



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL GRANT WRITING SUPPORT**

### **Summary**

The Board of Archways invites proposals from interested and suitable parties to provide Grant Writing Supports.

Interested parties should submit a proposal by email no later than **5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**.

It is expected that shortlisted applicants will meet with members of the Archways Board and Executive **week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

It is anticipated the support period will run from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

### **About Archways**

Archways was established in 2007 with the support of funding from Atlantic Philanthropies. Today we have a range of funders including Tusla, the HSE, Department of Justice, basis.point and the Special European Union Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Archways transforms lives by challenging, championing and empowering all our stakeholders, through universal and targeted prevention and early intervention services that are based in evidence. Through expertise, reflection and understanding, our people - and the partnerships and relationships they build - allow us to best support children, their families, the professionals who work with them and their communities, to create lasting change.

We are a national organisation working in collaboration with local and national agencies. We research, develop, and promote evidence-based and evidence-informed programmes for children, young people, parents, and the professionals that support them.

The organisation has grown and developed from an initial staff of seven in 2007 to over almost fifty today.

Our Vision is a society where children and families experiencing challenges are empowered to create lasting change in their lives.

Our Mission is to transform the lives of children and families in need of support by collaborating with them, key stakeholders in the community, partners and policy makers; building capacity through the excellence of our people and proven interventions.

Our values are that we will be:

- Collaborative
- Compassionate
- Inclusive
- Innovative

Our main activities include:

#### Families First

Families First provides an intensive systemic therapeutic service that addresses the multitude of issues affecting families including relational, mental health and addiction. The service also incorporates trauma informed therapies for both the young person and their parents and now facilitates working with younger children.

#### basis.point Initiative

The team oversees the delivery of programmes and interventions in various parts of the country that are funded through our relationship with basis.point including the KiVa Anti-Bullying Programme, Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management and Parent Support Webinars.

#### Changing Lives Initiative

The Changing Lives Initiative is a community-based model, which creates a better understanding of ADHD and provides an intervention programme for families with children (aged 3-7) experiencing behaviours consistent with ADHD.

#### Systemic Family Support

We work with young people and their families that are involved in the criminal justice system or at risk of being coerced into criminal behaviour. It is a pilot-programme developed from extensive research using a new evidence-informed intervention programme that works with young people, their families, and the community. The programme aims to strengthen families, remove barriers to prosocial opportunities and increase community efficacy.

#### Blue Skies Initiative

Part of the Area-Based Childhood (ABC) programme which aims to improve outcomes for children, families, and communities in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the country, it has as a particular emphasis on improving health, educational and social outcomes for children and targets investment in evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions. It aims to break the cycle of child poverty through integrated and effective services and interventions.

#### Research and Other Projects

##### *Research*

We conduct research and evaluation on a contracted basis for a range of organisations as well as providing support to our in-house projects.

##### *Reach Out*

The Reach Out programme involves families learning to communicate within a prison environment, which allows prisoners to begin to parent from within the walls of the prison. Developed by Archways, on behalf of Fusion CPL, it includes specifically designed modules on child development, enhanced communication and weekly parent-based mentoring.

##### *Counselling and Support*

We provide a range of interventions to families including specialist one to one support and a range of universal interventions including workshops on behaviour, play, social and emotional coaching.

## Costs

The quotation is expected to cover all costs (inclusive of VAT) associated with the work. Any costs associated with meetings with staff or Board Members, for example room hire, refreshments etc. will be met by Archways.

Please note there is an indicative budget for this piece of work up to a maximum of €7,500 inclusive of VAT (if applicable).

## Proposal

In submitting an expression of interest, those wishing to provide Archways with a proposal for this work are asked to present a brief outline (2 pages) with the following information as a minimum:

- Name and contact details of individual/organisation submitting the proposal.
- Summary of experience and qualifications of lead person Including details of any similar work undertaken, notable successes/success rate.
- Proposed methodology including number of grant writing applications in a twelve month window.
- Itemised costings (not notional costs).
- Names and contact details of two referees.
- Confirmation of ability to provide up-to-date Tax Clearance Cert and of ability to provide Professional Indemnity Insurance\*.

## Award Criteria

In assessing quotations, the decision to award a contract will be based on the following criteria. The following criteria will be used in shortlisting of interested parties to meet.

- Qualifications – 10%
- Approach – 30%
- Similar experience in nonprofit sector – 30%
- Price – 30%

## Closing Date

The closing date for submission of proposals is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 5pm.

Please submit expressions of interest by email with attachment to: [hdoogan@archways.ie](mailto:hdoogan@archways.ie)

Please mark the subject line of your e-mail: EOI Grant Writing Support for Archways.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please contact Hugh Doogan, CEO, Archways at [hdoogan@archways.ie](mailto:hdoogan@archways.ie)