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Contract

Gardening Workshops and Food Pantries

The City of Edinburgh Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05906f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gardening Workshops and Food Pantries

Reference number

CT1411

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract delivering support for individuals in the Justice System via gardening workshops

and food pantries. This notice is backdated due to the development of the specification with providers.

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: £159,518

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The gardening project provides opportunities for up to 20 weekly sessions for people in the justice system, for example those completing Community Payback Orders, to be involved in gardening, woodland and orchard management, at the Royal Edinburgh Community Hospital. This includes offering opportunities to grow food, learn new skills in a safe, supportive environment, socialise, team build and become more active with the potential of moving onto volunteering roles within Cyrenians gardens, which is a therapeutic environment.

The food pantries cater for vulnerable people including those in the justice system who have been referred by the Council, (upon consent of the individual), and help alleviate food poverty. The pantries provide access to quality food items in return for a nominal membership fee and low-cost subscription.

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) Form of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This approach is considered justified and aligned to the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, which states that Public Sector Organisations may award a contract without seeking offers, considering the principles of procurement where relevant. In this instance, there was no suitable supply market that the Council could access within the required timeframe. This method of award will mitigate the risk of a gap in delivery of the services, minimising the impact on the supported individuals. The approach also takes into consideration that a sudden change in provider would not allow for an effective transition which may be disruptive and damage the relationships that have been established with the individuals so far.

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/procurement-care-support-services-guidance-summary/>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Direct Award

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cyrenians

57 Albion Road

Edinburgh

Eh75QY

Telephone

+44 7968019976

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £159,518

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:807057)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers or risks suffering loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the Find a Tender Service or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.