



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	9a Project Space CIC
Address of Organisation	[REDACTED]
Name of person making application	[REDACTED]
Position in Organisation	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
website	https://9aprojectspace.org

2. Organisation Details

2a. What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)	
	Community Interest Company
2b. Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	Yes
2c. Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)	No
2d. How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	<p>The CIC has two founding Directors. We have appointed a Board. We currently have offers of 10 volunteers. As a new CIC we haven't previously engaged with any service users but in a previous company formation at the Gallery Space at Robinwood Mill we engaged with over 1000 in our final year. We have policies on Equality, Inclusion & Diversity, Health & Safety and Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults.</p>

We have Public Liability Insurance and are registered with the ICO.

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)

9a Project Space seeks to build and strengthen creative community through socially engaged practice. Working with residents in Todmorden, our vision is to provide more opportunities for people to experience and participate in exhibitions, workshops and events. We want to encourage exchange between the gallery, the community and the landscape.

Our interest in the histories and possible futures of this landscape, in the face of climate change, will frame our work at 9a. We want to explore what a sustainable gallery and art practice could be. Our Board Member is a specialist in this field (Senior Manager, Environmental Responsibility, Arts Council England), and we are working with her to develop 9a's approach.

We are seeking support from Todmorden Town Council to produce publicity to help promote our summer 2026 activity.

Priorities for 2026:

1. Provide opportunities for young people to develop skills in visual arts
2. Provide artists with professional development opportunities through regular meetings, talks, and sessions on arts funding. We will focus on supporting artists based at Robinwood Mill and artists across Todmorden and the Calder Valley
3. Create opportunities for people new to arts and creativity from communities across Todmorden specifically residents of Portsmouth, Cornholme and Lydgate.

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

Environmental sustainability is built into our organisational vision and mission. The space at Robinwood Mill doesn't have visitor parking, and we will actively encourage visitors to use public transport through our marketing and promotional platforms when attending exhibitions or events. We will include maps for nature walks from Todmorden and link to train and bus timetables to help reduce car journeys.

When working outside the mill (walks, sketch-booking, sound journeys etc.) we commit to leave no trace. We aim to work with local suppliers wherever possible. Inside 9a we provide, refreshments (tea/coffee) are organic and fair-trade brands. Drinks are served in real cups, glasses – avoiding disposable or plastic options.

We operate a recycling policy for materials used in exhibitions and workshops.

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

We will announce the award in our press release and on our platforms, website, Facebook, Instagram and in our printed material, posters, flyers, newsletter and display Todmorden Town Council's logo on all media.

Our current website and social media platforms are listed here:

<https://9aprojectspace.org>

<https://www.instagram.com/9aprojectspace/>

https://www.facebook.com/9aprojects?locale=en_GB

3. Project Information

3a. Which Grant are you applying for?

New Organisation

3b. What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)

Project Delivery

Social Exclusion

Community Benefit

Community Cohesion

Cultural Arts & Music

Health & Wellbeing

Other (please state)

3c. Project Name

'What's On' at 9a Project Space CIC

3d. When will your project start?

Beginning of May 2026

3e. When will your project finish?

October 2026

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

9a Project Space will deliver exhibitions and events in Summer 2026. Alongside exhibiting work by local, nationally and internationally acclaimed artists we also offer public talks and drawing sessions (open to all but focussing on Portsmouth & Cornholme, and Lydgate).

To maximise investment in this cultural offer we want to ensure we promote the activities and opportunities to engage effectively. We are seeking support from Todmorden Council to help us raise the profile of our summer activity through creating promotional print material which we will circulate in Robinwood Mill's immediate local neighbourhoods.

We will also initiate and host regular meetings with artists in Robinwood studios and artists within the Todmorden town boundary – to explore issues of isolation, the role of creative community and the potential of creating a professional development programme.

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

The current cultural offer in Cornholme is limited, despite the presence of creative and artistic residents. We hope to address issues of social cohesion and unequal access to arts and cultural by developing our new not for profit organisation creating high quality artistic offers in Calderdale. Alongside providing an opportunity to bring residents together in a part of Todmorden with limited communal spaces, we also hope that it will raise the profile of Todmorden as a cultural hotspot.

Our founders are both Calder Valley residents and are highly experienced in develop artistic events with experience working at the Tate Gallery, Factory International, Open University and Creative People & Places.

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

Workshops – 80
 Exhibition – 400
 Other activities including talks – 50

 Total estimated attendance 530

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

The full programme of events and workshops is yet to be confirmed but activity will take place between May and October with the main exhibition Surface Tension by Kelly Chorpening and Kate Atkin opening on the 27 June 2026.

4. Financial Information/ Project Costs

4a. Total Project Costs	£493.10	
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).	£493.10	
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.)		No
4d. Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below)		No
Applied to		
Dates of application		
Received from		

Date received/or due	
Amount received	

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 (£)
1000 folded leaflets, FSC certified & responsibly sourced paper	£293.10
Set-up and design of leaflet, artist rates for half-day (artist Union)	£200.00
	£
	£
	£
	£
A. Total Expenditure (must be = to 4a: Total Project Costs)	£493.10

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

C. Total Grant Requested from the Town Council*	£493.10
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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)

5. Organisation Financial Information

5a. Level of Reserves Held at application date	£0
5b. Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£0
5c. Total value of Assets Held	£0