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Planning

T2694 Programme Curation to support the Fringe Programme of the Fleadh Cheoil2026

Belfast City Council

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Scope

Description

Belfast City Council is undertaking pre-market engagement to inform the procurement of Programme Curation & Management Services for the Fringe Programme of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026. This historic event will take place from 2nd–9th August 2026 and marks the first time the Fleadh will be hosted in Belfast.

The Fringe Programme will animate the city with inclusive, creative, and celebratory events that complement the Comhaltas core programme. The Council intends to procure one or more contractors to deliver the following lots:

Lot 1: Main Stage @ City Hall (Gig Rig) – Curation & Management

Lot 2: City Centre Programme – Curation & Management

Lot 3: City-wide Programme – Curation & Management

Each lot will involve the design, delivery, and management of cultural programming aligned with the Fleadh ethos, including artist engagement, production management,

accessibility measures, and community collaboration.

Total value (estimated)

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 January 2026 to 10 August 2026
- 6 months, 11 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

14 November 2025

Engagement process description

Interested suppliers are invited to submit an expression of interest by emailing the Corporate Procurement Services team at cps@belfastcity.gov.uk. Upon receipt, a brief scope of requirements document will be issued to help suppliers assess their capacity to deliver the proposed services.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Belfast City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQXY-5321-CGZM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland