

# LOWESTOFT

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You can register your interest in this project via Delta – the Council's e-sourcing platform.

**Search: 'Lowestoft: Creative Virtual Hub'**

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This project is being funded by Arts Council England and the Council, with the project overseen by a Project Board including the funders and Suffolk County Council. The successful bidder must also work with SCC to allocate funding through Suffolk Inclusive Growth Investment Fund (SIGIF) where funds have been secured for a small grants scheme for creatives who engage with the Virtual Hub. There is a further £6,000 training budget for the successful bidder to use to deliver a training programme for creatives across the 12 months.

As part of the 'Lowestoft Story' place making work and the Town Investment Plan (Town's Fund) the Council will be creating a new place website, which will include a section targeted at the creative community. The successful bidder must work with the team behind the website and contribute to content.

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Invitation to bid issued*	Friday 12th March 2021
Clarifications closure deadline*	Monday 29th March Time: 12noon
Closing date for invitation to bid *	Tuesday 6th April Time: 12 noon
Evaluation period*	From: Wednesday 7th April to Wednesday 14th April
Award of contract (inclusive of the Standstill Period) *	Friday 30th April 2021
Contract Mobilisation Meeting*	Date: Week commencing Monday 3rd May 2021

\*The Authority reserves the right to change the above dates.