



**TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM**

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Disability Support Calderdale C.I.C		
<b>Date of Award</b>	18/11/2021	<b>Amount of Award</b>	<b>£6,213.50 (including volunteer contribution)</b>
<b>Total Actual Project Cost</b>	<b>£6,231.92 – ( £1,800 – including volunteer contribution)</b>	<b>Ref Number:</b> <i>(office use only)</i>	<b>Minute ref:</b>

<b>Purpose of 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Benefit	xCommunity Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts & Music <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Event <input type="checkbox"/> Food Growing <input checked="" 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)

**Summary of project successes outcomes, benefits to Todmorden Community and Residents and numbers positively impacted by this Grant. If a more detailed appraisal is available for your project and its outcome, please attach to this feedback form.**

The project continued with our main core projects including benefit and housing issues and we continued to work on the Inspire employment and training project and we also started art sessions at Todmorden Learning Centre and these sessions started on 1/10/2021. We also met people at our office regarding benefit issues and this has been a very busy year and we also supported service-users with housing and homelessness issues and the volume of referrals in Todmorden has been continual and at times not easy to manage.

We have supported people at phone medical assessments and at PIP, ESA, Children’s DLA and UC appeals in the last 12 months and have had to refer people who we have safeguarding concerns and issues to social services and this has increased in the last 12 months and this has meant increased staff time spent on this issue and due to an energy partnership with Newground, we have supported 18 service-users from Todmorden with energy voucher grants.

The demand for our support service has increased and this has resulted in service-user cases becoming more complex and the distress and emotional issues on our service-users has also increased over the last year and this has meant more pressure on staff and volunteers and due to these issues, staff and volunteers have left our organisation due to the emotional pressure of the work and at present we are looking for new volunteers in a variety of different positions.

Since the start of the grant we have recouped close to £480,000.00 for the people of Todmorden district and this is close to 50% of the total for the whole of Calderdale and in late August the district wide total of recouped payments was £938,320.00. In the last 12 months, we have participated in a varying amounts of work and this includes PIP, ESA, Universal Credit and Children’s Disability Living Allowance applications, plus medical assessments, mandatory reconsiderations and benefit appeals for Todmorden residents and the great majority of these cases have been successful. We have also have a volunteer who attends the Todmorden College Food Bank every month for benefits and once a month for energy voucher support and this can lead to 8/10 extra referrals every month and due to the increased demand we plan to change these session to two times every month on the energy drop-in will be on thr last Saturday of the month on 29 October 2022.

We started the art sessions on 01/10/21 2021 and they will continue until December 2022 and the sessions have gone well and have been well attended and the sessions will end with an exhibition at either Todmorden College or at another local venue and people who have attended the art session will participate in an exhibition at Todmorden Learning Centre in December 2022. We have seen a number of people that find the art sessions therapeutic and help to reduce mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and panic attacks and the participants want these sessions to continue next year.

<b>Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	292
Volunteers engaged in project.	10
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	32
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	10
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	
Youth persons involved in project.	
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	292

<b>Financial Summary of Project/Event</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£6213.50</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£6231.92</b>
<b>If possible, please provide a set of accounts in respect of this specific project and where applicable, a later set of audited accounts if these are now available since originally submitting your grant application.</b>				
<b>Where accounts are not available a simple income and expenditure statement will suffice.</b>				
<b>Please attach evidence of expenditure e.g. receipts.</b>				

**How have you promoted the assistance of the Town Council in your project literature/Web Site and or Social Media? Please provide supporting evidence and where able to analytics of visits to site, opportunities to see.**

We have displayed the Todmorden Council logo on our organisational leaflets and letterheads and have attached copies of these.

**What lasting benefit do you think the Town Council Grant has made to your organisation?**

The grant has enabled us to work with more disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Todmorden and due to the increasing demand we have started monthly drop-in sessions at Todmorden Health Centre In June 2022 and have received requests to help more older people with Attendance Allowance, PIP and Pension Credit applications. Because of the high demand for our services we plan to attend the information session for older people at Todmorden Town Hall on 14 October 2022 and also the cost of living crisis network event on 18 October. In June 22, we organised a benefit drop in at Todmorden Methodist Church in partnership with Age Concern Todmorden and we have attended Todmorden College Food Bank every month and this will twice a month soon. We have worked in Todmorden for the last 6 years and the grant from Todmorden Town Council has enabled us to support more vulnerable people in economic and emotional distress and poverty is a recurring theme for the people we meet and no doubt our close proximity to Todmorden and our past record of successes with vulnerable people in the district and our connection with Todmorden Council has enabled us to receive and support more local residents on a regular basis and we have good connections with local councillors and other organisations that work in Todmorden and this has ensured that we have a constant flow of local people in difficult circumstances and with extremely complex issues to resolve on a daily basis.

**If you have received grants from the Town Council before, please advise how you intend to be more self-sustainable and reduce your reliance on Town Council funding for the future.**

This is the first grant that we have received from Todmorden Town Council in November 2021; and we intend to reapply for another grant in November 22; and this is due to the economic and energy crisis and the number of vulnerable people we support has increased in the last 12 months and due to the energy and poverty crisis will continue to increase in the next 18/24 months and also the number of vulnerable people we meet with emotional distress has increased significantly and the economic and emotional issues has increased and as a result of this there has been an expansion in

the number of people who need safeguarding alerts to be reported to social services and we have increased concerns about people's mental health and wellbeing issues and as a result need to be referred to gateway to care/social services. The number of people needing our support has increased due to the cost of living and energy issues means that our work has almost doubled in the last 18 months and these are the reasons why we need to make this application for another grant to meet the cost of living increase we need another part-time worker to support the local community. The work we do increases social value to the local community and the money we recoup enhances social value to the community and local economy. In the last few months we have seen an increase of referrals from service-users of a former mental health charity and this will only increase in the next few months and these referrals have increased our workload significantly.

**If your project had any impact on Climate Emergency what were these and how were they minimised ?**

Not applicable.