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hi team Torpoint Town Council

Attaching TAC (Torpoint Artists Collective) CIC's application for a Section 137 grant... as a new social enterprise in the town we to really bring some local joy and investment into the arts here.

We've now signed a lease on Pricebusters (61 Fore Street) and currently volunteering our time to make good things happen.

We hope you can support us with some start-up grant funding, which in turn will also show other funders that what we can achieve together will have positive impact locally.

Attaching our application, an overview document and evidence of our bank account (which only opened today and we don't yet have a statement). Actual bank statement to follow.

Many thanks

Matthew Pontin

on behalf of TAC CIC



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TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

Notes to Applicants

To help us process your application quickly, please:

- Read the Applicant Guidance Notes carefully
- Complete the application fully – we will not consider incomplete forms
- Let us know if you have any questions before sending in your application

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Charity Registration Number (if applicable)	n/a
Project title	TAC Start Up - 61 Fore Street Shop Project
Estimated start date	December 2024

Please tell us about the project and why you think it should receive the contribution from Torpoint Town Council

Project Overview

Torpoint Artists Collective (TAC) was founded in 2024 by local artists to create a supportive network for creatives living and working in Torpoint and nearby areas. As a newly formed social enterprise, TAC aims to enrich the cultural landscape of the town by developing accessible creative spaces, nurturing community engagement, and unlocking Torpoint's cultural potential.

The 61 Fore Street Project

TAC has secured a lease for the currently vacant property at 61 Fore Street, which we plan to transform into a vibrant community arts hub. The vision for this space includes a gallery and education area in the shopfront, TAC's office, and artists' studio space in the room behind. This center will be more than just a gallery - it will be a fun creative hub where local (and visiting) artists can exhibit their work, lead workshops, and connect with the community.

To bring this vision to life, TAC will attract grant funding over the next 24 months to invest in renovating and enhancing both the interior and exterior of 61 Fore Street. Our goal is to create an inviting, inclusive environment that will become a focal point for community and cultural activities in Torpoint. Through workshops, exhibitions, and interactive community events, TAC will spark creativity and drive cultural engagement throughout the town.

Immediate Need for Council Support

The lease at 61 Fore Street is set to begin on 8th November, presenting a short timeframe to get up and running. While TAC is actively pursuing community grants from organisations like Arts Council England, securing this funding will take time. To cover our initial commitments to the property, we are requesting support from Torpoint Town Council to help with essential setup costs, specifically for building, contents, public liability, and indemnity insurance. These insurances are necessary for us to begin work in the space and initiate our project. With the council's support, TAC will be able to commence our lease and start the transformation immediately, allowing us to open this new creative hub to the community as soon as possible.

Long-Term Benefits for Torpoint

By supporting TAC's start-up phase, Torpoint Town Council will play a crucial role in establishing a sustainable, community-focused arts hub that will provide ongoing benefits to the town. Once operational, TAC will:

- Bring economic value by supporting local artists and attracting visitors.
- Enrich community life by offering art workshops, exhibitions, and cultural events.
- Enhance Torpoint's cultural identity, making the town a destination for creativity.

Why This Project Needs Support

We've just started up! As a new social enterprise in the town, TAC is committed to transforming an empty shop into a thriving cultural center that will bring vibrancy to Fore Street and the wider town. This project represents a unique opportunity for Torpoint to support a grassroots initiative that will empower local creatives, provide accessible arts programming, and build a stronger community connection.

About TAC's Current Standing and Support

As a new CIC, TAC is supported by Growth Hub Cornwall, the Access to Finance Programme, and Creative UK, and is actively seeking community grants to fund our work at 61 Fore Street. While we currently have no income as a start-up, we have established a business bank account and a

solid foundation to attract ongoing financial support.

With Torpoint Town Council's contribution, TAC can quickly get this project underway and establish the first artist-run community arts space in Torpoint. Together, we can create a lasting cultural asset for the town that will celebrate creativity, inspire the community, and contribute to Torpoint's development as a culturally rich and inclusive place to live and visit.

Thank you for considering this proposal. TAC is eager to collaborate with Torpoint Town Council and contribute to the town's bright future.

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Who will benefit from the project and how many of those are residents of Torpoint parish?

The Torpoint Artists Collective (TAC) is run entirely by local residents - all TAC directors and members live in Torpoint and are deeply invested in creating a positive, lasting impact on the community. Through the 61 Fore Street Project, TAC will offer a welcoming space for local artists to showcase their work, share their skills, and connect with the public. This project is designed to benefit a broad range of Torpoint's residents, bringing creativity and cultural engagement to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Primary Beneficiaries in Torpoint

The project will directly serve the residents of Torpoint parish, including:

- **Families and Children:** The space will host family-friendly workshops and activities, where children and their families can explore art together. This will be a unique place for young people to develop their creativity, learn new skills, and discover a love for the arts - all within a safe, welcoming environment.
- **Young People:** TAC will provide opportunities for Torpoint's youth to engage in arts and culture, whether through after-school workshops, holiday programs, or youth-led projects. We aim to create a sense of ownership, where young people can showcase their talents, participate in exhibitions, and even help shape future events.
- **Older Adults and Seniors:** For many older residents, the 61 Fore Street Project will offer a new social outlet - a place to learn, connect, and enjoy the benefits of creative expression. Seniors will have access to a variety of activities, including workshops and art appreciation events that promote mental wellbeing and social connection.
- **Community Groups and Local Organisations:** We will collaborate with local groups and organizations to design programs that cater to their specific needs. This could include tailored sessions for people with disabilities, wellbeing programs for isolated residents, or cultural activities that celebrate Torpoint's unique heritage.

Broader Impact on the Community

The benefits of TAC's 61 Fore Street Project extend beyond individual groups. By transforming an

empty shop into a vibrant community arts hub, TAC will:

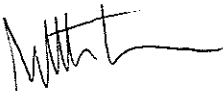
- **Strengthen Torpoint's Cultural Identity:** Our exhibitions, public art projects, and community events will give residents a sense of pride in their town, building a shared cultural identity and enhancing the town's appeal for visitors.
- **Encourage Local Economic Growth:** By drawing people to Fore Street for exhibitions, workshops, and events, TAC will help support nearby businesses, create foot traffic, and contribute to the local economy.
- **Create Inclusive Opportunities for All:** We're committed to making the arts accessible for everyone in Torpoint, providing free or low-cost events and programs to ensure no one is excluded. The 61 Fore Street Project will be a place where everyone - regardless of age, background, or ability - can come together and be inspired.

In summary, the 61 Fore Street Project will bring the community together through creativity, offering residents of all ages a space to learn, connect, and celebrate the arts. With Torpoint Town Council's support, TAC can create a lasting cultural asset that will uplift the community, boost the local economy, and make Torpoint a more vibrant, inclusive, and inspiring place to live.

Project costs (Please provide a breakdown of the costs of the project)	£	p	Funding	£	p	S = Secured A = Applied for (delete as applicable)
			Own fundraising			S/A
Insurance - building windows, contents, public liability, and indemnity insurance	500			500		A
Accountant support and Software (Xero) - Subscription to Xero for online accounting and financial tracking - 12 months	400			400		A
ICO Registration - Registration with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)	50			50		S/A

Basic website and hosting set up - to help promote start of project work - linking to wider town activities / websites.	300			300		S/A
			Amount you are seeking from Torpoint Town Council	£1250		
Total cost*	£1250		Total income*	£1250		
Please note: *The Total Cost and Total Income amounts must balance (e.g. Total Cost - £100; Total Income - £100)						

Checklist (Please make sure you have included the following with your application)	✓
Written confirmation of any match funding awarded to your project (a letter or e-mail)	
Your organisations latest set of accounts or latest bank statement	X

Declaration	
<p>I declare that the information supplied in this application is true.</p> <p>I agree that, if this application is successful, any grant money received will be used for the purposes described in this form and in accordance with the terms and conditions listed below. I confirm that I am duly authorised and empowered to confirm this on behalf of the applicant group.</p>	
Signature:	
	Date: 11/11
Name (Please	Print):(TAC CIC)

1. Grants awarded must only be used to support the expenditure identified in the application, as approved, and for no other purpose.

2. Torpoint Town Council receives a report within 12 months of receipt of the grant, clearly showing that the money has been spent on the project.
3. The applicant must not use the grant for any unlawful activities, the promotion of political and/or religious activity or activities that are discriminatory on the grounds of religion, race, sex, sexual preference, age or disability.
4. Projects should not be for private profit.
5. If appropriate, the applicant must have insurance for any activity which the grant will be wholly or partly funding. This includes public liability cover at any community event.
6. Recognition of Torpoint Town Council financial support must be included on any promotional material.
7. The applicant will be required to participate in any publicity deemed appropriate by Torpoint Town Council associated with the offer of funding.



Torpoint Artists Collective (TAC)

is a Community Interest Company dedicated to supporting artists in Torpoint and surrounding areas, nurturing creativity and enhancing community life through the arts. Our vision is to create opportunities for local artists to thrive, contribute to the town's cultural vibrancy, and make Torpoint a hub for creativity.

The aim

1. Artist Support:

Opportunities for Artists: we aim to provide cultural projects, creative networking, commissions, exhibitions, performances, and funding support to help artists develop their careers.

Training & Mentorship: to develop artist mentoring, training, marketing assistance, bursaries, and support with fundraising and grant applications.

Career Development: to spark exchange opportunities, workshops, and events, we help artists grow their skills, establish business foundations, and build sustainable careers without needing to leave Torpoint.

2. Creative Spaces & Places:

New Cultural Spaces: we aim to develop studios, workshops, galleries, music venues, cafes, and community hubs that serve as platforms for artistic expression and civic engagement.

Public Art & Placemaking: by integrating public art and creative placemaking initiatives, we will enhance Torpoint's environment, turning the town into a vibrant cultural destination while boosting local pride and identity.

Economic Growth: Through the creation of these spaces, TAC will attract tourists, support local businesses, and generate jobs, contributing to the town's economic vitality.

3. **Community Engagement:**

Inclusive Arts Access: We will engage the community with creative workshops, exhibitions, festivals, and accessible arts projects, celebrating the diversity and heritage of Torpoint.

Wellbeing through Art: Our focus on creative health projects will support mental well-being, reduce isolation, and foster a stronger sense of belonging among residents.

Partnerships: By working closely with local schools, businesses, and stakeholders, TAC will drive educational, cultural, and community initiatives to benefit all ages.

4. **Economic and Environmental Impact:**

Sustainability: TAC is committed to sustainability through climate emergency planning and developing eco-friendly, creative solutions.

Education & Skills Development: Through our arts and environmental projects, we will help build local resilience, enhance skills, and encourage creative thinking, which will benefit the town's long-term growth.

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