



## **Invitation to Tender: Who Dares Works Specialist Support and Work-Related Activities.**

**1. Background:** Who Dares Works is a project funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund. It is led and managed by Active Plus Community Interest Company and delivered by a partnership of 17 social enterprises.

The aim of Who Dares Works is to help and inspire people aged 18 and over who are not working, who live in West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and who have a range of needs or barriers to overcome, to reconnect with education, training and work. The project is currently funded until 31 December 2019 with a proposed extension to September 2020 that is awaiting final approval. This tender is issued in anticipation of that extension; but most services will also be required in the current delivery period as they have been identified as gaps and/or are currently being delivered through a low-value procurement procedure.

Who Dares Works has a strong and effective partnership ethos, with each partner helping to develop and then committing to the principles within the Who Dares Works Charter (included in tender pack). New partners must be also be able to demonstrably commit to those principles of:

- Putting People in the Lead
- Committed to Sustainable Development
- Building Capacity for the Future
- Continuous Improvement and Excellence in Delivery

**2. The services we are seeking:** Active Plus wishes to bring a small number of new partners into the Who Dares Works Partnership to deliver a range of specialist support and work-related activities that will help participants to overcome barriers to progression and help them to access training, education and work. These activities have been identified as needs within the project through participant assessment and feedback and intelligence gathered from project mentors and other partners. Some activities have been previously spot-purchased through low value procurement processes and we are seeking to formalise the inclusion of those activities into the project through open competition.

The services are divided into Lots. Organisations can respond to one or more Lots but must complete a separate response form for each one. *Please note, we are not looking for one organisation to deliver all services or any applications from partnerships or consortia.* Services within lots may be awarded to more than one organisation.



Delivery should take place in the West Cornwall Local Action Group area (map included in tender pack) unless there is a robust business case for it to happen outside of the area – this must include details of how participants from West Cornwall will access the service. The main delivery hubs are Penzance, Hayle and Helston but delivery is not exclusive to these areas.

#### **Lot One: Who Dares Creates:**

Delivery of a range of creative workshops and activities that will support:

- a) participants with creative talents seeking to work in the creative industries, including establishing themselves as self-employed and;
- b) support participants to improve mental health and wellbeing, condition management, motivation and confidence.

We are especially interested in:

- Sculpture courses
- Creative writing
- Mixed media art workshops
- Support for people to set up as creative sole-traders
- increasing access to existing creative activities and resources in the community, including volunteering

This is not an exhaustive list.

#### **Lot Two: Specialist Support: Housing**

Delivery of 1-2-1 support, advocacy and practical help to prevent and/or overcome a range of housing issues for people who are vulnerably housed or homeless. This includes supporting participants to build positive relationships with housing providers and other relevant stakeholders.

We estimate that support would be required for between 50 and 150 participants over the lifetime of the project

#### **Lot Three: Specialist Support: Benefits**

Delivery of 1-2-1 support, advocacy and practical help for people who have issues with access to or receipt of benefits. This includes supporting participants to build positive relationships with Jobcentres and other relevant stakeholders.

We estimate that support would be required for between 50 and 150 participants over the lifetime of the project

#### **Lot Four: Specialist Support: 1-2-1 Debt Advice**

Delivery of 1-2-1 support, advocacy and professional services for people who are in debt and financial crisis; including financial statements and debt reduction support.





Providers must hold all relevant qualifications and registrations to undertake this work.

We estimate that support would be required for between 50 and 150 participants over the lifetime of the project

#### **Lot Five: Specialist Support: Offenders**

Delivery of 1-2-1 support, advocacy and practical help for offenders *where this is specific to their offending* i.e. it cannot be covered though the other support available within the project. This is likely to include:

- rehabilitation support
- disclosure advice
- specialist mentoring for serious/prolific offenders

We estimate that support would be required for between 50 and 150 participants over the lifetime of the project

#### **Lot Six: Who Dares Repairs**

Work-related activity, including volunteering, skills development and work experience in environment friendly activities.

- recycling, upcycling and re-use activity;
- the use of the natural environment to improve health and wellbeing;
- building skills and work readiness through creating campaigns and activities to highlight and tackle environmental concerns
- Garden/growing projects

Responses can cover one or more of these strands.

#### **Lot Seven: Who Dares Gets Active**

Sport and recreational activities that improve one or more of:

- fitness, stamina, weight management, diet and nutrition to enable people to be more ready/able to work
- mental health and wellbeing
- teamwork and social interaction
- work readiness

**Contract value:** The minimum value will be £2,500. The maximum value will vary according to each Lot, demand and fit within the Who Dares Project as a whole.

Contracts will be initially let until October 2019 but subject to final approval of a project extension could be extended, with an end date no later than December 2021.

Active Plus reserves the right to make offers to successful partners that may be less than the volume of delivery they are seeking funding for.



### How to Apply:

- For a tender information pack please email: [communities@activeplus.org.uk](mailto:communities@activeplus.org.uk)
- Please include 'Who Dares Works Tender APWDW02' in the heading of your email. Failure to do so may result in tender packs not being issued.
- Please indicate which of the Lots you are interested in applying for
- Please also include the name of your organisation and the contact details for the lead responsible person

The deadline to request a tender information pack is 20 May 2019

The deadline for receipt of tenders is 7 June 2019

A tender briefing event will be held on 21 May 2019. Details are in the application pack.