



Invitation to Tender - Evaluation

Citizens Advice Oxford is the Lead Partner of Oxford Stronger Together, a Big Lottery Fund financed project under the Help Through Crisis Fund. Together with our seven partners we are working to address hardship, improve resilience and ensure client voice is heard in the issues that affect their lives.

The intended outcomes of the project are:

- People who have experienced hardship crisis are better able to improve their circumstances.
- People who are at high risk of experiencing hardship crisis are better able to plan for the future
- Organisations are better able to support people to effectively tackle hardship through sharing learning and evidence
- Those experiencing, or who are at high risk of experiencing, hardship crisis, have a stronger, more collective, voice, to better shape a response to their issues

Activities include; one to one advice and casework, volunteer buddies to support advice implementation, one to one resilience support to secure long term change and ability to resolve issues in the future, opportunities to be heard and influence decision makers. An extract of our original bid is available on request.

Currently mid-way through a five-year programme we are seeking an external evaluator who can independently review project effectiveness to date and recommend improvements to ensure we maximise our impact for the remainder of the project. We are not looking for a lengthy report but practical evidence based improvements.

We are inviting interested organisations to respond to this opportunity by detailing the following:

1. How you intend to assess the project interventions, effectiveness and impact, including frequency and methodology.
2. How you intend to inform the partnership as to its undertakings and findings.
3. The added value expected to be gained by the project resulting from the applied practice of the external evaluator and how the partnership will be able to assess that.
4. Experience of providing similar services and relevant case studies of the impact made.

We will be commissioning this as a one off piece with a view to a longer term relationship and end of project evaluation. The budget available for the mid-point evaluation is up to £7,500 including expenses and VAT.

Responses are required by 5p.m 28th January 2019 to recruitment@cab-oxford.org.uk questions for clarification can be accepted until 21st December 2018.