



## TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION FORM – MAXIMUM GRANT £3,000

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the Discretionary Grants Policy and award criteria before submitting their Grant application.

<b>Date of Application:</b>	30/10/2022	<b>Ref Number:</b> (official use only)	
<b>Name of Organisation:</b>	Disability Support Calderdale C.I.C.		
<b>Address:</b>			
	<b>Postcode:</b>		

<b>Name of person making the application.</b>		<b>Position:</b>	Manager
<b>Telephone Number:</b>		<b>Email Address:</b>	
	<b>Website:</b> www. disabilitysupportcalderdale.org	<b>Town Clerk confirmed Bank details and supporting documents</b> (official use only)	

#### ORGANISATION DETAILS

<b>What type of organisation are you?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charitable Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society (delete as appropriate*) <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Charity Number <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
<b>Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? If yes, please give details</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?</b>	5/ 300+	
<b>Tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you wish to undertake and your main activities and how you encourage engagement from all sections of the Todmorden Community</b>		
<p>Disability Support Calderdale C.I.C. is an advocacy organisation run by and for disabled people and became a community of interest group in 2020. We have had some successes for a service-users based in Todmorden and in 2022, we are due to overtake and annual amount that we recouped in 2021 and was £1.2 million, in payments for our service-users and from this total is the £480.000, that we recouped for Todmorden residents and the total in 2022 for Todmorden residents will be considerably higher. In June 2022, we were awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, for our work with volunteers. The aim of the organisation is to provide information and support in applications for benefits and housing. These applications mainly consist of Personal Independent Payment applications, ESA and Universal Credit, mandatory reconsiderations and appeals and we also support people with attendance allowance, pension credit and housing issues such as</p>		

homelessness. We know that people with mental health issues and physical disabilities and long term health conditions have problems in completing these complex forms.

Our projects help provide communities with support and knowledge to make informed decisions and choices and the demand for our service is increasing due to the cost of living crisis and the increasing cost of energy and we plan to start the first energy focused drop-in session at Todmorden College Food Bank, on Saturday 29 October 2022.

Disability Support Calderdale CIC currently hold drop-in session every month at Todmorden Health Centre and also at Todmorden Methodist Church, focused on older people's benefits. We also offer free art sessions, every Friday and these sessions are focused on people with anxiety and mental health issues. These support sessions help to improve anxiety and distress, self-esteem, reduce isolation and help in isolation with mixing with other people and forming new relationships which also promotes positive changes in wellbeing and this in turn assists the service user to either consider to re-train, go to college to get qualifications, do voluntary work or paid work and these are vital areas of support and self-improvement for people in the community and with problems working with people who have high levels of anxiety can be very difficult and emotional and as a result of this staff and volunteers need more supervision, so they do not internalise the problems when our service-users ask for support and these problems can cause a great deal of anxiety and distress. We are highly visible as an organisation in Todmorden due to the number face-to-face drop-in meetings that we attend and have an appreciation and understanding of the needs of the local community and vulnerable people return for support as they trust us as we can relate to their situation,

**How will you acknowledge the Assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all promotional material - see declaration attend of application.**

Any funding will be acknowledged through Disability Support Calderdale CIC social media network that includes Facebook, Twitter and on our website. The Todmorden Town Council crest will also be seen on our printed literature we distribute leaflets at our drop-in sessions, Todmorden food bank and wherever and whenever we have the opportunity to do so.

**Will your project have any implications in respect of climate emergency and if so, how do you intend to minimise such impact?**

**Not applicable.**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – (Please complete/provide)**

<b>Level of Reserves Held at application date</b>	<b>Audited Accounts/Annual Income Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date</b>	<b>Total value of Assets Held</b>
<b>£6,905.052</b>	<b>Please see attached</b>	<b>£28,7969.62</b>	<b>£ 1,000.00 (laptops and software)</b>

## DETAILS OF FUNDING REQUESTED

<b>What is the purpose of your request for a grant?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Hire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Core Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Pride <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Promotion <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change		
<input type="checkbox"/> ✓Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓Cultural Arts & Music <input type="checkbox"/> ✓Town Centre Event <input type="checkbox"/> Food Growing <input type="checkbox"/> Skills Development <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Sector Youth Engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓Social Exclusion/Economic Difficulties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓Accessibility and Inclusivity – especially Dementia friendly <input type="checkbox"/> ✓Other (Please Specify) Energy Costs Support		
Community Benefit		
<b>What is your project called?</b>	<b>DSC – Cost of Living Project</b>	
<b>When will your project start and finish?</b>	<b>Start Date: 02/01/2023</b>	<b>Finish Date: 01/01/2024</b>

<b>How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary? (Use a separate Sheet if necessary).</b>
<p>Disability Support Calderdale CIC has a significant community presence in the Todmorden district and we have had a great deal of success for the local community in Todmorden and our benefit and housing work enhances the local economy and also improves the communities mental health wellbeing and due to the cost of living and energy crisis, the number of people needing support has increased and there is now a high demand for our support service from people in poverty and from people who are homeless.</p> <p>We have a monthly drop- in session at Todmorden Health Centre to support people with benefit issues and we also offer a drop in session at the Methodist Church when requested where we focus on older people and support older people with Attendance Allowance, Carer’s Allowance, PIP and Pension Credit.</p> <p>Disability Support Calderdale CIC also have a dedicated volunteer at the Todmorden Food Bank supporting vulnerable people with benefit, housing issues on the first Saturday of the month and now we have a new drop-in to support people with cost of living and energy payment problems, on the fourth Saturday of the month. The people who attend Todmorden College Food Bank are mostly in poverty and need support with benefits, housing and homeless issues and we also run weekly art sessions at Todmorden College and this is focused on people with mental health issues and has continued for over one year and in this time the sessions have been well attended. We have good a connections with local Todmorden groups and Town Councillors and we receive regular referrals and requests for support from local NHS Social Prescribers, GP’s and Specialist Nurses and Town Councillors and these relationships help us to support the more difficult and complex cases more quickly. We also are now receiving referrals from the service-users of a former local mental health charity working in Todmorden and this relates to benefit, housing and art projects. We are always available to listen and support people and when meeting them for the first time and we compile a plan of action for their issues and this helps people to understand that even though the issue will take time to resolve they can contact us at any time and that in time the issue will be resolved. One of our partnership organisations donates tablet computers, mobile phones, sim and phone top up cards and we have distributed these to the most needy people in Hebden Bridge and Todmorden and this equipment is vital to access Universal Credit accounts, as it is difficult to do this on a mobile phone.</p> <p>By supporting people in the local area we are also helping with their wellbeing in terms of reducing anxiety, depression and distress and we have experienced this during the coronavirus outbreak and know that due to</p>

the cost of living and energy increases the local community is now under a great deal of extra pressure and the onset of the cold weather will cause yet more physical and mental health problems for the community and as a result of this the local community needs continued and regular ongoing support with their benefit and housing issues and now this needs to extend to the cost of living and energy issues.

**Why is this project needed? What advantage will it bring to Todmorden?  
How many people within the Todmorden town boundary will benefit from the project?**

The work of our support service has created positive outcomes for the local community and for our service users and we support the local community by making their lives and future prospects better than before. This in turn relieves the pressure of mental health problems and increases prosperity and reduces depression and anxiety and our support work relating to applications for benefits and housing helps to improve the health and wellbeing of our service-users and this positively impacts on the reduction of debt and our work obtains long-term security for people to repay debts and to plan for the future.

The following is a brief outcome from one service-user based in Todmorden:

Disability Support Calderdale CIC has undertaken this man's PIP application due to health issues with complex PTSD, panic attacks, anxiety, depression and pre-diabetes. He also became alcohol dependant due to his PTSD and family issues. We were introduced to him in November 2021 to gather his health information for his PIP application. The PIP application was successful with daily living but no award was made for his mobility needs and with his consent we registered a Mandatory Reconsideration but the outcome remained the same so an appeal was registered in May 2022 and new evidence was submitted for the appeal. In July 2022, the appeal was successful in regards of his mobility issues, and he was awarded Standard Mobility due to his health issues and enhanced Daily Living for 3 years and he was over the moon and since winning this award he told us; "you have saved my life". We also encouraged the man to attend Counselling and to attend Recovery Steps to address his alcohol issues and he has also stopped drinking and this has helped him to establish a better relationship with family members that was non-existent before due to his alcohol problems.

This case study epitomises the work that we do and the support that we provide for disabled people and for people with long term health conditions in Todmorden and these issues are becoming more common for vulnerable people under pressure with benefit and housing issues and additional issues such as the cost of living and the increase in energy costs. We have a good track record of recouping benefit payments for our service-users and the accrued the collective total up to the end of September 2022, is £1,240,307.30 and the separate total for Todmorden is close to £500,000.00 Because of the high levels of anxiety and distress most of our service-users now have we have seen an increase in the number of safeguarding alerts issued to Gateway To Care and this will only increase with the onset of winter. The main aims of the project is to alleviate poverty and to reduce our service-users mental health issues and our work in the community improves health and wellbeing and enhances the local economy and as a result of our work in the local community we make people more confident and able to deal with future issues and problems and we are always there to provide information and support.

**Please include dates and venue of events if applicable – please include a draft programme if available.**

Todmorden Health Centre , second Tuesday of every month, 11- 1pm.

Todmorden College Food Bank, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month, 10-12noon, benefits and housing and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month for people with energy payment issues (new drop in).

Todmorden College Food Bank 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month, 10-12noon, energy grants and provision

Todmorden Central Methodist Church, (when required) on a Wednesday, 10 – 12noon

Todmorden College, art sessions, every Friday, 1-3pm,

### PROJECT COSTS AND FINANCES

<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	<b>£6,059.20</b>	<b>Amount Requested:</b>	<b>£4,064.20</b>
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<b>Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If yes, when did you apply and what amounts were awarded?</b>	<b>Todmorden Council 2021/22 - £4,413.50</b>	

<b>Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Applied to:</b>	<b>Todmorden Town Council</b>	
<b>Date(s) applied for:</b>	30/09/2021	
<b>Received from:</b>	£6,213.50	
<b>Date(s) received:</b>	15/11/2021	
<b>Amount (s) received:</b>	£4,413.50	

**Budget:** This budget should be for the **total cost** of the activity you are applying to do. Please be as accurate as you can, as you may be asked to explain any amount which is unclear. Attach a separate budget sheet if you have done this work already. Please also provide estimates/quotations of the proposed items of expenditure you may use.

Expenditure items	Cost (£)
Room Hire – Art sessions 48 sessions x £15	675.00
Staff Salary – 21 hours per month +Nat Ins	3,049.20
Extra Art Equipment	100.00
Printer Inkjet Costs 20 x £12	240.00
If applicable – 200 x Volunteer hours @ £10.50 per hour	1,995.00
<b>A: Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6,059.20</b>

Other Income Sources (state from whom and whether confirmed)	Income (£)
From your own resources (including public fundraising)	
If applicable - Volunteer hours at £10.50 per hour - (Match with Figure in Expenditure)	1,995.00
<b>B: Total Income</b>	<b>1995.00</b>

<b>C: Sum requested from Todmorden Town Council</b>	<b>4,064.20</b>
<b>D: Applicant contribution % = (B/A)% - (official use only)</b>	<b>33 %</b>
<b>E: Todmorden Town Council Contribution % = (C/A)% (official use only)</b>	<b>67 %</b>
<b>D: Total income (must be sum of B &amp; C above) and equal to figure A</b>	<b>6,059.20</b>
<b>TTC use – does applicant contribution % meet criteria – see end of application form (official use only)</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>How much do you receive from your main funder ?</b>	<b>Per year £ 22,616</b>
<b>What other grants have you received in the last 3 years (amount and from who?)</b>	
Community Fund - £22,616 Community Foundation for Calderdale - £4,449 SSE – Social Entrepreneur Fund £10,000 NHS – Todmorden - £3,000 Calderdale Calderdale Council Coronavirus Grants - £10,000 Calderdale Council – Volunteer project - £2,000 Two Ridings Foundation - £4,490 Arnold Clark - £750 Todmorden Memorial Fund - £3,057.50 The Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation - £785 Grantscape - £5,450 Locala - £1,520 Local giving - Magic Little Grants £1,000	

Calderdale MDC Inspire Project - £7,700  
Donations - £16, 589  
Voluntary Action Calderdale CCG Surveys - £1,215  
Neighbourly - £400

**Please attach any other information you think is appropriate for this project, e.g. insurance cover, health and safety issues, planning permission received, quotations from suppliers and any other relevant information to support your application.**