



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.

Date of Application:	5/2/23	Ref Number: <i>(official use only)</i>	
Name of Organisation:	Todmorden Folk Festival		
Postcode:			

Name of person making the application.		Position:	Director and Committee Members
		Email Address:	
Website:	www.todfolkfest.co.uk	Town Clerk confirmed Bank details and supporting documents <i>(official use only)</i>	

ORGANISATION DETAILS

What type of organisation are you?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Organisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Unregistered Community Group	
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity	<input type="checkbox"/> Charity Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)
Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	Yes	
Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? If yes, please give details		No
How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	Committee 10 Volunteers 60 + Users 1000 +	
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		
<p>Todmorden Folk Festival was started on a shoestring in 2014 by 2 music loving women who wanted Todmorden to experience a weekend of merriment, music and song! Historically Folk Festivals have become expensive events which are inaccessible for the majority and often not held within a town centre. We wanted to embed ours in our Town to the benefit of locals and businesses!</p> <p>Since then Tod Folk Festival has become a yearly calendar event for Todmorden where we fill the town with Morris dancers, street performers and free kids activities. It attracts families from the local area and folk fans travel here for the weekend and stay in local B&B's and eat/drink in our cafes and pubs and spend money in our shops and on the market.</p>		

Each year we choose local musicians, as well as famous folk groups, to sing at our concerts and at the fringe events run in many pubs and bars. We use local venues – churches, the college, Unitarian church, community halls etc for the concerts and we run free singing sessions open to all and both local and visiting musicians join in together.

This year we have reinstated our Youth Showcase for the first time since Covid – this happened in January where we were entertained by the shortlisted 5 youth acts (between the ages of 11 and 18) from the local area. It was won by Laiba Khan who is an extremely talented young musician, singing in Urdu as well as English and who is a pupil of Daniel Bath (from Making Music). At the showcase event we were so impressed by all the entrants we have promised to find each one a performance slot at one of our concerts to allow us to spotlight local young talent and provide opportunities for newly formed bands, duos and soloists to get gig experience and exposure to appreciative audiences. We include world music events within the festival to engage with harder to reach communities within Todmorden and are delighted that Laiba will perform at Todmorden Unitarian Church to open our Saturday headline concert.

Our committee is made up mainly of women and we are determined to ensure that women performers are well represented over the weekend as folk events have a stigma of being largely populated by older white males. This makes Tod Folk Festival safe space for women performers and encourages other women to consider Folk music as a place for them.

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

We have enjoyed a close relationship with Todmorden Town Council over a number of years and include their logo on all our publicity including flyers, brochures, banners. We invite the Mayor to our main concerts throughout the year and would welcome all local councillors to attend our concerts if they are able!

We announce and thank all funders on our Website and on Social media posts and via press releases.

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

We encourage attendees to arrive by public transport wherever possible and as the events are all centred in the town most local families and visitors walk to the various events.

We use local food and drink at our venues wherever possible and we own all our own glasses to be used at events to avoid plastic waste. In the past we have used The Real Junk Food Project to supply most of the food used over the weekend. This is food that would otherwise have gone to landfill and we hope to be able to work with them again. We also are supplied by local butchers from Tod Market and we source our cheese from Pextenment Cheese company in Todmorden.

Since 2014 we have worked with local breweries to supply the bars at our venues and we encourage other bars in the town to stock our local festival beers (We have used Little Valley Brewery and Eagles Crag in the past). This has lead to repeat orders from local bars on an ongoing basis to these local breweries.

This year we are using Todmorden Learning Centre as venue for the second year and they will be providing information to our attendees on the Climate Change College.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – (Please complete/provide)

Level of Reserves Held at application date	Audited Accounts/Annual Income Expenditure Statement	Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	Total value of Assets Held £
£3378.62	See Attached	£5582.46	

DETAILS OF FUNDING REQUESTED

What is the purpose of your request for a grant?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Pride | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts & Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefit | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Event |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Engagement |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility and Inclusivity |

What is your project called?	Todmorden Folk Festival 2023	
When will your project start and finish?	Start Date: 28/4/23	Finish Date:30/4/23

How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary? (Use a separate Sheet if necessary).

By providing free activities in the town centre during folk festival weekend we attract a wide range of visitors both local and from further away. The local families and visitors have access to high quality entertainment which adds to the atmosphere that weekend in the town. Traders tell us it's their best weekend of the year in terms of revenue as visitors spend their money locally, helping our local economy.

We focus each day on a slightly different area of town to share the benefits of the extra footfall. Friday we are based largely in the College area, Saturday the market and town centre and on Sunday the Water Street/Oxford Street area.

This year we hope to attract a more culturally diverse audience and hope that the Asian population will engage with the folk festival more than previously, due to our Youth Showcase winner Laiba Khan.

**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?**

Since it's inception in 2014 Tod Folk Festival has become a calendar event in the town. It attracts visitors who stay in local B&B's spending money locally.

Due to the cost of living crisis we have not increased the price of our weekend tickets (£49) as we want to ensure as many people as possible are able to attend our event and we are growing the FREE elements of the weekend including a full programme of Children's events on Pollination Street for the first time since 2019 to entertain the whole family. These have been hugely popular in the past attracting many local families. After the privations of the last 3 years there is a huge appetite for local music and dance events and we will showcase why folk music is relevant to us all. We believe this helps put Todmorden on the map as well as providing quality entertainment for locals.

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

Tod Folk Festival runs this year from 28th – 30th April

The funding will largely provide FREE activities for families around the town over the weekend based around Pollination Street. There are also many other free events in bars and pubs and in public spaces around the town.

We sell full weekend tickets which give access to all the concerts etc for £49 per adult and £24 per child. These include:-

Friday 29th

Ceilidh at Todmorden Learning Centre in the refurbished hall
Concert at St Marys Church

Saturday 30th

Workshop at Masonic Hall
Full day of events at Central Methodist Church including a Craft Fair, Festival Café and Afternoon Concert
FREE activities on Pollination Street all day for families
Evening Concert at Unitarian Church with headliners Blackbeards Tea Party (from York)
Morris teams throughout the town

Sunday 31st

FREE World music stage on Oxford Street Car Park
Morris teams throughout the town
Afternoon Concert at St Marys

Performers already booked:-

Monkey Box Ceilidh band (Calderdale based)
 Issac Hughes-Dennis (Todmorden based)
 Sistajam (Hebden based)
 Mary and Anhata (Burnley based)
 Waiting for Dawn (Todmorden based)
 The Muthers (Todmorden based)
 The Frank Burkitt Band (Todmorden based)
 Cacophany Arkestra (Preston based)
 Angeline Morrison <https://www.angelinemorrisonmusic.com/>
 Michael Walsh & Quare Hawk <https://www.michaelwalshmusic.com/>
 Kimbers Men (Calderdale based) <https://www.kimbersmen.com/>
 Red Hippo (Calderdale based) <http://redhippo-music.com/>
 Bella Gaffney (Bradford based) <http://www.bellagaffneymusic.com/>
 Good Habits <https://www.goodhabitsband.com/about>
 The Magpies <https://www.themagpiesmusic.com/>
 Blackbeards Tea party (York based) <https://www.blackbeardsteaparty.com/>

Youth Award winners

Laiba Khan
 Rebecca Little
 Amber Smith
 Fiddles and Chords
 Uncle Bucket Club

PROJECT COSTS AND FINANCES

Total Cost of Project:	£25,257	Amount Requested:	£2,250
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Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council?	Yes	
If yes, when did you apply and what amounts were awarded?	Last year for the folk festival we were awarded £1000. We had asked for a reduced amount on previous years as we had funding carried over from 2020 due to covid.	

Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project?	Yes	
Applied to:	We have applied to Calderdale Council for funding for the outside world music stage element of the Festival on the Sunday	
Date(s) applied for:	January 2023	
Received from:	In process	
Date(s) received:	Not received yet	
Amount (s) received:	We have asked for £2500	

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 (£)
Artists	6480.00
Venues	2573.00
Tech	2430.00
Marketing	2899.00
Admin and other running costs	1375.00
Food and Drink	1500.00
If applicable - Volunteer hours 800 at £10 per hour	8000.00
A: Total Expenditure	25,257.00

Other Income Sources (state from whom and whether confirmed)	Income (£)
From your own resources (including public fundraising)	2532.00
Ticket income (expected)	5725.00
Other income (expected)	4250.00
Other grant funding (pending)	2500.00
If applicable - Volunteer hours at £10 per hour - (Match with Figure in Expenditure)	8000.00
B: Total Income	23,007.00

C: Sum requested from Todmorden Town Council	2250
D: Applicant contribution % = (B/A)% - (official use only)	91 %
E: Todmorden Town Council Contribution % = (C/A)% (official use only)	9 %
D: Total income (must be sum of B & C above) and equal to figure A	25,257.00
TTC use – does applicant contribution % meet criteria – see end of application form (official use only)	Yes

How much do you receive from your main funder ?	Per year £
What other grants have you received in the last 3 years (amount and from who?)	
2020 - £2100 Calderdale Council	
2020 £2250 Todmorden Town Council	
2022 - £1550 Calderdale Council	
2022 - £1000 Todmorden Town Council	
The amounts in 2022 were reduced as we had some money left over from 2020's grant money due to the pandemic which we had been allowed to retain.	
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.	

<p>f your group has been set up or has been running for less than a year, applicants must provide one personal reference. You must also provide a copy of your latest bank statement with a statement of income and expenditure of other financial information which indicates your financial position.</p>	
<p>Personal Reference:</p>	<p>Reference contact details:</p>

TOWN COUNCILLOR SUPPORT – is this application supported by your ward Town Councillor?

Yes