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## **Take it away Scheme Credit Provider Contract**

CREATIVE SECTOR SERVICES C.I.C.

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.creativeunited.org.uk/procurement-notice>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.creativeunited.org.uk/procurement-notice>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Community Interest Company

**I.5) Main activity**

Recreation, culture and religion

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Take it away Scheme Credit Provider Contract

Reference number

CUTIA/2021

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of consumer credit services for the purchase of musical instruments and associated good and services.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,050,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

England

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

A tender opportunity is offered by Creative Sector Services CIC (trading as Creative United) for the provision of consumer credit services for the Take it away Scheme commencing 1 August 2021 for a period of 24 months, with provision for Creative United to extend the contract for three further periods of 12 months (subject to performance review in accordance with the terms and conditions of contract).

The Take it away Scheme is a publicly funded initiative designed to make it more affordable for people to get involved in learning and playing music by providing interest free loans of between £100 and £25,000 for the purchase of musical instruments, equipment, software any other associated goods or services they may need (such as a block of tuition) in order to get started or further develop their music practice.

The public funding invested by Creative United in the delivery of the Scheme primarily focuses on assisting parents over the age of 18 with the purchase of an instrument for a child under the age of 18 ("Under 18s scheme"), and young musicians aged 18-25 who can apply to use the scheme in their own right ("18-25s scheme"). However, the Scheme's overarching remit is to provide support and encouragement to musicians of all ages and abilities, as well as for musical instrument retailers and other organisations across the music sector.

The Scheme is open to all qualifying UK residents over the age of 18 (subject to status) and made available via a network of approved musical instrument retailers in England. A variation of the scheme in partnership with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland is available exclusively to Northern Ireland Residents over the age of 18.

The awarded contract would cover the provision of the Scheme through the network of retailers in England and Northern Ireland. The opportunity may also exist for the Scheme to be extended to include a network of retailers in Wales and/or Scotland subject to the agreement and financial support of their respective Arts Councils or other funders.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,050,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 August 2021

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

It is anticipated (but not guaranteed) that a new service contract will be procured following the expiry of the contract commencing 1 August 2021.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

A maximum of three (3) 12 month extensions to the agreement are offered under this contract, at the discretion of the contracting authority and subject to performance review.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

19 February 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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