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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
for quoting for

Themes within a Programme Under the Controlling Migration Fund (CMF)

Introduction and background

The Welcome to Tower Hamlets programme, #welcome2TowerHamlets, is a new scheme funded by the Ministry of Housing and Communities and Local Government. It aims to support recent migrants to integrate into the community. People who have lived in the UK less than 10 years can take part in the programme. It is being delivered in partnership with community organisations, including ELATT, The Bromley by Bow Centre, Account 3 and St Hilda's.

Welcome to Tower Hamlets offers migrants free English classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages), conversations clubs and volunteering opportunities. We are developing an information pack to help migrants integrate into the community. We also want to understand the changing needs of migrant communities so we can support them better.

LBTH (The London Borough of Tower Hamlets) is looking to commission the second phase of this programme. We are inviting ESOL Providers to express their interest in one or more of the projects below. We welcome your interest and would like to encourage you to seek collaboration with other smaller Community and Voluntary organisations. We would welcome joint applications from partners who may not meet one or more of the criteria.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a restricted call for tenders through the Council's Request for Quote (RFQ) procurement process. The council implemented a new Request for Quotation (RFQ) system in July 2016. The new TH Supply Portal assists the council to fulfil its obligations under the Local Government Transparency Code and also acts as a central repository of all contracts.

You can express an interest in being invited to tender for any aspect of the programme by contacting cmf@towerhamlets.gov.uk by 22nd February at 5pm. This is also the contact for any questions about the programme.

Only successful applicants will be contacted by 27th February and invited to bid for tender. Please specify in your expression of interest, which theme of the Programme (see below) you are interested in bidding for and what your current capacity to deliver looks like. By expressing an interest you confirm that you meet the essential requirements for the programme theme listed in bullet points under each theme.

Theme 1 English Language

We are inviting expressions of interest for the delivery of high quality pre-entry, ESOL sessions and conversation clubs targeting learners below the ESOL Entry level 2, who reside in Tower Hamlets and have been in the UK for less than 10 years. There would also be a requirement for wider face to face engagement activities and migrants volunteering.

The proposed engagement would need to ensure support is provided to people working unsociable hours with an expectation to provide ESOL classes, in the evening, on Saturday and Sunday and/or within the workplace.

The commissioned bidder would need to demonstrate the requirements below, which all expressions of interest will need to confirm they meet.

- Currently delivering ESOL to people residing in Tower Hamlets, including newly arrived migrants 10 years or less).
- Have been awarded a grade 1 or 2 (or similar quality mark) at their last Ofsted inspection
- Experience of delivering programmes which combine ESOL with engaging learners with the local community

If you are expressing an interest in bidding for this theme, or wish to be considered for potential future initiatives, please do send a very short paragraph highlighting briefly your suitability to provide such a service (no more than 150 words) and highlighting any partnership you already have or would be finalising for this theme.

Theme 2 – Innovation to support migrants not currently accessing ESOL provision

The commissioned bidder would need to demonstrate the requirements below, which all expressions of interest will need to confirm they meet.

- Currently providing innovative ways of engaging with newly arrived migrants
- Experience of designing innovative materials / online curriculum

By contacting us on cmf@towerhamlets.gov.uk you agree to be contacted by the Council in relation to the Welcome to Tower Hamlets Programme.

Thank you very much.

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