

LO 5 Basic Services	SA 5.2 Training	Board Members Observations
Provision of community leadership training for established voluntary groups in Co Waterford	€4,260.00	No observation sent for information purposes only Note: Minimum of two members from each group attend training recommended
Facilitation and training of 2 geographic cluster to form economic development zones	€14,600	No observations sent for information purposes only Note: min of three members per group recommended
LO 1 Rural Tourism	SA 2.1 Cultural Tourism	
Lismore Music Festival	€51,478	Agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee Proposed by: Donal Lehane Seconded by: Austin Flavin
Board Members Discussion: A discussion ensued on the benefits to the locality and If the event brings additional footfall to the area. It was noted that these types of events do not typically make a profit but bring people into the area that would not normally visit. The amount of funding requested in relation to the overall cost of the festival at .5m was considered quite small. The cost of the tickets was discussed with one Board Member noting that it is up to the individual where they prioritise their spending. While it has a niche following attendees do spend money on accommodation and in local restaurants. The lack of accommodation in Lismore was noted. One Board Member briefly outlined some of the events he attended previously noting that time was spent in a local restaurant afterwards and that he also attended several events in the historical houses. It is an excellent well-run event and, in his opinion, well worth funding Mr Jimmy Taaffe pointed out that it gives access to historical houses normally not open to the public. Board Members echoed the concerns for the evaluation committee with regards to the accounts and the level of free tickets given to sponsors and agreed with the decrease in funding. They also agreed that this should be the final year and that funding should be provided by the Arts Council going forward.		