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Award

C0100 Grant Holder Learning

The National Lottery Community Fund

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Scope

Reference

C0100

Description

The contract will promote a culture of shared learning between all Fund grant holders in Northern Ireland, offering a scheduled programme of support and activities for grant holders to sign up to. It will offer a tiered approach, with availability of different levels of engagement to suit grant holders' specific needs and circumstances. Grant holder focussed research has helped us identify the importance of bringing communities together to learn from each other, including peer learning, coaching, mentoring, and communities of practice as well as supporting them to share their learning and impact with a wider audience. The contract aims to be creative, exploring new ways to facilitate learning and connect grant holders. Grant holders will be given opportunities to engage with each other related to where they are located and with regards to themes related to specific learning. It will not focus on traditional classroom learning or training but focus on developing skills and knowledge through connection with others. It will also provide opportunities to share this learning with each other, communities, the wider sector and policy makers.

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Supplier

- Centre for Effective Services

Contract value

- £1,190,237.50 excluding VAT
- £1,428,285 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

15 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

15 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 24 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2028
- Possible extension to 2 November 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Optional two x 12 month extension periods.

Each extension period is valued up to £250,000.00 (excluding VAT).

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 2 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Centre for Effective Services

- Companies House: BR015172
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLHJ-8114-PXCV

27 Fitzwilliam Street Upper, Dublin 2

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Ireland

Email: office@effectiveservices.org

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

The National Lottery Community Fund

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNLV-9975-CQQW

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government