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Tender

Young Carers Service

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031453

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<http://kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Young Carers Service

Reference number

DN587739

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC) is looking for an organisation or a consortium of organisations, to deliver a countywide Young Carers Service. This includes a recurring statutory requirement for KCC, as defined under Section 96 of the Children and Families Act 2014, to ensure young carers and their families are identified and their needs for support are assessed.

The aim of the Young Carers Service will be to:

1. Increase the identification and assessment of young carers in Kent.
2. Provide young carers some respite from their caring responsibilities.
3. Help reduce the risk of their situation escalating.
4. Improve the quality of young carers' lives.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £976,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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In raising awareness, the Young Carers Service will include training for the wider workforce (schools, agencies and professionals that may be in contact with young carers) in how to identify and assess young carers.

Direct and ongoing support for young carers and their families will include developing, monitoring, and reviewing action plans for young carers, and advocating on behalf of young carers and/or their families, when appropriate.

The Young Carers Service will deliver a service tailored to the needs of young carers, offering a range of activities and support, including virtual support, to be delivered in a timely fashion. This will include 1:1 support and mentoring as well as support in groups. The Young Carers Service will ensure young carers have access to information, support, and respite activities as well as opportunities to make friends, go on trips, meet other young carers, and engage with other activities within the school or community.

The financial envelope for the Young Carers Service is £325,500 per annum.

The contract will run for three years from 1/05/2022, with the option to extend for a further two years on a one-plus-one basis.

Kent County Council is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency and to following EU procurement regulations.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Possibility to extend the contract on a plus -12 months, plus - 12 months basis

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

1 March 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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