

Contract Award Notice

Take it away Scheme Credit Provider Contract — Tender Reference: CUTIA/2026

Date: 16 September 2026

Summary of Procurement

Creative United ran an Invitation to Tender for the provision of consumer credit services for the Take it away Scheme, a publicly funded initiative supported by Arts Council England and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, providing interest-free loans for the purchase of musical instruments and related goods and services.

In response to the Invitation to Tender and the completion of the Competitive Flexible Procurement Creative United are publishing the following intention to award the contract to Novuna Consumer Finance.

In accordance with the Procurement act 2023 the award of this contract is subject to an 8 working day standstill period. The standstill period will end at midnight on 28 September.

The contract will not be awarded before expiry of the standstill period.

Contract and award details

Contracting body	Creative Sector Services CIC (trading as Creative United)
Tender reference	CUTIA/2026
Contract title	Take it away Scheme Credit Provider Contract
Description	Provision of consumer credit services for the Take it away Scheme, a publicly funded initiative providing interest-free loans for the purchase of musical instruments and related goods and services.
Procedure	Competitive flexible procedure (see status note below)
Contract start date	1 November 2026

Contract duration	18 months, with provision for Creative United to extend for up to two further 12-month periods (maximum 42 months in total)
Estimated contract value	£105,000 per annum; approximately £367,500 over the maximum 42-month term
Number of tenders received	3
Number of tenders evaluated	3
Name of successful supplier	Novuna Consumer Finance
Date of award decision	16-09-2026
Anticipated contract signature date	01-11-2026

Further information

This notice is published for transparency on Contracts Finder and on the Creative United website. It does not constitute a legally binding commitment to contract, and Creative United's award decision remains subject to the successful execution of a written contract with the successful Tenderer.

Any queries regarding this notice should be directed to procurement@creativeunited.org.uk, quoting the tender reference CUTIA/2026.