



# Community Services Programme

## Expression of Interest Information 2017

### Selection Criteria

POBAL will only consider social enterprise applicants that meet the following criteria:

- Be a company limited by guarantee (CLG) or co-operative, or plan on adopting a CLG or co-operative structure if successful in the EOI process
- Be able to present clear evidence of being a fit with Strand 3 of CSP (see next page)
- Be up and running and generating a traded income as a social enterprise with at least one set of audited accounts available for review, with evidence provided of the continued potential for generating traded income
- Plan on using the CSP funding contribution to employ Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) from one of the following named target groups:
  - Persons in receipt of disability allowance, invalidity pension or blind person's pension
  - Travellers in receipt of jobseeker's payment or One Parent Family Payment
  - Stabilised and recovering drug misusers
  - People with convictions who are in contact with the Probation Service
  - People who are homeless
  - Immigrants, legally allowed to work in Ireland, who are in receipt of jobseeker's payments or One Parent Family Payment
  - Long-term unemployed

### Important Information

This is a competitive process with a limited budget of €1 million. In phase 1 of the selection process, only one applicant will be selected by an independent panel from each SICAP area (of which there are 51). However, phase 2 will see POBAL make the final decision on successful applicants. POBAL estimate that there is funding for approximately ten to fifteen projects across the country. Before submitting an expression of interest application, it is worth bearing in mind that there are a range of expectations and exclusions in the criteria.

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#### Expectations:

- The CSP grant for each Full-Time Equivalent is €19,033. However, this person must be paid the minimum wage of €20,353. Therefore successful applicants will need to generate income of €1,300 per person per annum to make up this shortfall
- Each FTE must work a minimum of 30 hours per week, over at least four days per week
- While the minimum wage is a necessity, there is an onus on being able to pay staff the living wage or industry specific rates
- Generation of traded income must be to the core of the ethos of the service
- CSP services must clearly demonstrate that they do not displace commercial services
- CSP contribution to be no more than 50% of turnover

#### Exclusions:

- Childcare services
- Enterprise centres
- Care assistants and medical services
- Community Development Projects
- Youth projects/workers
- Citizen's information and advice centres
- Health service delivery
- IT or other training projects
- Advocacy, mediation and counselling services

#### What is a Social Enterprise?

For the purpose of the CSP, POBAL define social enterprises as follows:

***An enterprise that trades for social/societal purpose, where at least part of its income is earned from its trading activity, is separate from Government and where the surplus is primarily re-invested in the social objective.***

#### What is CSP Strand 3?

***Strand 3 consists of social enterprises that provide employment for specific disadvantaged groups.***

This EOI call is for Strand 3 only.

Strand 1 & 2 are not eligible under this EOI. For information only, they are defined below.

Strand 1 consists of community halls and facilities

Strand 2 consists of social enterprises that provide services to local, regional and/or national geographical communities or communities of interest, especially to disadvantaged communities.

**An information workshop will take place at 7pm, Wednesday  
7<sup>th</sup> June in the SICAP offices, BEaT Centre, Stephenstown  
Industrial Estate, Balbriggan.**

All welcome to attend this information session, however booking is essential. To book please call Felix Gallagher 086 8974340