



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

Organisation Name	Disability Support Calderdale C.I.C.		
Date of Award	14/12/2023	Amount of Award	£3,726.40
Total Actual Project Cost	£3,873.20	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

Purpose of Grant	
<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community 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.

Since the grant was awarded in December 2023, we have continued our support work regarding benefit and housing issues at Todmorden Food Drop-In and at Todmorden Health Centre and these have continued for the duration of the project. Although, PIP is the most common benefit application that people apply for. There is increased demand for Universal Credit, Limited Work Capability applications and this is due to the transfer of people on Working Tax Credits and Employment Support Allowance to Universal Credit and in the near future this change will affect more people.

We also have achieved success with appeals and this was mostly for PIP and for the duration of the project we had 19 successful appeals for the residents of Todmorden and this totalled over £250,019.80. These appeals can be stressful for both staff (representative) and the claimant (appellant). In total, we recouped almost £700.00.00 in payments for the community in Todmorden and at the end of the project we are still waiting for more benefit decisions for members of the local community. We now receive more applications from older people for Attendance Allowance and also for children and young people and there has been an increase in Children's Disability Living Allowance applications. Another area of increased demand is the number of local residents with mental health issues we now and support and more service-users with mental health issues and the number has increased significantly since the start of the COVID outbreak and the continuing cost of living and poverty issues. We also encourage local people to be more active with their own benefit applications and issues and to be less reliant on DSC and as a result they become more confident and less socially isolated. Although, we have met people and gathered information in a number of different formats and these include face-to-face meetings, phone and online meetings most service-users prefer face-to-face meetings and we can meet people at Todmorden and at our Hebden Bridge office.

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Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	25
Volunteers engaged in project.	12
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	235
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Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	24
Youth persons involved in project.	18
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	24
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	523

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£3,873.20	Income	£3,726.40
<p>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.</p> <p>Where accounts are not available a simple income and expenditure statement will suffice. Please attach evidence of expenditure e.g. receipts.</p>				

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.
<p>We have promoted Todmorden Town Council and the funding that we have received for people in poverty for the duration of the project and our organisational logo is on all our group literature, letterhead and social media outlets related to the funding we have received from Todmorden Town Council.</p>

What lasting benefit do you think the Town Council Grant has made to your organisation?
<p>We have worked in partnership with Todmorden Town Council for the last 3 years and we have had the opportunity to support and work with vulnerable people in poverty in Todmorden district and our organisation has improved the local communities health and economic wellbeing. We receive more enquires for support with benefit and poverty related issues from the community in Todmorden than any other district in Calderdale. In 2023, we recouped £3.3 million in benefit payments for the whole of Calderdale and around 35% of these awards were for Todmorden residents.</p>

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

In April 2024, we were awarded a three year grant from the Community Fund and this means that our organisation has become more self-sustainable and this means that we will no longer depend on annual funding from other funding organisations.

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

Not applicable. Even though we recycle all the paper and printer cartridges waste that our office produces.