

Contract to deliver three community planning projects in Northern Ireland



Big Lottery Fund (BIG) is a non-departmental public body, which is responsible for distributing half of the money that the National Lottery raises for good causes.

We are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.

In anticipation of the planned introduction of community planning processes to Northern Ireland in 2011, BIG wishes to fund a partnership-based learning process that will support the voluntary and community sector to participate in formal community planning processes.

BIG is calling for Expressions of Interest for the following contracts;

Contract to deliver three community planning projects in Northern Ireland - Ref: 2362

- To develop and deliver three pilot projects on community planning in Northern Ireland. The overarching aim is to provide a partnership-based model of good practice in community planning that will help to ensure the genuine engagement of the voluntary and community sector in formal processes. Each project must be based in a different council area, based on the boundaries of the 11 new council areas planned for Northern Ireland. Bidders can choose any of the 11 council areas for which they wish to deliver a project. It is possible that one service provider may deliver more than one project but each project should be responsive to local need.
- The total contract value for delivery of the three projects will be the region of £380,000 - £420,000, inclusive of fees, costs, expenses and VAT.
- The contract term is a maximum of 18 months, commencing in May 2010 and ending in November 2011.

Support contract for three community planning projects in Northern Ireland - Ref: 2361

- To support the development and delivery of the pilot projects, collate learning and help to identify barriers that might arise during formal community planning processes. The overarching aim of this contract is to produce a model/toolkit for good practice in community planning that can be applied following the commencement of formal community planning in 2011 and that will help to ensure the genuine engagement of the voluntary and community sector in the formal processes.
- The total contract value will be the region of £80,000-£90,000, inclusive of fees, costs, expenses and VAT.
- The contract term is for a maximum of 19 months, commencing in May 2010 and ending in December 2011.

BIG would value a consortium approach to project delivery, reflecting the importance of cross-sectoral working in formal community planning processes. We welcome applications from partnerships, especially where these bring together particular strengths or specialist skills and expertise.

In the first instance interested parties should visit the our eSourcing portal

<https://biglotteryfund.bravosolution.co.uk> to register their interest and view and download further information and expression of interest documents. Prospective bidders should also make use of the messaging facility on this website.

Alternatively, the Procurement team contact is sharon.nash@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Deadline for completion and return of these documents is **noon, Friday, 29th January 2010.**

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