



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. We also provide a guidance document to help you with the completion of this form.

1. Contact Details

Name of Organisation	Todmorden Community Brass Band
Address of Organisation	[REDACTED]
Name of person making application	[REDACTED]
Position in Organisation	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email address	
website	We currently only operate a Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/todmordencommunitybrass

2. Organisation Details

2a. What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)		
Charitable organisation	Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society	
Registered Charity (Charity number please state below)	Other (please state below)	
2b. Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	Yes	No
2c. Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)	Yes	No
2d. How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	6 Committee Members 15 Senior Band Members 15 Learners/ Training Band Members Senior band members regularly undertake volunteer duties for the band such as cleaning band room, maintenance of band room, instrument basic repairs, looking after uniform, volunteer music tuition.	

2e. 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. (Please aim for a minimum of 200 words)

In 2001, after many years of brass banding history, Todmorden found itself without a brass band. A group of spirited local musicians came together to form **Todmorden Community Brass (TCB)**, starting with no funds or equipment. Thanks to the generosity of local people, the band quickly grew and performed its first engagement in July 2001. In 2005, TCB secured the assets of Todmorden Old Brass Band and moved into its permanent home, **The Band room on Wellington Road.**

Todmorden Community Band's 25 years have been built on the long and vibrant history of brass bands in our part of the world. For well over a century, brass bands have exemplified the joy and satisfaction of collaborative music-making. The local impact of our band is direct and long-lasting. Our committed amateur performers are challenged and rewarded, given the motivation to attend weekly rehearsals. Audiences are entertained, and everyone gets the chance to experience the band's performances as we often play on the streets and in Centre Vale Park as well as in more formal concert halls. Hearing and seeing the band regularly inspires local residents – from school-age to not-so-recently retired and from all walks of life – to start playing an instrument themselves. Absolute beginners are welcomed and supported, immediately becoming part of a democratic, open-hearted movement which contributes so much to community cohesion. Learners are supported to progress from beginners to training to main band, supported by more experienced players who have previously taken the same journey and in the process have become enthusiastic advocates for the band.

Now entering our **Silver Jubilee Year**, we remain committed to our mission:

“To provide music education and performance opportunities for local people of any age.”

Our Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The year will be a **celebration of community, music, and learning**, with a series of events designed to engage, inspire, and grow participation:

Concert Programme

- **June 2026 – Picnic in the Park (free to attend)**

In partnership with **Friends of Centre Vale Park**, we'll perform at their annual event. This year, we'll add a **“play-along” segment** where audience members can join in with a simple piece, making music accessible and fun for all.

- **October 2026 – Anniversary Concert with a Twist (Central Todmorden, Accessible Venue)**

A special evening featuring:

- **A display of press cuttings, photos, and memorabilia** from the band's formative years.
- Invitations to **past members and musical directors** to attend—and even join us for one or two pieces!
- The **debut performance of a commissioned Silver Jubilee piece**, celebrating 25 years of community music-making.

- **March 2027 – Joint Concert (Central Todmorden, Accessible Venue)**

A collaborative event with another local group—possibly **Music for the Many** or a community choir—bringing brass and voices together for a unique musical experience.

Community Engagement & Workshops

To encourage wider participation, we'll run **five workshops** between September and March. All of these will be free of charge for all participants, including:

- **Brass Taster / Engagement Sessions** for beginners at local schools and community venues.
- **Interactive activities at KidsFest**, such as “Try a Brass Instrument” booths.
- **Special brass workshops** in partnership with Music for the Many.
- **Social media campaigns** sharing behind-the-scenes clips, member interviews, and countdown posts to build excitement.

Celebratory Touches

- A **Silver Jubilee logo** for posters, programs, and online promotion.
- A **recording of the Jubilee piece** to share online and preserve for the future.
- A **celebratory meal and social event** for members, supporters, and friends.

Why Support Us?

Your support will help us:

- Commission and perform a **new piece of music** marking our Silver Jubilee.
- Deliver **inclusive workshops** that inspire new generations of musicians.
- Create **accessible events** that bring people together through music.
- Preserve and celebrate **Todmorden’s rich brass band heritage**.

2f. Will your project have any implications in respect of climate emergency and if so, how do you intend to minimise such impact?

N/A

2g. How will you acknowledge the assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all promotional material (Please see Section 7 below)

We will:

- Issue a **press release** announcing the grant award.
- Posting about the grant on your organisation’s **social media**, tagging Todmorden Town Council’s accounts on Facebook,
- Including the Council’s crest in any **literature** promoting our Silver Jubilee events & workshops.
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We will include lots of pictures and invite the Town Mayor & Deputy Mayor to our three key concerts.

3. Project Information

3a. Which Grant are you applying for?			
Small Grant	New Organisation	Climate	
3b. What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)			
	Project Delivery		Civic Pride
	Voluntary sector youth Engagement	Social Exclusion	Accessibility and inclusivity
Community Benefit	Community Cohesion		Cultural Arts & Music
Skill development		Health & Wellbeing	Community Room Venue Hire
Other (please state)			

3c. Project Name	Todmorden Community Brass ‘Silver Jubilee Celebrations’
3d. When will your project start?	April 2026
3e. When will your project finish?	End of March 2027

3f. How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary?

Our Silver Jubilee programme will deliver significant community benefit within the Todmorden boundary by widening access to music, strengthening local partnerships, and enriching cultural life. Across a year of concerts, workshops, and public participation events, we will engage residents of all ages—including children, families, older people, and those with little or no musical experience. Free brass-taster sessions in schools and community venues, alongside interactive activities at KidsFest, will remove barriers to participation and help young people develop confidence and creative skills. Collaborative events with groups such as Friends of Centre Vale Park, Music for the Many, and local choirs will deepen cross-community connections and boost civic pride.

Our Jubilee celebrations—including a commissioned piece and a public memorabilia exhibition—will preserve and showcase Todmorden’s cultural heritage, while increasing footfall at local events and energising community spaces. Overall, the project will improve wellbeing, foster belonging, and strengthen Todmorden’s identity as a thriving, inclusive, and creative town. Most events will be free, and the few charged-for events will be priced modestly.

3g. Why is this project needed? What advantage will it bring to Todmorden?

Todmorden has a strong tradition of community music-making, but access to creative opportunities remains uneven, especially for those who lack confidence or resources to take part in the arts. Local schools and community groups have seen reduced access to instrumental tuition in recent years, meaning many children have fewer chances to try an instrument or experience live music in an inclusive, supportive setting. At the same time, community organisations report a growing need for activities that build connection, improve wellbeing, and offer positive, low-cost experiences for local families.

Our Silver Jubilee programme directly addresses these needs by providing free or low-barrier opportunities for people across Todmorden to engage in music—whether through taster sessions in schools, accessible workshops, or open “play-along” performances at public events. These activities help remove social and financial barriers, encouraging new participants who might not otherwise access music education. The project also supports community cohesion: events like Picnic in the Park, KidsFest involvement, and collaborations with groups such as Music for the Many create shared cultural experiences that strengthen local identity and reduce isolation.

Finally, marking 25 years of the band’s contribution to Todmorden helps preserve local heritage at a time when communities increasingly value their own stories and traditions. The Jubilee events—especially the memorabilia exhibition and commissioned new piece—celebrate this history while inspiring a new generation of participants. In short, the project is needed because it expands access to creativity, strengthens community connections, supports young people’s development, and enriches cultural life across the Todmorden area.

3h. How many people within the Todmorden town boundary will benefit from the project?

Community Concerts – up to 200 people each concert (weather dependent)
 Community Workshops – target up to 20 people each workshop
 Band Members – 30 (including senior & training band members)
 Wider audience for social media engagement (500 followers), regularly over 1000 engagements on Facebook posts
 Many volunteer hours from Committee members and band members will be required for this project.

3i. Please include dates and venue of events if applicable (include a draft programme if available.)

Performance Concerts will take place:

15th June
 12th and 19th October
 March 2027

Financial Information/ Project Costs

4a. Total Project Costs	£4315.16		
4b. Amount requested from TTC (This figure must be equal to the shortfall between Figure A. Expenditure and Figure B. Income at item 4e below).	£1100.00		
4c. Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council? (If yes please give details of grants received from the Town Council over the last 5 years).)	Yes		

June 2025 - £1,000 (for core funding)
 April 2024 - £2,000 (for core funding)

4d. Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below)		Yes	
Applied to	Community Foundation for Calderdale		
Dates of application	To be submitted February 2026		
Received from	Expected to find out April '26.		
Date received/or due			
Amount received	Requested £1000.00		

4e. 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. *(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 (£)
Performance Concerts	
Venue Hire for Concerts – 3 x £150.00	£450.00
Refreshments	£150.00
Creation of anniversary concert display (materials only)	£40.00
Commissioned Silver Jubilee Piece from Musical Director	£200.00
Conductor – Token honorarium 3 x £50.00	£150.00
Partner acts fees 2 x £150.00	£300.00
Community Engagement	
Room hire for workshops x 5	£375.00
Social Media campaign (Interviews, costs for materials)	£30.00
Celebratory Touches	
Studio time for advertising/ promotional material incl VAT	£162.00
Advertising/promotional material - Pull up banner, flyers and pin badges incl VAT	£383.16
Recording of Jubilee Piece	£200.00
Celebratory Meal & Social Event	£300.00
A. Total Expenditure (must be = to 4a: Total Project Costs)	£2740.16

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
Contribution from own funds	£300.00
Community Foundation for Calderdale	£1000.00
Concert Income & Fundraising – Estimate for Jubilee events.	£340.16
B. Total Income	£1640.16

C. Total Grant Requested from the Town Council*	£1100.00
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*This figure must be equal to the difference between Figure A and Figure B above. Please put this figure in box 4e. Amount Requested from TTC)

4. Organisation Financial Information

5a. Level of Reserves Held at application date	£0
5b. Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£5779.44 (Jan 31 st)
5c. Total value of Assets Held	£249,320 (Own band room)