

# ARCHITECTURE BRIEF

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## 1. Project

1.1. YMCA Communal House HOPE

## 2. Site Location

2.1. Site is located in 79, Triq San Ġwann, Valletta

## 3. Appointed Organisation

3.1. YMCA Malta  
<http://www.ymcamalta.org/>

## 4. Project Description

Based on long-term research for over 20 years, YMCA, the local leading experts in the field of homelessness, have identified the need for living communally as being the most successful. A clear gap is to offer services to older people (60+) and disabled individuals.

This integrative approach towards housing and service provision will enable homeless individuals/families to set up their own homes achieve independent living and employment.

## 5. Programme

<b>Function:</b>	6 units Activity/therapy room Communal spaces
<b>Allocated Budget:</b>	€350,000

5.1. The submissions must include a Proposal to restore and refurbish the Property in line with the Project Description outlined above, and the detailed Briefs presented by the Appointed Organisation at the Briefing Session, as well as the

Sustainable Communities – Housing for Tomorrow Guidelines which may be viewed [here](#).

## **6. Planning framework**

- 6.1. Property fall under the requirements of the Grand Harbour Local Plan published by the Malta Environment and Planning Authority (MEPA) in 2002. The planning functions of the MEPA have now been taken over by the Planning Authority established in 2016. The relevant documents and maps may be viewed [here](#).
- 6.2. The Winning Entrant will be expected to seek and obtain planning permission for the Proposal. Any amendments required as a result of the planning process are to be discussed with and approved by the Contracting Authority and the respective Appointed Organisation.

## **7. Evaluation criteria**

The following are the criteria to be used by the jury in the evaluation of the submissions:

- 7.1. Core criteria:
  - a) Response to brief
  - b) Innovation
  - c) Conceptual strength
- 7.2. Architectural criteria:
  - a) Beauty
  - b) Design approach
  - c) Idea of the design
  - d) Structural solutions
  - e) Quality and appearance of spaces
  - f) Sensitivity to urban context
  - g) Restoration approach
- 7.3. Functional criteria:
  - a) Zoning of interior areas
  - b) Functionality of the solution
  - c) Segregation of uses
- 7.4. Social criteria:
  - a) Inclusivity through design
  - b) Accessibility

- c) Appropriateness for target user group age, gender, ability, and wellbeing
- d) Relationship with community

#### 7.5. Environmental criteria

- a) Sustainability
- b) Use of materials
- c) Maintenance
- d) Greening of spaces

#### 7.6. Urban criteria:

- a) Design of exterior spaces
- b) Relationship to context
- c) Alternative transport solutions
- d) Circulation and pedestrian pathways