



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	[REDACTED]
Address of Organisation	[REDACTED]
Name of person making application	[REDACTED]
Position in Organisation	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
website	https://todbandstand.org

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) Currently we are an Unincorporated Association, considering future charity registration		
2b. Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
2c. Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
2d. How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	7 committee members, 10 other members, 17 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)

Todmorden Bandsand Group was formed in 2019 following the announcement of Calderdale Council's plan to demolish the derelict bandsand in Centre Vale Park. Early achievements were securing Grade II listing for the building (December 2019) and persuading Calderdale to abandon the demolition plan (March 2020). The bandsand restoration project was included in Todmorden's Town Deal Investment Plan and it was funded as part of the eventual £17.5m award. In 2022 Todmorden Town Council became a Town Deal partner and agreed to take on ownership of the bandsand. Our group then collaborated with Todmorden Council in securing National Lottery Heritage grant funding to meet the match-funding requirement of the Town Deal award. Following Todmorden Council's management of the restoration we are working with them to manage the bandsand as a venue for all kinds of events and celebrations.

We aim to:

1. Boost the town's morale through preservation and use of a much-loved, historically important and architecturally unique piece of cultural heritage
2. Reduce isolation and improve community cohesion through residents' participation in, and attendance at, a wide range of events
3. Benefit the local economy through the increased visitor numbers and footfall resulting from events
4. Strengthen and capitalise on Todmorden's cultural and arts economy
5. Provide experience for volunteers in venue/events management

During 2019/20, the Todmorden Bandsand Group was very active in engagement with stakeholders and the community and in gathering evidence of support for saving the bandsand and bringing it back into use. That evidence is very strong and is summarised in the document 'Centre Vale Park Bandsand Restoration Project: Overview, Scope of Use, Stakeholder/Community Support and Engagement'
<https://www.todmordentowndeal.co.uk/centre-vale-park-bandsand-restoration-project/>

The bandsand relaunch event on 22nd March 2026 showcased around 140 local performers of a wide range of backgrounds, ages, gender and ethnicity. They entertained a similarly diverse crowd of up to 2000 people. People attending were asked to complete a feedback survey. The results showed very high levels of support for:

- The preservation of heritage buildings
- The idea that such events make people feel connected to the Todmorden community
- Further events of all types being held at the bandsand

A further survey of local businesses was undertaken to evaluate the event's impact on the local economy. The results showed:

- Very positive impact on businesses' trading on the event day
- Very positive attitudes to the idea that more events should be held at the bandsand and would benefit the local economy.

The reports of the results of these surveys are available on request.

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

Emphasis on public transport options in communications with event-goers. Prioritisation of use sustainably and responsibly sourced goods and materials in food/drink provision.

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

We will acknowledge the assistance of Todmorden Town Council in all the ways suggested in the advice in Section 7 of this form.

3. Project Information

3a. Which Grant are you applying for?

Small Grant	New Organisation	Climate
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3b. What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)

Town Hall Hire	Project Delivery	Core Funding	Civic Pride
Town Centre Improvement	Voluntary sector youth Engagement	Social Exclusion	Accessibility and inclusivity
Community Benefit	Community Cohesion	Safety/promotion	Cultural Arts & Music
Environmental project	Climate change	Food Growing	Town Centre Event
Skill development	Economic difficulties	Health & Wellbeing	Community Room Venue Hire

Other (please state) Hire of the bandstand, Centre Vale Park

3c. Project Name	Blues in the Park - A Free Concert at the Todmorden Bandstand 19 th July 2026
3d. When will your project start?	July 19 th 2026
3e. When will your project finish?	July 19 th 2026

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

The concert will be a free-entry event featuring three or four blues/rock bands, all of which will be waiving their fees. It will also operate as a fundraising event for The Todmorden Bandsstand. Performers confirmed at the time of writing are:

The Mel Outsider Reformation <https://www.meloutsider.co.uk>

The Two Tones Blues Band <https://www.facebook.com/TwoTonesBluesBand/>

The 844s <https://www.facebook.com/the844s>

This free outdoor concert will foster community cohesion, boost mental well-being, and provide accessible, inclusive entertainment that strengthens local social bonds. It will enhance community pride and cultural life and help make Centre Vale Park a more vibrant public space.

Local businesses will benefit from the increased footfall from people attending the concert.

The concert will also provide a platform for local artists. The majority of performers are resident in Todmorden.

Volunteer workers will gain skills and experience in event planning and management.

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

There has been substantial investment in the restoration of the Centre Vale Park Bandstand through the Town Deal and National Lottery Heritage Fund. For that investment to be justified, and for its goals to be realised, there needs to be a programme of events at the bandstand. This concert would be a part of the programme in the first year of operation following the March 2026 re-opening.

The concert will promote social cohesion, benefit the local economy through increased footfall, and provide exposure and development for local artists.

The Todmorden Bandstand Group will undertake fundraising activities (collecting donations, selling merchandise, etc.) at the event to support its activities in running the bandstand as an asset for the community.

The event will also make use of the new bowling pavilion. This will be used as a base for artists' refreshment and shelter in the case of bad weather, and for the preparation of food for sale to raise funds for the Bandstand Group.

The in-house bandstand PA system was specified mainly for vocal public address, reproduction of recorded music, and sound re-inforcement for live music such as jazz/acoustic/folk ensembles. The blues/rock genre requires somewhat higher sound levels, especially of bass frequencies, hence the inclusion of the cost of hiring two additional bass PA speakers in this application. These units will also allow the in-house system to be run at a higher level.

The bands appearing have quite complex sound reinforcement requirements so it will be necessary to engage a professional sound engineer to provide the appropriate set-up and audio mixing services.

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

~ 300 event attendees

~ 12 Todmorden-resident artists performing

~ 12 local businesses between town centre and Centre Vale, probably additional others in other areas of the town

~ 10 volunteers gaining experience of event planning and management

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

The event will be held at the Todmorden Bandstand on 19th July 2026.

4. Financial Information/ Project Costs

4a. Total Project Costs	£493.32		
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).	£493.32		
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	No	
4d. Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below)	Yes	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 (£)
Bandstand hire (4h @ £5p/h and 5h @ £10p/h)	£70
Pavilion Hire 8h @ £10 p/h	£80
Posters/promotion	£9
Sound Engineer 1 day	£240
2 x 18" subwoofer PA speakers 1 day hire	£94.32
A. Total Expenditure (must be = to 4a: Total Project Costs)	£493.32

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
	£
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	£
	£
	£
B. Total Income	£

C. Total Grant Requested from the Town Council*	£493.32
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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	£951.61
5b. Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£951.61
5c. Total value of Assets Held	£951.61

5d. Name of signatory on the account 1	
5e. Name of signatory on the account 2	

5f. Organisations Bank details	
Bank Account Name	
Bank (HSBC, Virgin etc)	
Sort Code	
Account Number	