

## **Maybole Regeneration Project – Information for Contractors**

The project seeks to encourage local contractors to tender for contracts as they become available. The project can also offer training courses in areas such as *working on conservation and preservation funded projects* and traditional building skills if there is a need.

The following information has been compiled to give local contractors more information on upcoming tender opportunities including timescales & budgets as well as information on training.

### **What are the upcoming projects, scope of works, values and timelines?**

Please see below the information that we currently have available for each of our priority projects and small grants. Please note that these projects are still in development and therefore this information may be subject to change.

Scheme	Client	Budget	Duration	When
Town Hall	South Ayrshire Council	£795,000	9 Months	Open Tender, PCS, June 21
Charity Shop	NCCBC	£221,034	6-9 Months	Open Tender, PCS, July 21
Maybole Castle	Cassillis Estates	£1,729,000	18 Months	Open tender PCS planned publication – July 21
Cameron's Hardware Store	Private Client	£249,715	9 Months	Open tender PCS planned publication - tbc
Public Realm Improvement & Active Travel Scheme	South Ayrshire Council	£1,600,000, May increase to £1.9m	12 Months	Open tender PCS planned publication – Summer 21, Works Feb 22
Small Grants -Shopfronts	Private Clients	£863,301	Spring Summer 21 and throughout project	Over £25,000 PCS /Quick Quotes. Under £25k - 3 x quotes
Small Grants -Homeowners	Private Clients	£385,074	Spring Summer 21 and throughout project	Over £25,000 PCS /Quick Quotes. Under £25k - 3 x quotes

### **How will the opportunities be advertised?**

The projects will be advertised on our website and our social media accounts (twitter & facebook). We will also directly contact any contractors who have asked to be notified via e-mail, please contact the team if you would like to be added to our database.

### **What will the tender process be?**

The four priority projects are all over £100k in value and will therefore be subject to an open tender procedure on Public Contract Scotland (PCS).

The small grants projects are lower in value and will be subject to a Quick Quote tender process, again using PCS. Some small grants projects below the value of £25k may be tendered without the use of PCS, in this case a minimum of three suitably qualified contractors will be asked to provide estimates.

Contractors who have expressed an interest in our projects will be sent a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire which will focus on the standards of conservation and repair in accordance with our funder's requirements. Suitably qualified contractors who complete the questionnaire will then automatically be invited to tender for our small grant projects, however must also be registered on PCS for those over £25k in value.

### **What is a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire?**

A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire or PQQ sets out a series of questions for contractors to answer, for example - details of their organisation, capacity, financial standing, technical ability and level of experience. The scoring criteria and weightings used to assess a contractor's suitability will be clearly outlined and feedback provided. In the event that a contractor does not meet the requirements our team can offer support to access training opportunities.

### **You mention standards in conservation and preservation, will you include draft specifications for the work?**

As the project is conservation and preservation led we require projects to follow standards of repair issued by Historic Environment Scotland. We will provide draft specifications as part of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and information is also available via the following link - <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/media/5118/advisory-standards-repair.pdf>

### **Is any support/training available for use of PCS & Quick Quote?**

This is something that we will look to deliver soon. If you are interested in this training please contact us. Being registered on PCS opens up contracting opportunities with South Ayrshire Council and other public sector bodies.

### **What steps are you taking to ensure that local contractors can be involved?**

The project team are currently reaching out to local contractors to build on a skills audit exercise that was undertaken in 2018. By consulting with local tradespeople on the type of training they would like to attend, and what their requirements for participation would be, we hope that we will be better able to develop and deliver contractor training activities that are well attended and beneficial. We hope that by providing a training programme designed specifically around the needs of Maybole and the surrounding area, we can maximise the employment opportunities of our planned projects for local people.

By issuing the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire we aim not only to develop a list of suitably qualified contractors, but also to assist contractors in identifying any potential skills gaps so that they may fully utilise our training provision.

### **What training is available?**

A series of workshops are planned for delivery when government restrictions allow and small bursaries will be available to access these. The proposed workshops include:

- Lead sheet Association courses
- C1, C2 & SQA National Units 1, 2 & 3 in Conservation Masonry
- Sash and Case window repair
- Traditional Roofing, Repair and Maintenance
- Working with Lime

On Site Assessment Training bursaries will also be available to local contractors and trades people who learnt their trade on the job, to formalise their skills and gain qualifications such as NVQ/SQA Level 2 or 3.

We work in partnership with various training organisations and can also make small bursaries available for attendance at events run by others. If you are interested in a specific training course or accreditation not mentioned above then please contact our team.

### **Is any apprenticeship support available?**

The project is able to contribute towards the overall costs of apprenticeship programmes so please get in touch with us to express your interest. We also aim to provide a pre-apprenticeship training course for potential recruits.

### **Other Questions?**

If you have any other questions on these opportunities, the training programme or the wider project please get in touch, our details are below.

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