

Community Services Programme

EOI Support Meeting for SICAP PIs

24th May 2017



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection
Helping you build a better life



SUPPORT MEETING FOR SICAP PIs

- Background to CSP
- CSP in 2017
- CSP Co-Funding Contribution
- CSP and Social Enterprise
- CSP expectations
- EOI Call
- Stages in the EOI process
- Selection Criteria
- Checklist for submission



BACKGROUND TO CSP



- Established in 2006 (previously FAS Social Economy Programme)
- Aim is to support CLGs/Co-op's to provide local social, economic and environmental services through the application of a social enterprise model of delivery.



OBJECTIVES OF CSP

- To promote social enterprise as an approach to alleviating disadvantage and addressing local social, economic and environmental needs which are not being met through public or private funding or other resources.
- To create sustainable jobs for those most distant from the labour market, in particular for those who are long term unemployed and from specific target groups
- To promote sustainable social and economic development



CSP IN 2017

- Managed by Pobal on behalf of DSP
- €44.1 million budget
- 398 services across 3 strands
 - Strand 1: Community halls/facilities
 - Strand 2: Services to disadvantaged communities
 - Strand 3: Services employing those most distant from labour market
- 305 manager positions
- 1688 FTE positions



CSP V OTHER DSP FUNDED PROGRAMMES

	Community Services Programme	Active Labour Market Programmes such as CE, Tús, Gateway
Purpose	Primarily focused - service delivery	Primarily focused - individuals seeking re-entry to the labour market
Ethos	Social enterprise model	Employment activation and income support model
Employment	Availability of full-time positions of indefinite duration	Part-time placements that are generally limited in duration
Payment	Annual salary agreed with employer, expectation to pay market rates and living wage where possible.	Top-up to existing DSP Jobseekers payment



CSP FUNDING CONTRIBUTION

- CSP co-funding contribution towards the cost of employing a Manager and/or Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions
 - Manager co-funding contribution - €32,000 per year
 - FTE co-funding contribution - €19,033 per year
 - Min WW €9.25 (01/01/17) = €20,353 circa €1,300 difference
- Managers and FTE's Hours
 - Managers must work 39 hours per week (ex lunch) to draw down the full CSP contribution
 - Minimum of 30 hours per week spread over 4 days per week for all FTE position (except where employing PWD)
 - FTE roles should be clearly linked to service delivery and income generation.



CSP EXCLUSIONS

- The following exclusions apply under CSP:
 - childcare services other than those currently within the prog;
 - enterprise centres other than those currently within the prog;
 - care assistants and medical services;
 - community development projects/youth projects and workers;
 - citizens information and advice centres;
 - health service delivery;
 - IT or other training projects;
 - advocacy, mediation and counselling



CSP AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



- A key requirement under the CSP is that service providers generate traded income by adopting a social enterprise model of delivery.
- Generation of traded income must be core to the ethos of the service
- CSP service's must be able to demonstrate that they do not displace commercial services



CSP EXPECTATIONS

- 50/30/20
- CSP contribution no more than 50% of turnover
- Traded income – strive for min 30% of turnover
- 20% from other sources
- Surplus income encouraged to build reserves
- Rates of Pay
- Ownership and accountability
- Employer of staff



OVERVIEW OF THE EOI CALL

- No public call for applications since 2008
- Extra €1m in 2017 budget to facilitate new entrants
- Focus on Strand 3 type services only.
- Targeted call via the SICAP PIs
- 1 EOI submission per SICAP Lot



CSP STRAND 3 TYPE SERVICES

- Service delivery and employment of target groups as key objectives
- Provision of job opportunities for specific target groups:
 - Persons in receipt of disability allowance, invalidity pension or blind person's pension;
 - Travellers in receipt of jobseeker's payments 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



Shuttle & Knit

KNITTING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



Wednesday, May 24, 2017





STAGES IN THE EOI PROCESS

- Stage 1 involves PIs selecting 1 social enterprise per SICAP Lot
 - Selected org completes the EOI form
 - PI submit the EOI form to cspeoi@pobal.ie by 5pm
Friday 30th June
- Stage 2 is the Pobal appraisal and DSP decision
- Stage 3 is the business planning process for successful EOIs



CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Social Enterprises must be:
- a CLG or co-op, or plan to adopt such a structure if they are successful in the EOI process
- Up and running and generating a traded income with at least one set of audited accounts for review
- Clear fit with Strand 3
- Plan on employing FTEs from named target groups



SELECTING A SERVICE

- Each SICAP PI must decide its selection process
- Process as open and transparent as possible in the time allowed.
- Importance of notifying relevant social enterprises about the process
- EOI form to be completed by the social enterprise, but submitted to Pobal by the PI



CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION

- EOI Form
- 2016 Audited Financial Statements for the selected org
- Memo and Arts/Co-op Rules for the selected orgs
- If any queries during the process email cspeoi@pobal.ie for clarification.

