

## **IRC WELFARE SUPPORT**

### **Background**

The Home Office is charged by Government to protect our border and to manage migration in the best interests of the United Kingdom, including enforcing the removal of those with no legal right to remain in the UK.

Detainees whose applications and appeals fail are expected to leave the United Kingdom. However, the Home Office is committed to working with them and their representatives to provide support and assistance with the returns process.

The Home Office seeks to identify organisations with the appropriate experience and expertise and which are willing to work in partnership to ensure the welfare and dignity of the men and women being returned.

### **The Purpose of the Funding**

The selected organisation will:

- provide independent advice to men and women in immigration detention so as to encourage them to comply with the returns process thereby increasing the number of compliant returns, reducing the number of escorted returns and the average number of days spent in detention and allowing the detainees to return home with dignity;
- provide regular structured intervention at Heathrow (Colnbrook and Harmondsworth) and Yarl's Wood immigration removal centres (IRCs), with the aim of supporting returns and compliance;
- provide a timetabled programme of workshops to support the returns process and further one to one sessions with those who wish to take part;
- explain the probability of the individuals' return, provide information on how they may be helped with re-settlement in their home country and promote re-integration assistance available on their return. This allows detainees to make informed decisions on their return and to return home in a dignified way;
- work with detainees throughout their stay in the IRCs to help ensure they leave on the first planned return date. Provide insight and necessary practical assistance during the returns experience to help people more easily resettle in their home country.

### **The Funding**

The Authority is seeking to award grant funding for the provision of the IRC Welfare Support of up to £600k per annum over a grant period of two (2) years (April 2019-March 2021).

### **Key deliverables**

The Grant is being provided to support the Home Office's strategic aim of controlling migration for the economic benefit of the UK. The Recipient will:

- facilitate at least 630 returns per annum across the 3 IRCs
- run regular workshops to support detainees through the returns process
- enhance the returns experience through raising awareness of the support available, as well as practical and helpful advice and small amounts of financial assistance.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be able to provide evidence of their ability to deliver the requirement.

Bids must comply with Home Office financial guidelines. Bidders should note that a Home Office condition of any grant funding will be that grant recipients are not permitted to charge, apply fees to or require payment for any activity provided in connection with this Grant Agreement or otherwise use the grant to undertake or engage in activities that result in commercial gain or profit.

Grant applied for should represent no more than 25% of the applicant's annual turnover from the previous financial year.

Applicants must have been in operation for at least 24 months.

Successful bidders must be transparent in relation to grant use, as this is part of the government's agenda concerning using public funds. All grant funding will be registered on the Government Grant Information System.

### **Indicative Timetable**

<b>Indicative Timetable</b>	<b>Provisional Dates</b>
Advert placed on Contract Finder	2 November 2018
Open for Applications	2 November 2018
Clarification period opens	2 November 2018
Clarifications period closes	16 November 2018
Final response to Clarifications issued	19 November 2018
Deadline for receipt of completed applications	4pm on 23 November 2018
Evaluations & Recommendation	w/c 26 November 2018
Notification of decision	December 2018
Grant Agreement and Supporting Documents sent out to successful applicant(s) for signature	December 2018