



## **Tender Brief: Love Windermere Farm Liaison Officer**

### **Project: Love Windermere Programme - Land Management Workstream**

#### **Background:**

The Lake District Foundation, in partnership with the Lake District National Park Authority and the Love Windermere Partnership, have been awarded funding from Westmorland and Furness Council (Climate and Nature Partnership Fund) to work with farmers across the Windermere catchment. The aim of this contract is to engage and work with farmers to help them to make best use of nutrients, to understand opportunities and barriers to reducing nutrient input into Windermere, and to find and implement solutions.

#### **About Us**

##### **The Lake District Foundation**

The Lake District Foundation is an independent charity working to inspire visitors, businesses and others to protect, enhance and value the landscape, natural environment and cultural heritage of the Lake District. Key areas of focus are Climate Action, Nature and Biodiversity and Clean Water. We are a Love Windermere partner organisation.

##### **The Lake District National Park Authority**

We are one of the Love Windermere partner organisations. We coordinate and chair the Love Windermere Land Management workstream action plan and stakeholder group. This contract is part of the actions in the Land Management workstream action plan.

##### **Love Windermere**

Love Windermere is a partnership made up of organisations drawn from a wide range of sectors. Love Windermere aims to improve water quality in Windermere using an evidence-based approach. The partnership is doing this to ensure a healthier future for the lake and the surrounding area whilst balancing the needs of nature, the community and the local economy. The partnership uses collective expertise of key stakeholders to identify and tackle gaps in knowledge about the impact on Windermere's water quality. By taking a scientific and evidence-based approach, the partnership aims to promote a better understanding of the complex and interdependent pressures facing Windermere and enable effective solutions to improve the condition of the lake to be prioritised.

## **Scope of Contract**

We want to commission a Farming Liaison Officer to work with farmers across the Windermere catchment. The focus of the work is to develop good understanding of how the Love Windermere Partnership can support farmers to make best use of nutrients and help to reduce nutrient input into Windermere. It is essential that the Farming Liaison Officer engages with and listens to farmers to gain a full understanding of any issues and works **with** farmers to identify and develop solutions that can be implemented. The requirements of this contract are to:

- Establish and develop meaningful relationships with farmers across the Windermere catchment
- Consult and engage with farmers to understand where and how nutrients can be better utilised
- Work with farmers to identify workable solutions
- Identify appropriate funding to support the implementation of identified solutions
- Develop and deliver appropriate workshop/training sessions based on outcomes of the consultation and engagement
- Highlight the benefits of successful nutrient management planning with farmers
- Engage with Love Windermere partners and report to the Land Management workstream
- Meet regularly with the Lake District Foundation (LDF) and the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) to update on progress
- To collate information generated through consultation and engagement to support partners to develop further farmer engagement activity
- Contribute to the development of a Farming in Protected Landscapes funding application for further farmer engagement activity

## **Skills and Experience**

- Evidence and track record of working effectively with the farming community
- Good understanding of issues and challenges farmers currently experience
- Trusted across the farming community and able to develop good relationships with farmers
- Experience and knowledge of agricultural land management and nutrient management – potential for contract to fund FACTS training and qualification

## **Contract value**

Maximum budget £20,000

## **Outputs**

12 x farms engaged

4 x workshops/training sessions delivered

Nutrient management engagement and scoping with farms

### **Submission Requirements**

Send Expressions of interest, CV and details of 2 referees to

[Sarah.halliwell@lakedistrictfoundation.org](mailto:Sarah.halliwell@lakedistrictfoundation.org)

Deadline for submissions is **15 December 2023**

### **Indicative Timeframe**

Friday 15 December 2023– Deadline for receipt of Expressions of Interest

20 December 2023 – Notification of contract award

January 2024 – Contract Start (from this date – to note project activity will remain ongoing until Dec 24 so further discussion upon award will take place to agree appropriate timeline)