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Contract

## **The Administration of the Covid 19 Third Sector Resilience Fund**

Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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## **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

National or federal Agency/Office

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £249,538

## **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.2.11) 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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-007702](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

C243/2020/2021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

18 June 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square

Cardiff Bay

CF105FH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £268,400

Total value of the contract/lot: £249,538

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(WA Ref:111595)

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

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

High Court

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