



North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund
Update Bulletin for Agencies
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This is just a short update for Agencies concerning the procurement of the administration of NYLAF including assessment of applications and supply of awards.

After a long and rigorous procurement process **the Council has awarded the contract to Connect Assist** to administer the service from 1 October 2015.

While the quality of all the bids was very high, the evaluation panel, who assessed all the tender responses, were particularly impressed with Connect Assist's experience in the charity and third sector field, their passion for the work and helping others, and the attention to detail offered in the bid.

As well as receiving the top score for quality, Connect Assist also offered the most competitive tender price showing a drive to reduce administration costs to ensure the Fund can help as many people as possible.

Established in 2006, Connect Assist (www.connectassist.co.uk) is a social enterprise company based in South Wales. They already operate – through multi-channel helplines, digital services and consultancy – a number of contracts for charity, third and public sector organisations with the aim of creating a long lasting positive difference to people's lives.

We will continue to update Agencies as progress is made, but there will be no change to the existing arrangements until 1 October 2015 as Charis Grants will continue to administer the service until 30 September 2015.

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