**Selnet’s UK Shared Prosperity Funded Projects for Preston**

**Expression of Interest**

**INTRODUCTION**

Following the submission of a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan to the Government’s Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in December 2022, Preston City Council received an allocation of £5.2m from the UKSPF to invest in projects that will benefit the city's businesses, residents and communities by building pride of place and increasing life chances.

The Investment Plan January 2023 to March 2025, will be delivered under three UKSPF Objectives:

1) Communities and Place

2) Supporting Local Business

3) People and Skills

Selnet have been awarded two contracts to deliver **employability support** to **economically inactive** residents in Preston. Selnet now invite your organisation to express your interest in becoming a delivery partner in either one or both of our projects.

**Project 1 - Invest in Youth – Preston**

Invest in youth (IIY) is specifically designed to support young people in Preston aged between 14 and 24 years, eligible residents who are furthest from the labour market helping them overcome their personal barriers to economic activity.

This project is supported by The Lancashire Colleges and will combine and continue some of the valuable and impactful successes that local delivery partners have achieved over the last six years through ESIF projects, the model being an intensive Key worker support project.

**Project 2 – Move Forward – Selnet/Preston**

Selnet have worked in partnership with Active Lancashire to secure the Move Forward project for Preston. Active Lancashire are the lead partner for this project and the accountable body to Preston City Council.

Move Forward is specifically designed to support Preston residents 25+ years. Both Selnet and Active Lancashire have a delivery role within Move Forward.

Delivery partners working with Selnet will support eligible residents who are furthest from the labour market. Helping them overcome their personal barriers to economic activity. The project will combine and continue some of the valuable and impactful successes that local delivery partners have achieved over the last six years through ESIF projects, the model being an intensive Key worker support project.

**THE BRIEF**

Selnet is the Social Enterprise Network for Lancashire and embedded within the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise sector across Lancashire. We are encouraging all organisations within the sector to bid to work with us helping to achieve the localism aims of the UKSPF fund.

If you are an organisation that helps people who live in Preston back into training or work and can help and support people facing barriers to employment this is our chance to make a real difference to people’s lives by helping them address their issues and support them on a journey to employment.

Selnet will select delivery partners based on their responses in ANNEX A (page 6), if you are bidding to support us to deliver Invest in Youth Preston and/or Annex B (page 12) if you are bidding to deliver under Move Forward Selnet Preston. We envisage needing no more than 12 partners to deliver across the two projects listed.

As a partner you can opt to deliver under one or both projects detailed. If you intend to bid to deliver under both projects, you must complete both the Annex A and Annex B below!

Delivery partners must utilise trained and experienced ‘Keyworkers’ to support eligible participants to work through an agreed action plan. The keyworker and participant will agree the plan designed to improve the employability for each participant at the start of their intervention with the project.

We envisage the action plan will detail a route and the necessary support mechanisms to remove barriers, increase life chances and progress towards work.

The project aims to help Preston residents who are furthest from work to overcome the barriers which prevent them from participating fully in the labour market - some of those barriers to getting work may be attributable to their gender, race and ethnicity or issues like childcare, low confidence, health conditions or disabilities.

When expressing your interest to work with us you should detail your delivery offer and method in relation to the specific project. Please tell us:

* How will you deliver against the Outputs and Outcomes detailed for the project you are bidding for.
* Your staff competencies.
* Your local presence and the specific wards/communities you will work in.
* How you will reach the number of economically inactive people you have said you can support.
* How you will work with other services and local partners/employers to add value to Selnet’s projects.

Your response will be assessed against the assessment criteria detailed below.

**Budget**

Selnet has secured two discreet contracts to be delivered through partners. Invest in Youth Preston has a total project budget of £155,000 and Move Forward Selnet Preston: £120,000. The outputs and outcomes we will achieve as a project can be found in each project annex.

**Project delivery timescale:**

These projects form part of Preston City Council Year 2 UKSPF investment plan, the delivery period is: April 2023 – March 2024

You will see that the timescale is very tight to hit the deadlines so when responding please be specific on the numbers of participants you will be able to support in this short timeframe (6 months), do not overestimate your achievable rates and be clear in the number of Outputs and Outcomes you will be able to achieve.

**EOI response and project timeframe**

Please complete all sections and return the form to liz@selnet-uk.com no later than 10am on **Monday 31st July 2023**. (Earlier if possible)

Award Discussions/Offers by **Friday 11th August 2023** for a September delivery start.

Final Delivery to be completed by **31st March 2024**.

**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

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| **Question** | **Scoring Guide**  | **Max Score** |
| **Q1** **Please explain how you have arrived at the numbers of people to be supported outlined in the table in Annex A/B, the assumptions you have made, and your capacity to deliver the output and outcome numbers you have detailed?** | 0 – no relevant information given1-2 – limited information given and/or not relevant to question3-4 – limited information given with some relevance to the question5-6 – some relevant examples provided / some information given and reasonably satisfies assessment requirements7-8 – good information provided9-10 –detailed information given and strong response to assessment areas | **10** |
| **Q2** **Please tell us your understanding of the needs of young people in Preston and detail any previous experience of supporting them.** | 0 – no evidence of understanding provided1-2 limited information given and barely meets assessment requirements 3-4 – some information given but does not satisfy all assessment requirements5-6 – some information given and reasonably satisfies assessment requirements 7-8 – good information provided which satisfies most of the assessment requirements9-10 detailed information given and strong response to assessment areas | **10** |
| **Q3****Based on the project brief please detail your proposed delivery offer and method.** | 0 – delivery details and method not given 1-2– limited details given and barely meets assessment requirements 3-4 - some details given but does not satisfy all assessment requirements5-6 – some details given and reasonably satisfies assessment requirements 7-8 – good details provided which satisfies most of the assessment requirements9-10– detailed details given and strong response to assessment areas | **10** |

**ANNEX A**

**Project 1 - Invest in Youth – Preston**

 ***NB: this section is for partner responses bidding to deliver under Invest in Youth (IIY) supporting young people in Preston aged between 14 and 24 years.***

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| **Project delivery** |

Invest in youth (IIY) is specifically designed to support young people in Preston aged between 14 and 24 years. We have detailed in the table below the UKSPF indicator reference and description of the Outputs and Outcomes the project must achieve. Column (a) details the overall numbers Outputs and Outcomes as a project we are required to deliver.

In the first part of the table please enter the number of OUTPUTS/participants you will be able to support before the 31st March 2024 in column (b). In the second part of the table shaded blue please enter the number of OUTCOMES that will be achieved for the participants you are supporting.

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| **Output Ref** | **Description** | **(a)****TOTAL project** | **(b)****Partner Request** |
| **E33** | Number of economically inactive people engaging with key worker support services | 90 |  |
| **E33** | Number supported to access basic skills | 35 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people supported to engage in job-searching | 90 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people receiving support to gain employment | 25 |  |
| **Outcome Ref** | **Description** | **(a)****TOTAL project** | **(b)****Partner Request** |
| **E33** | Number of people reporting increased employability through development of interpersonal skills funded by UKSPF | 45 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people sustaining engagement with keyworker support and additional services | 80 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people engaged in job searching following support | 30 |  |
| **E33/34** | Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support | 25 |  |
| **E33/34** | Number of people sustaining employment for 6 months | 15 |  |
| **E34** | Number of people in education/training following support | 40 |  |

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| 1. **Please explain how you have arrived at the numbers of people to be supported outlined in the table above , the assumptions you have made, and your capacity to deliver the output and outcome numbers you have detailed?**

(Max 500 words)Assessment Criteria:* Demonstrates a clear rationale for the proposed number of people to be supported within the timeframe.
* Demonstrates a strong rationale for outcomes to be achieved for those supported.
* Provides confidence that staff have the required skills, experience, and expertise.
* Confirmation of ability to deliver within the context of other projects/work commitments.
* Evidence of robust and adequate contingency arrangements.
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| 1. **Please tell us your understanding of the needs of young people in Preston and detail any previous experience of supporting them.**

(Max 500 words) Assessment Criteria: * Evidences impact on beneficiaries through track record.
* Demonstrates accurate understanding of target beneficiaries.
* Evidences established engagement routes
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| 1. **Your Delivery Offer and method:**

**Based on the project brief please detail your proposed delivery offer and method**Please outline the employability related activities which you would deliver to Invest in Youth participants and outline how this will lead to the required outcomes.Please provide details of any specialist skills or knowledge, or any additional activities which may bring added value to the project. (Max 500 words)Assessment Criteria:* Provides examples of employability activity relevant to participants and clearly details related outcomes which are in line with project targets.
* Demonstrates added value which would be beneficial to participants.
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| **ORGANISATION DETAILS** |

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| **ORGANISATION DETAILS:** |
| Organisation Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Charity No: |  |
| Company No |  |
| VAT registration details: |  |
| **KEY CONTACT DETAILS**  |
| Lead Contact Name /Position: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Telephone and Mobile numbers: |  |
| Alternative Contact if needed:  |  |
| **ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION**  |
| What type is your organisation? (Private /public body /charity / Social Enterprise etc.) |  |
| How long has your organisation been trading? |  |
| Please state your annual turnover for the last 3 years  |  |
| Are you able to provide audited accounts if required? |  |
| Does your organisation hold any accreditation or standards that would support this bid? |  |
| What relevant policies and procedures does your organisation hold?  |  |
| Are there any legal or criminal procedures either ongoing or have occurred in the last 5 years that would be relevant to your organisation’s eligibility, capacity, and capability to deliver against this programme?  |  |
| **About your organisation (not scored)** The Invest in Youth Project aims to support individuals to overcome multiple complex needs, build confidence and resilience, and become less isolated from their local communities. Please describe briefly the purpose and aims of your organisation, and the demographic of the people you support.Please respond below in no more than 150 words |
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***Selnet reserves the right to request further information and references.***

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| **DECLARATION** |
| **I confirm *[insert organisation name]:**** that all the information provided in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorised to act on behalf of the company stated
* will ensure we have the ability to fully comply with the funder’s requirements
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| **Name:** | **Position within Organisation:** |
| **Signature:**  |
| **Date:**  |

**ANNEX B**

**Project 2 – Move Forward – Selnet/Preston**

 ***NB: this section is for partner responses bidding to deliver under Move Forward with Selnet. Supporting Preston residents aged 25 and over.***

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| **Project delivery:** |

Move Forward is specifically designed to support people in Preston aged 25 and over. We have detailed in the table below the UKSPF indicator reference and description of the Outputs and Outcomes the project must achieve. Column (a) details the overall numbers Outputs and Outcomes as a project we are required to deliver.

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| **Output Ref**  | **Description**  | **(a)****TOTAL project** | **(b)****Partner Request** |
| **E33** | Number of economically inactive people engaging with key worker support services | 67 |  |
| **E33** | Number of economically inactive people supported to engage with the benefits system | 17 |  |
| **E33** | Number of socially excluded people accessing support | 53 |  |
| **E33** | Number supported to access basic skills | 7 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment | 0 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people supported to engage in job-searching | 13 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people receiving support to gain employment | 13 |  |
|  | Number of effective engagements between keyworkers and additional services | 10 |  |
| **E34** | Number supported to engage in life skills | 17 |  |
| **E34** | Number of people supported onto a course through provision of financial support | 3 |  |
| **Outcome Ref** | **Description** | **(a)****TOTAL project** | **(b)****Partner Request** |
| **E33** | Number of economically inactive individuals engaging with benefits system following support | 7 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people reporting increased employability through development of interpersonal skills funded by UKSPF | 27 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people engaging with mainstream healthcare services | 7 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people sustaining engagement with keyworker support and additional services | 17 |  |
| **E33** | Number of people engaged in job searching following support | 13 |  |
| **E33/34** | Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support | 17 |  |
| **E34** | Number of people experiencing reduced structural barriers into employment and into skills provision | 13 |  |
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