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Tender

Self Employment and Enterprise Support Programme

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

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Scope

Description

The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham its ancillary arms (such as arm's length bodies and/or wholly or partly owned subsidiaries and partner organisations) is seeking a delivery partner (or consortium) to design and deliver a comprehensive, inclusive self-employment and micro-enterprise support programme for economically inactive residents. This programme forms a key strand of our wider Economic Inactivity Trailblazer activity.

The programme aims to support a minimum of 35 economically inactive residents from Barking & Dagenham who are currently out of work-particularly women with caring responsibilities, disabled people, and individuals furthest from the labour market to explore and move into self-employment or set up sustainable small businesses. To either register as self-employed and/or register a new business on Companies House.

Also to support the delivery of a small grants programme in conjunction with the council.

The contract will include provision for information sessions, 121 support and workshops to help residents develop the key skills and knowledge required to enable them to explore and then move into self-employment or set up a sustainable business. The Council, at its sole discretion, reserves the option to extend the Contract in such period or periods as the Council deems appropriate.

The contract will run from September 2025 (mobilisation) to March 2026 (delivery complete), with programme activity to going live by September/ Early October 2025.

This programme is funded by the Government's Trailblazer Funding and will be subject to strict monthly monitoring and evidence requirements in line with the requirements of the funders.

Further information and tender documents are available on our e-tendering portal <https://lbbd.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>. Any questions regarding the tender should be addressed through the portal in the messaging section.

Closing date 4pm on Friday 5th September 2025

Total value (estimated)

- £97,000 excluding VAT
- £116,400 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 30 June 2026
- 9 months, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

3 months at the discretion of the Council

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

As per original contract

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

Contract locations

- UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 August 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 September 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Quality (60%), Price (20%), Social Value (10%), Interviews and presentation (10%) split. The three highest scoring bidders will be invited for a presenttaion / interview to the evaluation panel

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPYP-9821-RZGJ

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Region: UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government