



# 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

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Tod Kindness Crew
<b>Address of Organisation</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Name of person making application</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Position in Organisation</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>website</b>	

### 2. Organisation Details

<b>2a. What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)</b>			
Charitable organisation	Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society		
Registered Charity (Charity number please state below)	Other (please state below) <b>CIC</b>		
<b>2b. Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
<b>2c. Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
<b>2d. How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?</b>	3 Trustees 10 regular volunteers		

**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)**

The aim of Tod Kindness Crew is to help members of our community, to assist with day-to-day tasks, maintain or improve their living space, maintain or improve their garden or outdoor space. We are open to helping any member of our community who would struggle or be unable to complete the kind of tasks listed above, have a limited or non-existent support network and struggle or be unable to pay someone to do the work for them.

In particular we would be aiming to help members of our community who are elderly, isolated, suffering/recovering from illness or injury, struggling with finances and resources.

In the last year we have painted a complete flat for a gentleman due to leave hospital after a number of illnesses, cleared an overgrown garden for a young Mum and three children, cleared rubbish from a home taken over by a family on the death of a relative and are currently stripping wallpaper at another property in preparation for the room to be replastered.

This application is to provide a continuation of financial support to the Coordinator so that he can regularly offer one day a week to build what is becoming a really successful not for profit business. This will involve contacting other charitable organisations locally who have clients that may benefit from our work eg. Age Concern and Healthy Minds, (we have received our first referral from the GP surgery) but we will need to recruit more volunteers which will also be a part of his work.

We receive referrals onto our Facebook page, on the Coordinators phone and through Disability Support, via Tod Support and the Foodbanks on an ad hoc basis. All our volunteers are local, living in Todmorden and happy to give up time for others.

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

Not directly, we do however re use all our equipment (as opposed to throwing brushes away, as done by most contractors), share vehicles and walk or cycle to properties.

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

We have attached the Todmorden Council logo to our email page, on our fliers to recruit volunteers, on our Facebook page and on our Go Fund Me account, none of this will change. In addition, we will be attaching it to all forms we create including our Feedback form for clients we have supported, and the application form from our partners who make a referral (both being created currently).

### 3. Project Information

<b>3a. Which Grant are you applying for?</b>			
Small Grant	New Organisation	Climate	
<b>3b. What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)</b>			
	<b>Project Delivery</b>		
<b>Community Benefit</b>	<b>Community Cohesion</b>		
	<b>Economic difficulties</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	
Other (please state)			

<b>3c. Project Name</b>	<b>Tod Kindness Crew</b>
<b>3d. When will your project start?</b>	<b>4/6/2026</b>
<b>3e. When will your project finish?</b>	<b>12/10/2026</b>

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

We work in Todmorden, our volunteers live in Todmorden as do our clients. By improving (in many cases very run-down social housing) the places in which people spend their time, we, by default improve their perception of their lives. There is little more depressing than looking at a tired, scuffed up wall and not being able to do anything about it.

We created this project so others could close their front door and sit in a space decorated to their choice and feel the safety and security we feel when we do the same.

Someone's living space can affect their mental health, we aim to improve people's feelings of self-worth because we improve a clients environment and show that we care enough to do so for free. We chat to the client; we ask their opinion (a rare luxury for many people) and we treat them with respect.

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

As far as we know this is a unique project.

We are equipped because we are willing and fit enough to wield a paintbrush or collect grass that has been strimmed by our coordinator.

We have a Director/Coordinator who manages each work party, we have a director who applies for funds and manages money and a third director who works with us as a volunteer. We have links with different charities that provide us with people who need help, and we go and help! Many of us are confident in decorating and enjoy gardening. Our co-ordinator has years of experience working in a number of practical roles including decorating and gardening. Where

possible and practical the co-ordinator and one of the volunteers can and do undertake small household diy tasks.

Our volunteers are chosen equally for their skills as their friendliness, and this shows through when we complete a job with the client having become a friend rather than a client. A sense of humour, humility and friendliness toward a fellow human being is what works every time. While our work will not change our clients life in what could be considered a fundamental way and we cannot lift them out of poverty, we can and do vastly improve their immediate living conditions and by doing so improve their wellbeing and self-worth.

We know that we are barely touching the edge of need for this work. We have been very careful not to take on work that we cannot complete quickly and with enough volunteers. By improving the external land in the areas, we work we are promoting to our clients and their neighbours the value of looking after their space and building a feeling of pride and community.

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

This is really hard to answer. On average we are working with both families with children , say 4 people, but also quite a lot of older single people's homes = 1 person.

Over the last 6 months we have supported approximately 40 individuals, we do however often return to do more work for a householder in order we complete a job. Equally we may return to do a bit of DIY e.g. put up a curtain rail once we have decorated.

So approx. 80 to 120 per year, but in the hope we can move from one job a month to one a week this will grow to many more.

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

We mainly work on Mondays but can be flexible both to the client and our volunteers. We are hoping to run a fund-raising event during the summer, but this is in the planning stages.

**3. Financial Information/ Project Costs**

<b>4a. Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£6052.50</b>		
<b>4b. Amount requested from TTC</b> (This figure must be equal to the shortfall between Figure A. Expenditure and Figure B. Income at item 4e below).	<b>£2520.00</b>		
<b>4c. Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council?</b> (If yes please give details of grants received from the Town Council over the last 5 years.)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>We received a start-up grant in October 2024</b>			

<b>4d. Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below)</b>		No
<b>Applied to</b>	We have received a grant from CFFC to cover costs throughout spring, but this is for a different period to the request to the Town Council.	
<b>Dates of application</b>		
<b>Received from</b>		
<b>Date received/or due</b>		
<b>Amount received</b>		

**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)

<b>Expenditure Description</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
<b>18 Weeks Coordinator Costs covering June 4<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	£5040.00
<b>Materials including paint, tools etc across summer.</b>	£200.00
	£
	£
<b>Volunteer hours</b>	£812.50
<b>A. Total Expenditure (must be = to 4a: Total Project Costs)</b>	£6052.50

<b>Other income</b>	
<b>Income Description</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
<b>Donations through GoFundMe account</b>	£200.00
<b>Coordinator costs in kind</b>	£2520.00
	£
	£
<b>Volunteer Hours (this should match the figure in the expenditure table)</b>	£812.50
<b>B. Total Income</b>	£3532.50

<b>C. Total Grant Requested from the Town Council*</b>	£2520.00
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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

<b>5a. Level of Reserves Held at application date</b>	£0
<b>5b. Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date</b>	£1639.21
<b>5c. Total value of Assets Held</b>	£1639.21