



**Mark**

**Benevolent**

**Fund**

**Q2 Review**

**April – June 2021**



# Fund Activity Summary

- £33,440 - Supporting those with Disabilities
- £107,500 - Secondary Emergency Services
- £4,458 - Elderly Support
- £19,845 - Youth Sector
- £23,965 - Individuals

**72%**

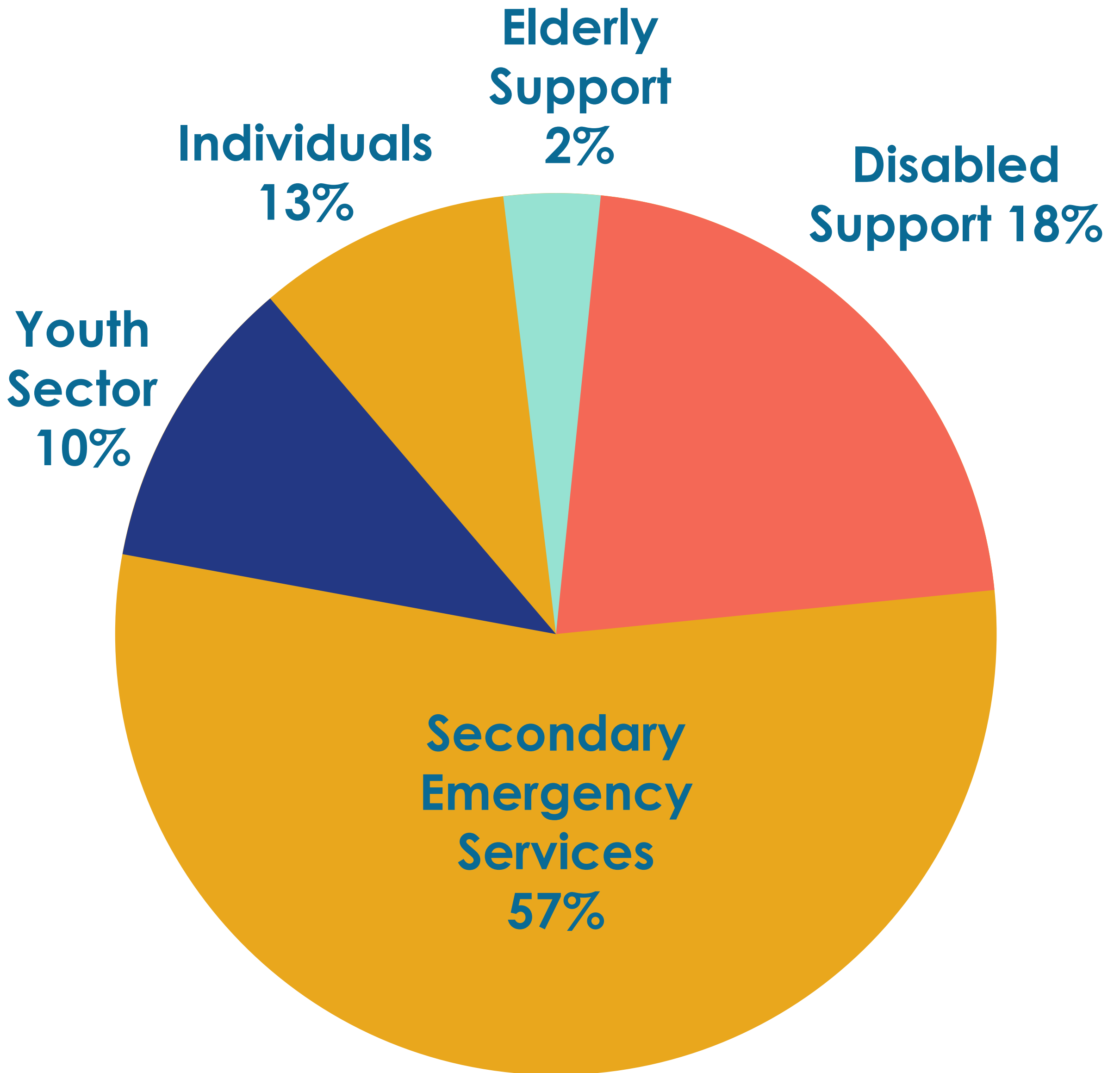
of funds went to  
worthy causes directly  
initiated by our  
Provinces

**28%**

of funds went to  
direct applications  
from charities



# At a Glance...





# £189,208

**In the second quarter of 2021 the MBF made 22 Grants to individuals, local charities and other worthy organisations across England and Wales**



● Indicates location of a Worthy Causes Grant



# Worthy Causes

**The Chairman of the MBF Worthy Causes Committee writes:**

‘The Worthy Causes Committee have again been very busy in this 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with a total of 10 petitions received, 8 were approved with just 2 being declined. I must again thank the Worthy Causes Committee for their very quick yet diligent replies, in some cases I am able to reply to our Charities Manager, Darren Coleman-Heald in under 24 hours which means the Committee is certainly living up to the MBF motto of ‘Bis dat qui cito dat’: - ‘He gives twice who gives promptly’.

Brethren, we are only able to make these grants because of your generosity, so whilst I would ask you to keep up with this wonderful generosity, I would also ask that you keep an eye out for any worthy Charities that may benefit from help from the Fund and discuss first with your Provincial Grand Charity Steward. All such requests should then go to Darren Coleman-Heald who deals with them straight away and I thank him for carrying out his important role with much enthusiasm and zeal.’

*R.W.Bro. David A. Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London)  
Deputy President of the MBF*



**£83,500**

Funding 10 mini portable scanners to assist in the diagnosis of collapsed lungs giving real time feedback to accident and emergency trauma centres via wi-fi.



Providing Emergency Medical Care



**£25,000 + £7,000**

## Provincial Contribution

Enabling the charity to build a new boat replacing an older canal boat that is not cost efficient to repair.



**£8,440**

Purchasing demonstration equipment for use within a new state of the art Mobile Sight Centre. This will allow those who are visually impaired to assess cutting edge equipment within the clinically safe environment of the Mobile Sight Centre before buying for use at home.



Celebrating 100 years



**£2,500**

Supporting two Organ Study students with an award of £250 each year to assist in the purchase of sheet music and specialist shoes for organ playing. The 'Prince Michael of Kent Prize' will run for 5 years.





**Scouts**  
Hertfordshire

**£17,345**

Funding to make much needed security upgrade at their centre in Borehamwood



**£24,000**

**St John**  
Ambulance



Urgent roof repairs enabling the centre in Southwick to continue as a major hub in the area with many organisations using the facilities.

**Age Concern**  
Merstham • Redhill • Reigate



**£1,850**

replacing older power tools with cordless models providing a much safer working environment.



**NHS**  
George Eliot Hospital  
NHS Trust

**£2,608**

creating a purpose-built Stroke rehabilitation and Dementia Therapy garden for their inpatients





# 14

**Grants totalling  
£23,965 were  
made to  
Individuals**

## **The Chairman of the MBF Petitions Committee writes:**

‘Whilst I reported in the Q1 that petition applications had been slow, I am sure you will not be surprised to learn of a more positive increase, with some 21 applications now received.

Regrettably, implications from the Covid19 pandemic continue which is likely to cause financial hardship to some of our members. May I, therefore, remind all lodge Almoners and Provincial Grand Almoners that the MBF is here to consider support to any with a Mark connection that might need our assistance.

To those Provinces that have not previously submitted an application, may I invite you to consider doing so should you have a suitable application needing support. We are here to help.

*R.W.Bro. H. Keith Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master  
MBF Trustee*





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