



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATION FORM – MAXIMUM GRANT £3,000

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the Discretionary Grants Policy and award criteria before submitting their Grant application. Please complete all the highlighted boxes on this application form

Contact Details

Name of Organisation	Calderdale Friends of Dorothy
Address of Organisation	
Name of person making application	
Position in Organisation	
Phone Number	
Email address	
website	

Organisation Details

What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)	
	Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society
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)	Yes The Timebank is only open to Calderdale Friends of Dorothy members. We are a project of Calderdale Friends of Dorothy.
How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	Calderdale Friends of Dorothy currently has a membership of 90 with a steering group consisting of 7 members. Everyone is a volunteer.
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	
Calderdale friends of Dorothy is an organisation of older lesbians (over 50yrs) based in Calderdale. We want to raise awareness of the issues facing us as we age. Our mission is to explore, highlight & promote a range of options for our community in this area with a focus on addressing loneliness & isolation. We look particularly at health, social care, housing & social networks. We have more than 90 members but around 60 participate actively in the range of activities & events. Whilst our coffee mornings are based in Hebden Bridge, many of the other popular events are in Todmorden; Brunches at Fielden Hall, Dance classes at Union House (Hall Street), crown green bowling at Centre Vale Park and discussion forums using Todmorden Community College (amongst other places, pub teas at The Hare & Hounds, Burnley Road. The majority of our members are Todmorden residents.	

Dorothy's Timebank has emerged following the experience of the pandemic when it was hard to gather members to meet up. Many comments were made like ... "our world has become smaller". We had an acute awareness of our vulnerabilities and that we would all need support of some description as we get older. We saw a time bank as a way to strengthen our links with each other locally and also to recognise our strengths as well as acknowledging some vulnerabilities.

We initially met up and contacted Time Bank uk who gave us invaluable support & information and offered us training to become brokers. We now have four fully trained brokers and we are adapting the time bank model to meet the needs of our members. So far, 23 CFoD members have signed up to Dorothy's Time Bank (18 based in Todmorden). CFoD supported us to pay for membership of Timebank uk and for access to "Time Online" website. CFoD also upgraded it's existing insurance policy to include insurance for timebank exchanges, which immediately added £160 to the cost of our policy.

Most of the members of Dorothy's Timebank are retired; we could be considered as time rich but money poor. We have very gradually emerged from Covid and we quite cautious about attending events etc. However, we are strong & vibrant community with many skills and a real commitment to spreading kindness. We know that some of our members are worried about asking for "favours" when help is needed for a task. The timebank addresses this by providing a currency for one off tasks eg help with gardening/petcare/transport to medical appointments etc. One hour of my time is worth one hour of your time. It is a very egalitarian principle. An hour gained by offering help with a task can be "spent" on taking up an offer from other timebank members eg reki, reflexology/cake baking/painting & decorating/IT assistance etc. We thereby promote connections and community. We also suggest that offers & exchanges are best kept locally when possible and therefore members tend to meet other members for exchanges who live quite closeby. Again, this tends to cement neighbourly connections. We have insurance should there be mishaps and take full advantage of all the help & support from being members of Timebank UK. We use the website to record all the exchanges and to allocate credits & debits accrued. We use a "community pot" system which ensures that vulnerable members never fall into a large debit situation that they might worry about. Fitter, more active members could choose to donate their credits to that community pot. Our members ages range from 82-58yrs currently. The most active members are based in Todmorden and enhances community spirit in this area particularly. We believe that this enhances everyone in the community and would encourage other small communities to start such projects.

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

We do not envisage any impact on the climate emergency. However, in that we foster the idea of self help and working locally, we would hope to have a minor positive impact.

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

We would acknowledge the assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all our materials, including our website.

Project Information

Which Grant are you applying for?

Small Grant		
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What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)			
Community Benefit	Community Cohesion		
	Economic difficulties	Health & Wellbeing	
Other (please state)			
Project Name	Dorothy's Time Bank		
When will your project start?	June 2024		
When will your project finish?	June 2025		
How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary? (Use a separate Sheet if necessary).			
<p>Time Bank membership encourages members in Todmorden to offer & ask for local support. We promote members to be particularly aware of their neighbours and to look first to those members who live nearby. Todmorden has a strong & supportive lesbian community. Indeed, the town's reputation as a warm & welcoming place for a diverse community like the lesbian community is nationally and internationally well known. We are a vibrant & innovative town and this has encouraged our friends & families to also move here. Many of us have children & grandchildren here. We are justifiably very proud of being part of Todmorden's heritage and have made a very positive contribution to the area. However, as we age, we want to continue illuminating creative and energetic examples of ways to promote the kindness we have known here. Dorothy's Timebank is part of this initiative. We strongly believe that this will encourage other similar projects within minority communities in the area.</p> <p>We hope that Dorothy's Timebank will bring great advantages to the area as an example of a positive approach to a universal issue.</p>			
Why is this project needed? What advantage will it bring to Todmorden?			
<p>We need to renew our Timebank UK membership (runs from May to May). We need to renew our insurance for the Timebank (runs from April to April).</p> <p>Expenditure £200 for Timebank UK membership £160 CFoD will offer a £50 annual contribution to the Timebank.</p>			
How many people within the Todmorden town boundary will benefit from the project?			
<p>We currently have 23 members of Dorothy's Timebank. 18 live in Todmorden, the others live in Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd. We have a list of more who have expressed an interest in joining.</p>			

Please include dates and venue of events if applicable (include a draft programme if available.)
N/A

Financial Information/ Project Costs

Total Project Costs	£410
Amount requested from TTC	£310
Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council? (If yes please give details including when and how much)	Yes
We received funding in 2018 for running costs of Calderdale Friends of Dorothy; £500 (I believe) We have not applied for any other funding for Dorothy's Timebank	
Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below/ separate sheet)	Yes No
Applied to	We received funding in 2018 for running costs of Calderdale Friends of Dorothy; £500 (I believe) We have not applied for any other funding for Dorothy's Timebank

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 provide estimates/quotations of the proposed items of expenditure you may use as evidence on separate sheets. If you are unable to claim VAT back please ensure the gross value is put in here. And please do not round figures up)

Expenditure Description	Cost (£)
Timebank UK membership	£200.00
Insurance to include the timebank from Zurich Insurance. This amount is the increase to the existing Calderdale Friends of Dorothy (CFoD) policy to include the Timebank activities. The underwriters specifically asked for us to be Timebank UK members. CFod's steering Group agreed to fund this initially but we were asked to seek a grant to cover costs going forward. Hence this application.	£160.00
Volunteer Hours (based on £10 per hour as for this project only)	£50.00
A. Total Expenditure	£410.00

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
From Own Funds	£50.00
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
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	£
Volunteer Hours (this should match the figure in the expenditure table)	£50.00
B. Total Income	£100.00

C. Total Grant Requested (difference between A-B)	£310.00
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Organisation Financial Information

Level of Reserves Held at application date	£0
Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£1,484.00
Total value of Assets Held	£0

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Sum requested from Todmorden Town Council	£310
Applicant contribution % = (B/A)%	25 %
Todmorden Town Council Contribution % = (C/A)%	75 %
Total income (must be sum of B & C above) and equal to figure A	
Does applicant contribution % meet criteria – see end of application form	Yes
Volunteer Hours % contribution	
Does the volunteer hours contribution % meet criteria	Yes
Town Clerk confirmed Bank details and supporting documents.	Yes