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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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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

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

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](#)

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

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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