

Portal Contract Reference: DN511051

Internal Contract Reference: P5670

Contract Title: Resource Centre Service for Rough Sleepers

Expressions of interest start date: 27/11/2020

Return of tenders/bids end date:

Initial Contract Duration: 3 years

Extensions: 2 years (1+1) optional to the Council and subject to funding.

Estimated Contract Annual Value: £235,000

Estimated Total Contract Value (including extensions): £1,175,000

Expressions of Interest: 27/11/2020

Deadline for Submission of Tenders: 05/01/2021

Description:

The Council is looking for a competent contractor to deliver a day service to rough sleepers and other single homeless people. The contract will support the Council's aims of reducing and preventing rough sleeping and other forms of homelessness in Tower Hamlets. The council is committed to reducing and ultimately ending rough sleeping and this is included in our strategic and operational commitments as outlined in the council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018 -2023.

The contract includes the delivery of following:

- Low cost breakfasts, lunches, showers and access to IT
- Multi-needs assessments and a range of advice to support rough sleepers into accommodation and prevent those at risk of homelessness from rough sleeping for the first time.
- Support and sign posting for those with a local connection outside of Tower Hamlets to ensure they return to accommodation which is safe and where they have access to services
- Referral route to other support services including Substance Misuse, Health, and Education and Training.
- A close partnership working with the council's Housing Options services for clients for whom the council owe a housing duty under HRA or the Housing Act 1996.
- Close partnership with the council's commissioned rough sleeping outreach services – TH SORT – to ensure a seamless service between outreach and day services.

The provider must have access to a building within Tower Hamlets which the service can be successfully delivered throughout the life span of this contract.

This contract is funded by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Homeless Prevention Grant and Rough Sleeping Initiative streams. Suppliers should notice that it is possible that during the life of the current contractual arrangement the MHCLG may launch further funding initiatives for Rough Sleepers. If this is the case and the Council is successful in securing such funding, we may proceed to variation of the contract increasing the scope and deliverables to the delivery of further support for rough sleepers and single homeless people.

Bidders should also note that This Tender process has been issued by London Borough of Tower Hamlets on in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (“the Regulations) Schedule 3 (“Light Touch”) services. This Procurement Exercise will therefore be run in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as they apply to “light touch” services.

While the Authority is following a process broadly corresponding to an Competitive Procedure with Negotiations under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 neither that fact nor any other statements, acts or omissions of the Authority in connection with this Procurement Exercise should be taken as indicating that the Authority intends to be bound by the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the general principles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to any greater extent than applies by law.

Additional Information:

Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal (www.londontenders.org) where the opportunity documentation are available for download. You will be required to complete an online questionnaire.

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the opportunity, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

Suppliers are responsible for allowing sufficient time to submit their Application. The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for tenders that are not submitted due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer and a supporter of Ethical Governance, our protocol can be found [HERE](#) Or via <http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/>

If you require any further information prior to submit and expression of interest please contact the Council via email procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk quoting the contract internal reference number.