**Leeds Building Society 2020 Charity Partnership**

**Section 1: about the opportunity**

Leeds Building Society is looking to select a new charity partner from April 2020. Following a successful two year charity partnership with Samaritans, we are looking for a partner who wants to deliver a strategic project with our support.

Leeds Building Society was set up over 140 years ago to help people to save and have the home they want. We remain true to this purpose today and now have over 800,000 members, 1,400 colleagues and a network of 55 branches across the UK. As a member-owned building society, we have a responsibility to do what’s right for our members, colleagues and communities.

Our mission is “to help people save and have the home they want”. Last year alone we helped 44,000 people into a home, including almost 12,000 first time buyers. A home is far more than bricks and mortar – it should be a safe place, somewhere for families to grow, memories to be made and should give people a sense of comfort and belonging.

We’re looking for bold projects that “help people feel at home” that wouldn’t happen without our support. The partnership could be between 2-4 years – it depends on how much support you need to make it happen. As a member owned business both our members and colleagues will have the final say on who we work with.

Our fundraising should be ring-fenced to a project in the UK with a tangible link to “helping people feel at home”.

This should:

* Have a direct impact on service users or those you support
* A timescale for project completion of between 2-4 years
* Clear impact measures from the outset

What we are looking for:

* A UK registered charity with at least 90% of beneficiaries in the UK
* A national charity with services delivered locally, and a particular presence in Leeds
* Volunteering and engagement opportunities for colleagues across the UK
* Dedicated resource the manage the partnership, this would ideally be based in Leeds 2 days per week

What we can offer:

* £125,000 per year fundraising target
* Up to 14 volunteering hours per colleague annually
* Dedicated full time resource to lead the partnership
* Direct access to our colleagues via our employee App
* Access to our members to raise awareness of your charity
* Secondment opportunity (subject to FTE availability)

Unfortunately we are unable to accept applications from religious, military or animal charities.

**Section 2: Timeline**

**31st July 2019**

Window for applications open

* *Please note: interested charities are encouraged to organise a call to ask questions during this time frame.*

**4th September 2019**

Application window closes

**13th September 2019**

Shortlisted charities informed

**Week commencing 30th September 2019**

Pitches held at Leeds Building Society Head Office

**18th - 29th November 2019**

Colleague and member vote

**December 2019**

Successful Charity Informed

**Dec 2019 – March 2020**

Relevant legal documents signed and partnership plan agreed

**April 2020**

Launch of partnership

The following application form should be completed and returned FAO Holly Buckley, Community Manager by email on or before 5pm Wednesday 4th September 2019: [hbuckley@leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk](mailto:hbuckley@leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk)

Postal applications should be sent for attention of Holly Buckley, Community Manager, Leeds Building Society,105 Albion Street, Leeds, LS1 5AS. Postal applications should be received by Tuesday 3rd September.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly or a member of the community team on 0113 2167395

Please note, you will not receive a reply on receipt of your application, however all applicants will be advised following review, regardless of outcome.

**Application form**

1. Your charity name:
2. Address:
3. Registered charity number:
4. Main contact name:
5. Position in charity:
6. Contact phone number:
7. Contact email:
8. Turnover in latest published accounts:
9. Pence in £ spent on delivering the service of your charity:
10. Website and social media links:

**From here on, please ensure your application remains under 2500 words:**

1. Describe the purpose of your charity
2. What challenges are you tackling in society?
3. Outline the project our fundraising will pay for
4. How many years would it take to complete the project?
5. Beyond the financial capital how else can Leeds Building Society help you to deliver this project?
6. What measures would you provide to demonstrate impact of the funding?
7. How will you engage our colleagues in the purpose of your charity?
8. What do you see as the risks associated with this project or the partnership?
9. Tell us about the resources available to support the delivery of this partnership
10. Why do you want to partner with Leeds Building Society?
11. Any further supporting comments

**One A4 page of supporting documentation that visually demonstrates your charities impact can be added to this application.**