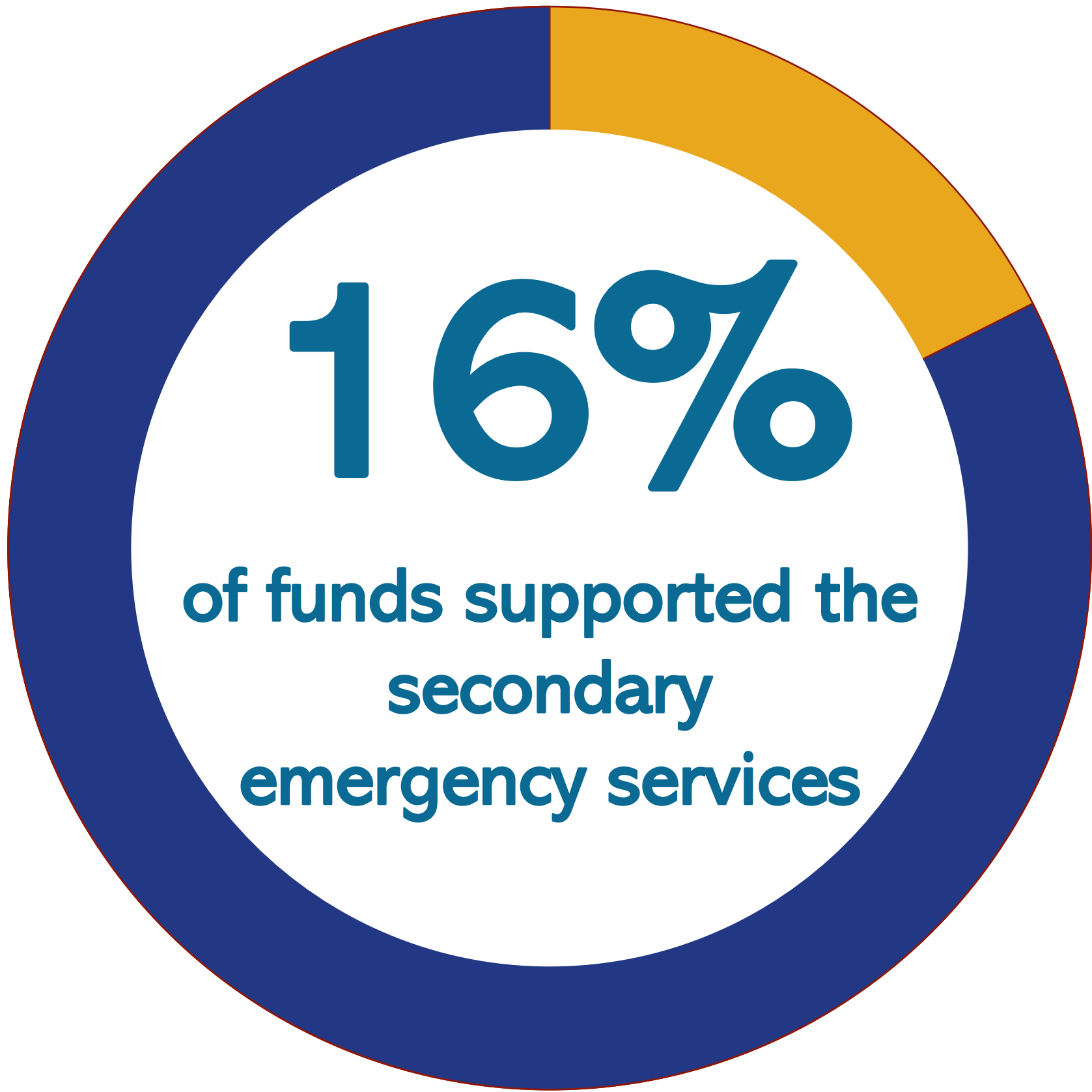
£5,000

to provide sneeze guards at their charity shop checkouts in the Bristol region



St Peter's Hospice
For Patients, Families and Bristol





£137,473



£5,127

providing critically needed PPE for riders and office staff



£10,542

for a fully equipped bike for increased workloads during the Covid-19 pandemic across Gloucestershire & Herefordshire

£23,541

for a modern digital communications system needed for operations across Northumberland and the North East



Charity Number 1178486

£42,050

for a fully equipped bike also to be used by three air ambulance critical care paramedics in the Dorset area to help reduce deaths caused by motorcycle accidents



£56,213

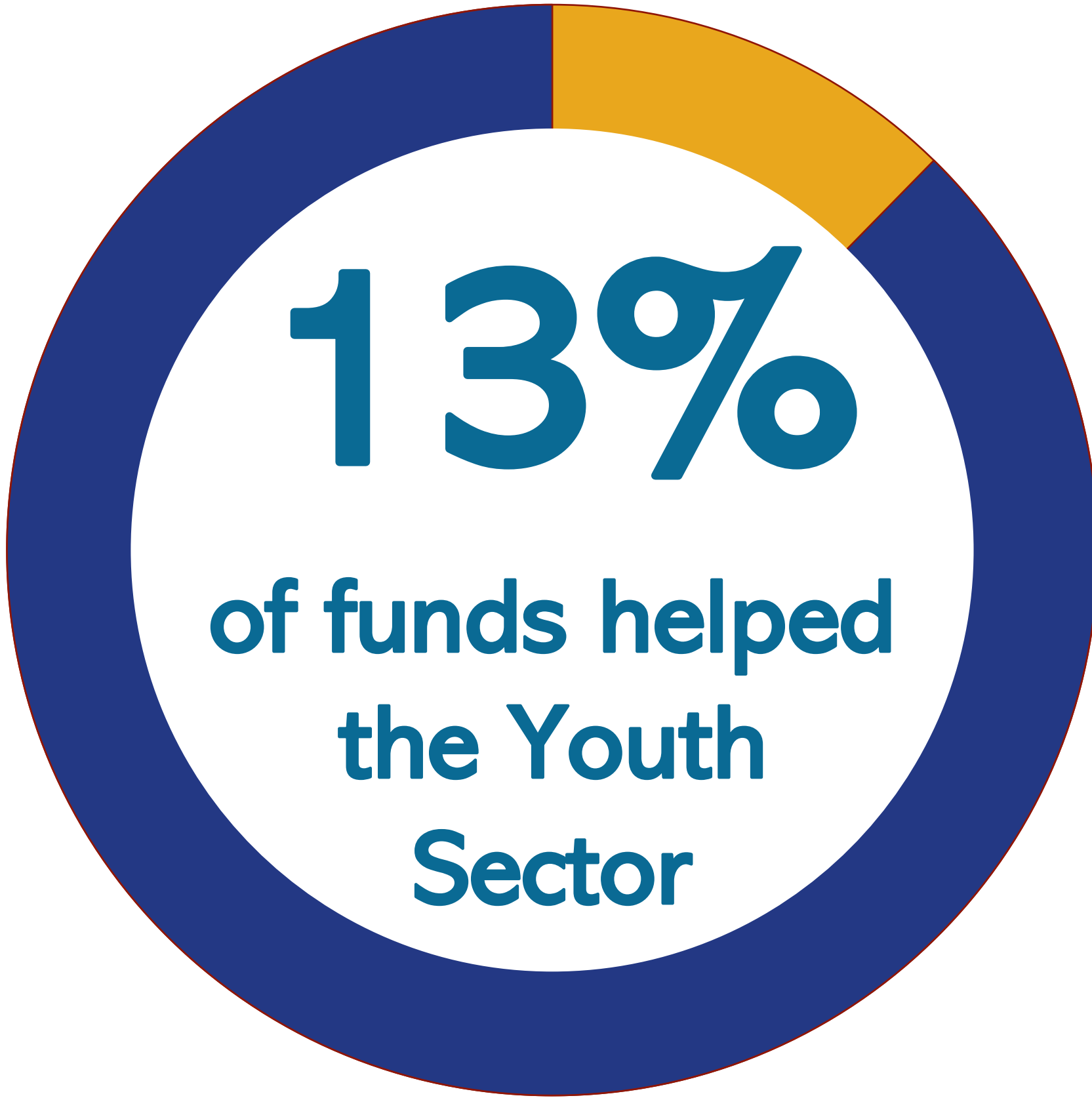
providing three LUCAS CPR machines and video laryngoscopes for use in helicopters and ground vehicles in and around Bristol

**Great Western
Air Ambulance Charity**



70,000 jobs completed free of charge to our NHS





£89,144



£2,883

If you care,
we care.

Carers Support Centre Bristol and South Gloucestershire

providing laptops to support their home working and support network

Stafford & District Carers

£3,581



Holiday Trust



for a vehicle to transport staff and carers to their static caravans for much needed respite and breaks



£3,680

for upgrades to their facilities and equipment at Caxton Hall in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to support the wellbeing of young people

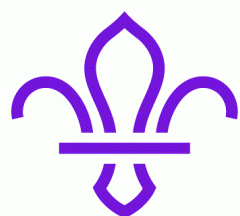
£4,500

b bristol ensemble

Bristol Ensemble Preludes Project providing media and educational support for children in the more deprived areas of the city



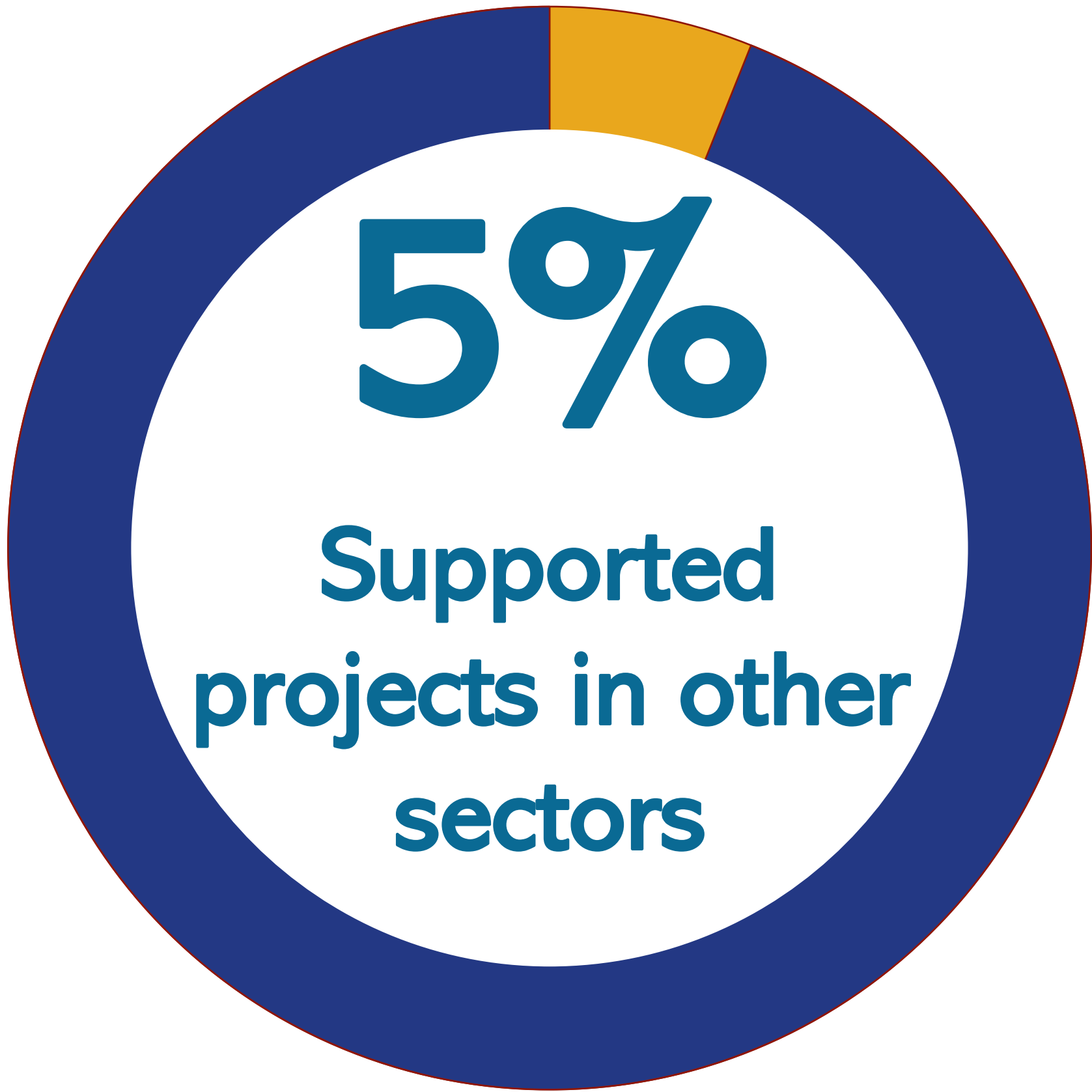
Scouts
West Yorkshire



£74,500

for a new storage facility at their centre in Brighouse





£36,554



Lebanon Emergency – £5,000

supporting the area after the devastating port explosion with the help of the District of Cyprus



£6,154

for a new boiler at their centre in Rugby helping the homeless and badly housed in the Warwickshire area



Hope for Tomorrow

Bringing cancer treatment closer to home

£25,000

providing much needed running costs during the Covid-19 pandemic



£74,176



35 grants were made to helping those who needed help with day to day living expenses, new kitchen equipment, heating appliances and home furnishings.

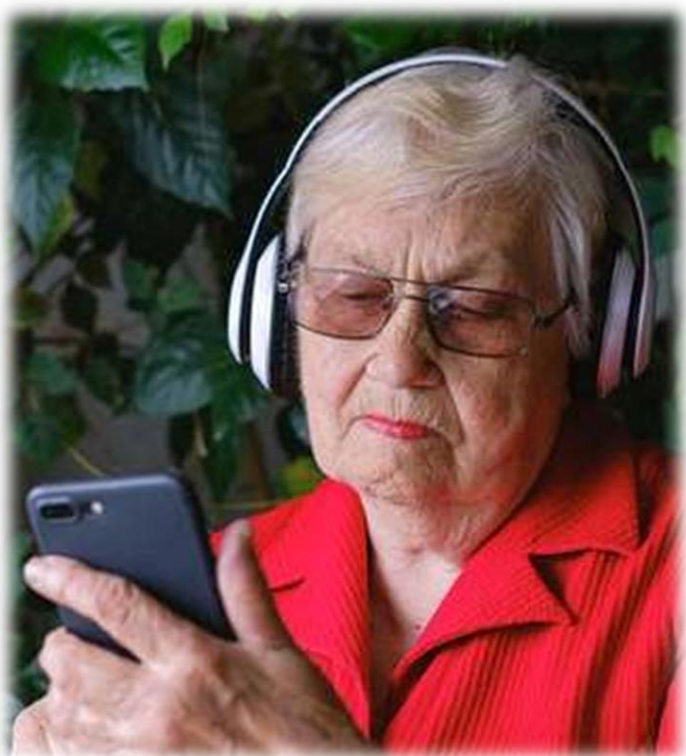
In some cases debt repayment was preferable to release much need capital back into the household.



The figure includes £13,500 made in emergency grants. These grants provide immediate assistance whilst the Petitions Committee waits for further information to assist in making fully informed decisions.



Many Mark Master Masons, their dependants, other family members and friends have ultimately benefitted from much needed relief and peace of mind that these grants have provided.





Without the continued support of each and every Mark Master Mason the Mark Benevolent Fund would be unable to carry out its invaluable work.

Thank you.



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