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Tender

The Administration of the Covid 19 Third Sector Resilience Fund

Welsh Government

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Administration of the Covid 19 Third Sector Resilience Fund

Reference number

C243/2020/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There are currently over 32,000 third sector organisations operating in Wales. Many of these organisations have been crucial to helping our communities deal with the impacts of the pandemic. However, the pandemic has impacted on the ability of many of these organisations to continue to deliver services because of their reduced ability to e.g. fundraise. The pandemic has placed many of our third sector organisations in a precarious position.

For this reason, in April 2020, the Welsh Government launched its Third Sector Resilience Fund (administered by Wales Council for Voluntary Action) as a “fund of last resort” to help viable third sector organisations survive.

The pandemic served to highlight that there were some existing frailties amongst a significant number of third sector organisations that means they are not as sustainable or resilient to system shocks as they could be. For this reason, in September 2020, the Third Sector Resilience Fund evolved to include funding elements that allowed organisations to improve and diversify how they operate to become healthier organisations.

Since April, this fund has had a steady stream of applications totaling over 10 million GBP (at February 2021). The draw on this funding is likely to continue into financial year 2021/22 as funding options for the sector further diminish. The Welsh Government has committed at least a further 2.25m GBP of funding to answer this need during the financial year 2021/22.

The Client wishes to contract the effective administration of a grant fund for third sector organisations with a primary focus on being a “fund of last resort” to ensure viable third sector organisations survive, but also incorporating an element that allows grant funding for third sector organisations to put themselves on a more sustainable footing.

The fund will be open and accessible to all parts of the third sector, but will particularly targets awareness raising at parts of the sector working with people and communities with protected characteristics.

It will fund activity that will leave a lasting legacy within the organisation and will not simply support a period of delivery.

It will be a Wales wide fund tailored to the voluntary sector that complements other funding/support (from government and non-government sources) options available to them, and maximise the impact/effectiveness of this funding. This is not a large funding pot – the client wants to find creative ways of maximising its impact. The Client does not want the fund to duplicate provision offered elsewhere, or for any ‘double funding’ to take place.

The fund will have minimum grant pot to administer of 2.25m GBP over 1 year – but with the possibility of an increase in the size of the grant pot and an extension in the life of the grant.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £245,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 66170000 - Financial consultancy, financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 66113000 - Credit granting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £244,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Extension of 12 months will be dependent on further grant funding becoming available throughout the contract duration.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

18 May 2021

Local time

2:00pm

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

English, Welsh

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 May 2021

Local time

9:30am

Place

Welsh Government Laptop by a Procurement staff member

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Gerrard O'Neill - Corporate Procurement Services, Procurement Manager. Sequential opening - Qualification, Technical and Commercial stages via eTenderWales

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=109670

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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