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Tender

Connecting Communities Project, Cow Lane, Didcot, Oxfordshire, Strand 2

South Oxfordshire District Council

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Scope

Reference

C-000192

Description

Artists are invited to create and install innovative lighting artwork for the Cow Lane Underpass. This project aims to transform the underpass into a welcoming and uplifting route between Ladygrove and the railway station, fostering confidence in its use. The artwork should be inviolately powered, visually engaging, and reflect themes of transformation, the station's history, and local identity, character and landscapes.

Informed by community consultation and workshops, the commissioned artist will identify key visual indicators that embed the railway's heritage, responding to the landscape, and helping implant a sense of ownership and community belonging, facilitating a safer space through positive imagery celebrating Didcot's rich heritage. The lighting artwork will redefine the space, making it an inspiring destination and landmark.

To design, create and install lighting artworks that

Animate the underpass space

Enhance the visual appeal of the underpass, transforming it into a positive and engaging space.

Celebrate the history and heritage of the railway in the community and local landscapes.

Engage local community groups in the design and creation of the artwork.

Create a lasting piece of public art that fosters community pride.

Improving safety, especially for women and girls

For the artwork to promote Increased accessibility, sustainable travel and improved community confidence and safety

The artwork creates an enhanced arterial route to North Didcot's green spaces

Enriches local identity, pride and sense of belonging

Positive engagement with under-represented groups

Develops a future legacy, creating tomorrow's heritage

Work within the project budget of £37,000 to deliver community engagement, materials, artwork design, production and installation

Total value (estimated)

- £37,000 excluding VAT
- £44,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

- 8 months, 16 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 92310000 - Artistic and literary creation and interpretation services

Contract locations

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

26 June 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://sebp.due-north.com/>

Search for opportunities, select South Oxfordshire District Council under Organisations and choose this tender from the list provided.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Evaluation Criteria/Weighting

Quality 25%

Carbon Reduction & Energy Efficiency 5%

Social Value 10%

Price 60%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

South Oxfordshire District Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRWZ-2743-VQTG

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government