



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT107299
Project Type:	SA2.1 Capital Investment in existing & start up technology
Project Name:	Firewood Processor and Kindling Machine
Promoters Name:	O.K. Fuels Ltd
Address:	Deerpark Road, Lismore, Co. Waterford
Description:	The business is proposing to purchase 2 machines, a Firewood Processor, and a Kindling machine to increase production to satisfy the demand of large scale retailers that they are supplying.
Theme:	Local Objective 2 Economic development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation - Theme 1
Sub-theme:	Enterprise Development - SA2.1 Capital investment in existing and start up technology, graduate orientated rural businesses
Link to LDS	L.O.2, S.A. 2.1

Total Project Costs	€41,088.4254		
Eligible Project Costs	€41,088.4254		
Funding sought by promoter:	The cost of this project is €41,088.4254 and the promoter has requested funding of €20,544.2127 or 50% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	-A maximum of €20,544.21 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		
Details of private funding:	20,544.2127 Cash/Money in account		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	The business is proposing to purchase 2 machines, a Firewood Processor, and a Kindling machine to increase production to satisfy the demand of large scale retailers that they are supplying.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 50 %
	Firewood Processor	€34,263.12	
	Kindling Machine	€ 6,825.30	
		€41,088.42	A maximum of €20,544.21 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Total Funding			
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was		

27/07/2018 _____	completed on the 27 th July 2018 and following a review noted the following The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 2 SA 2.1 for capital investment in existing and start up technology, graduate orientated rural businesses The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as funding will sustain existing jobs in a rural area.
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the costs are reasonable as the Project Assessment report noted that Cat 2 Leader Specific Procurement Guidelines were followed.
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	N/A The Promoter obtained the necessary quotations
Innovative Element of the project:	Funding this project will assist the company to meet the commercial demand for their products
Consideration of Deadweight:	Deadweight was not considered an issue by the Evaluation Committee as the promoter will not proceed without funding.
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement was not considered an issue by the Evaluation Committee as while there are a small number of other similar sized suppliers, in the midlands and Dublin, with the main competitor been Surefire in Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. This application will not cause displacement locally, and potential competitors are nearer to large market areas such as Cork, and Dublin
Economic justification for project:	Funding will help sustain employment in a rural area in West Waterford
Average Score for Project:	78/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €20,544.21 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters have the skills and experience to deliver the project successfully. 2. The Committee considered it a small investment to support existing employment in a rural area. The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project as presented. - A maximum of €20,544.21 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
1.5	7	Yes	2017 - €27,650

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed on behalf By
L.E.O.	24/08/2018	B.Kirby

Failte Ireland	24/08/2018	H. Creedon
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Detail of Discussion:

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe briefly outlined the project to the Evaluation Committee noting that they had been funded previously for a drying unit for the wood. They are now looking for a more powerful machine to process the dried wood that will chop it into more manageable pieces.
- It was confirmed that the business is going very well and currently employs six people. The work is unskilled in a rural area.
- The Sawmills are a separate company owned by Gerry O'Keefe who is also a shareholder in this company.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters have the skills and experience to deliver the project successfully.
- The Committee considered it a small investment to support existing employment in a rural area.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project as presented.

- A maximum of €20,544.21 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: A maximum of €20,544.21	50% of Eligible Project Funding: 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
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Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

(for example a photo of the building to be renovated/machinery being purchased, etc)



Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 13th August 2018

Time: 11am to 3pm

Project Title: Firewood Processor and Kindling Machine

Project Reference Number: 31LDRWAT107279

Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>6</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>4</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>4</u>		19	14
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>6</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>8</u>		25	21
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>5</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u> - Financial Plan 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	18

	Deadweight	6/25			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	11
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	14
Total				100	72

N.B. Project must receive a minimum score of 65% prior to being recommended for approval.

- Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this project? YES / NO
- i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? YES / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: Approved

Signature: [Signature]

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 17/08/2018

Denise Walsh

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 23 August 2018 11:34
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: August Minutes

Denise,

I am in agreement with draft minutes.

Regards

Paul Clerkin.

On 2018-08-22 15:49, Denise Walsh wrote:

Hi Paul,

Attached please find the amended minutes for you to review.

Thanks & Regards,

Denise Walsh

Administrator / Riarthóir

Waterford Leader Partnership CLG

Lismore Business Park,

Mayfield,

Lismore,

Co. Waterford.

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