



# 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

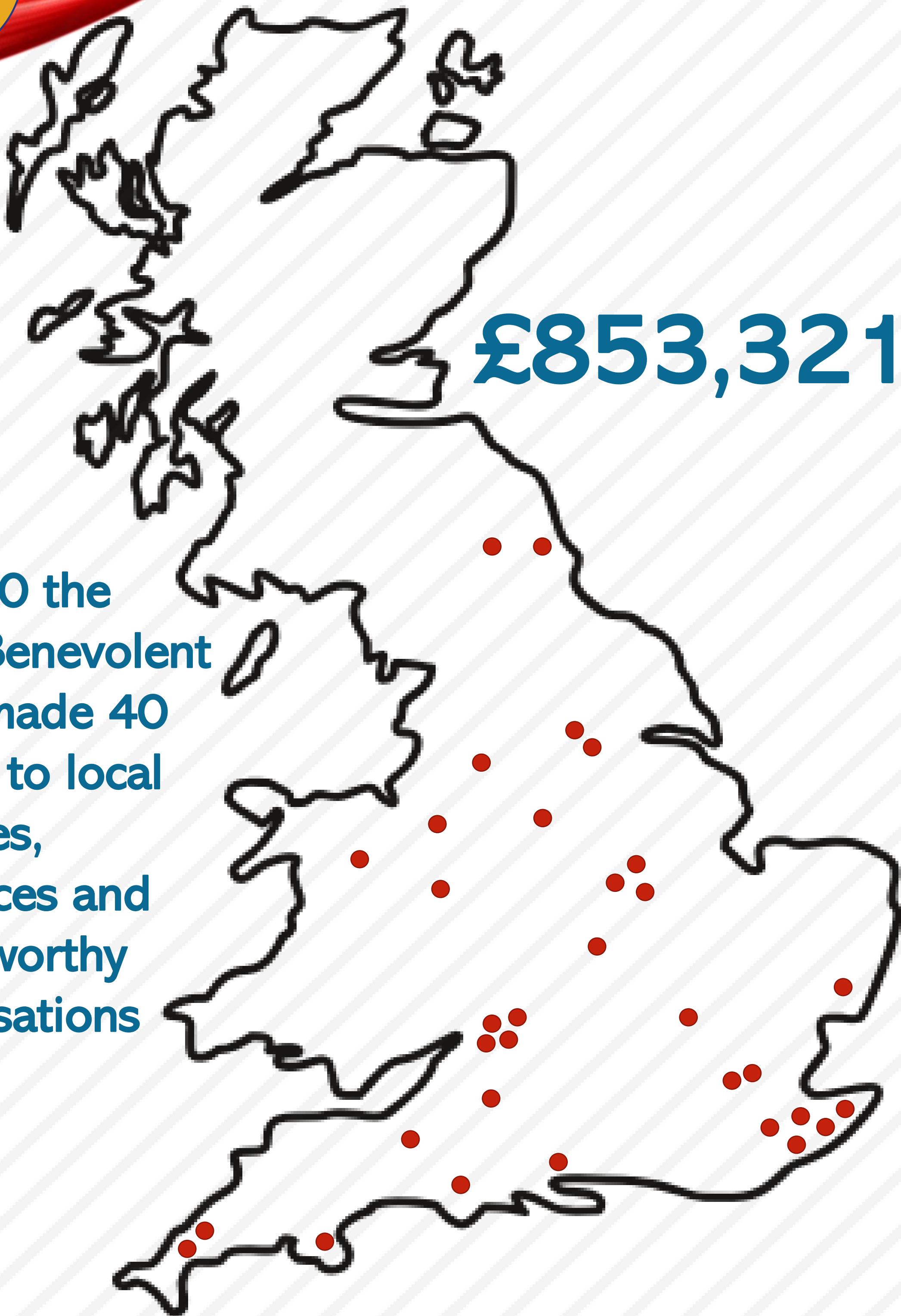
**£166,167 - Back to our Provinces**  
**£355,585 - Supporting those with Disabilities**  
**£78,548 - Hospice Movement**  
**£137,473 - Secondary Emergency Services**  
**£89,144 - Youth Sector**  
**£36,554 - Other Sectors**  
**£74,176 - Individuals**

**26%**

of funds went to  
Masonic  
Initiatives

**74%**

of funds went to  
Non-Masonic  
Charities



£853,321

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.







£7,000

London & Middlesex  
West London Masonic Centre

£1,088

Bristol

Children's Hospice South West



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



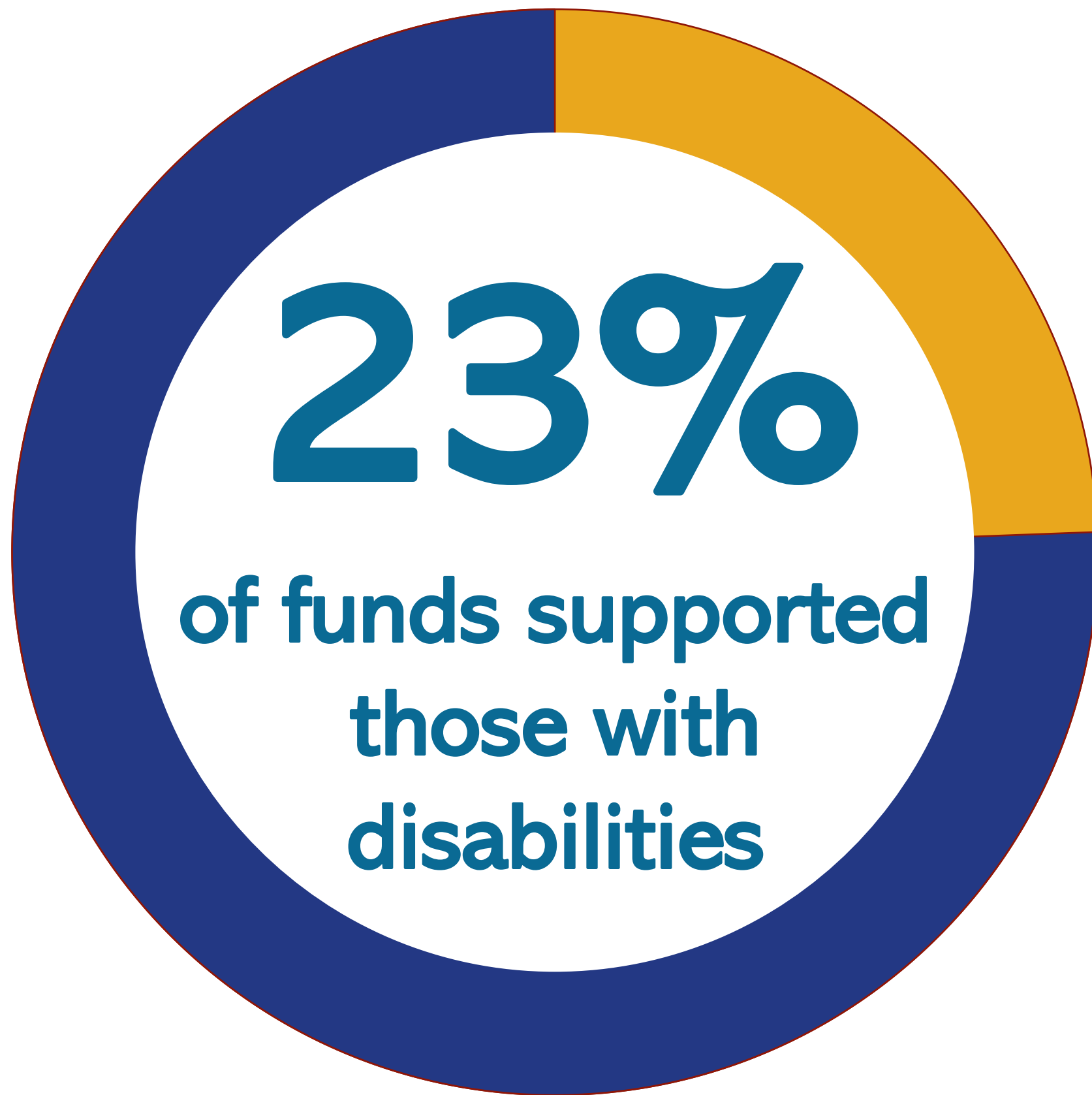
£29,512

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**

supported living for 21 young adults



**Autism**  
BEDFORDSHIRE



**£16,908**

14 new specially adapted beds



**£32,739**

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



**Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis**

**£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 cruiser





£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**

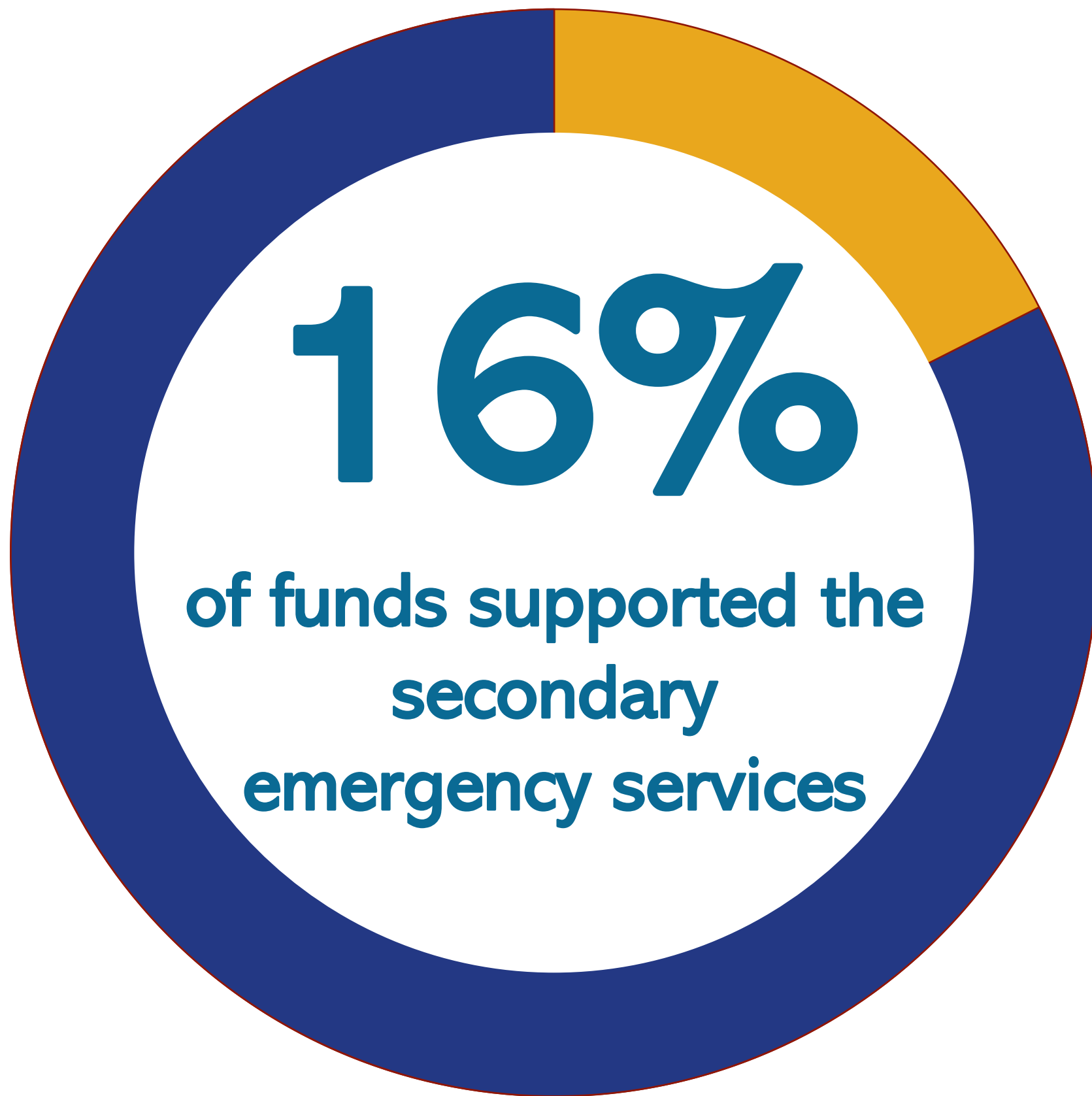
to provide sneeze guards at  
their charity shop checkouts  
in the Bristol region



**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**

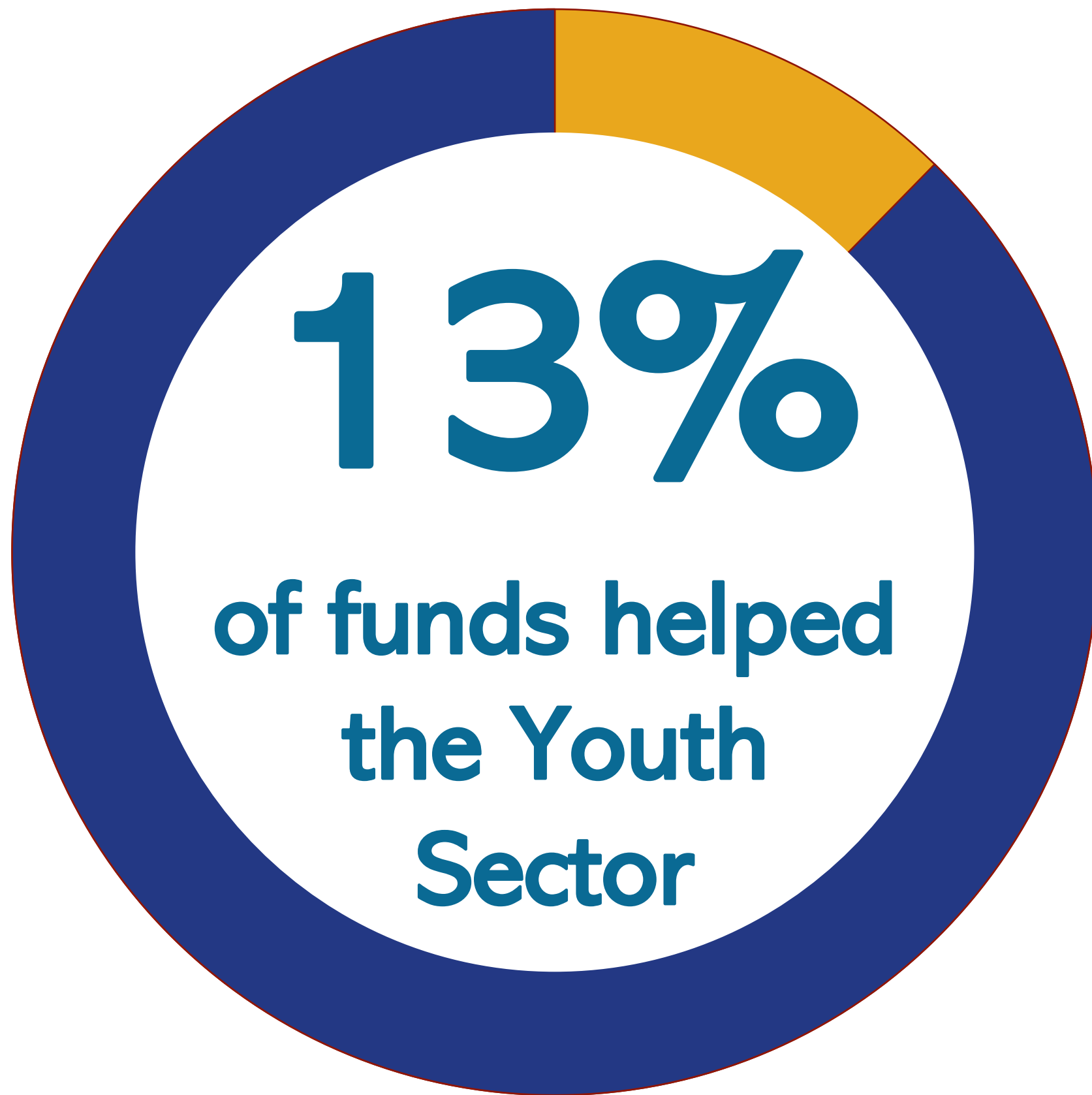




70,000 jobs completed free of charge to our NHS







£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

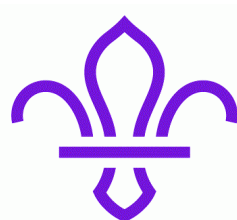
£4,500

**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

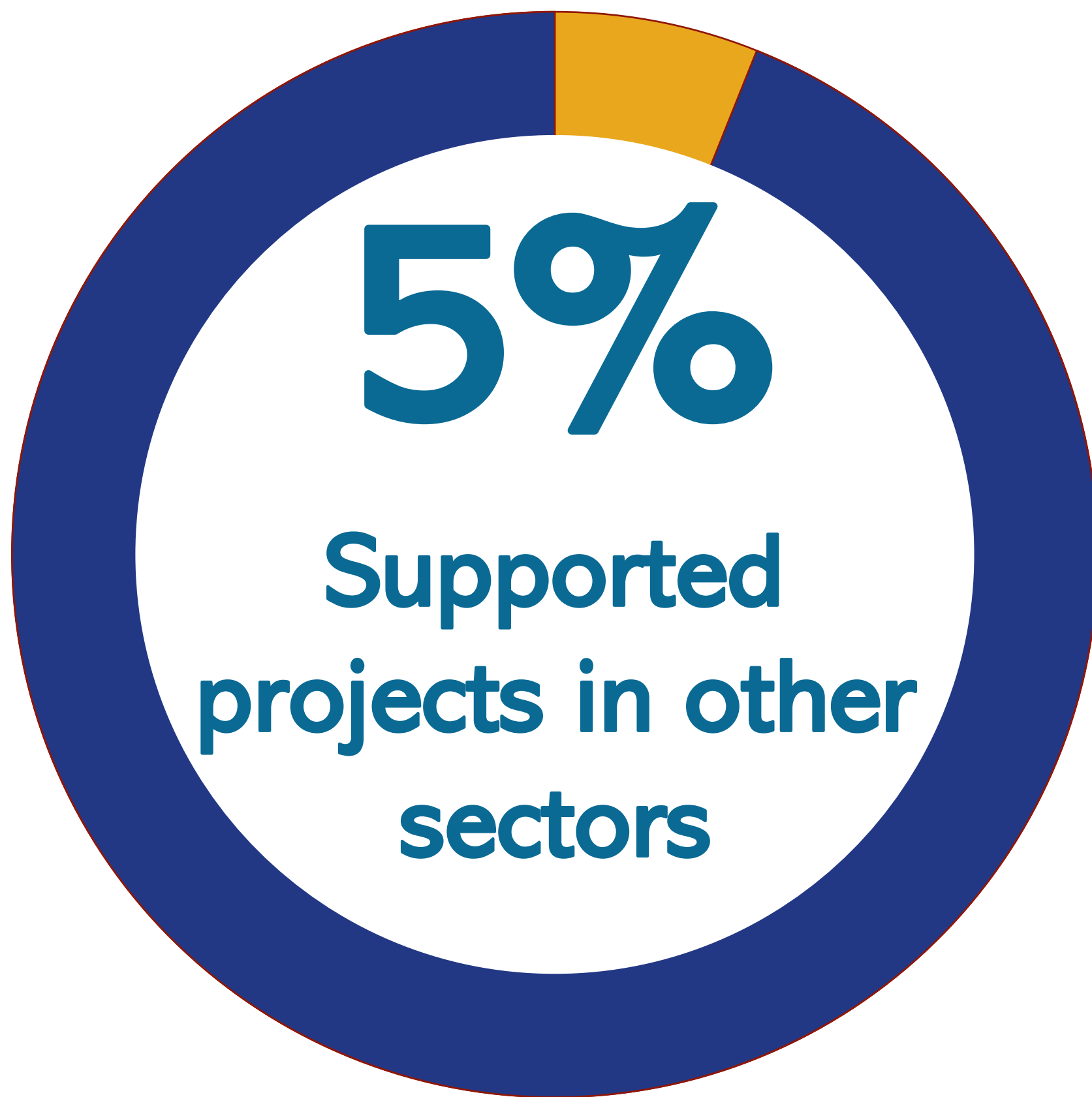


£74,500

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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