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Retrospective Extension on 3 Projects

Dear LAG Member,

Three projects require a retrospective extension of their contracts to allow payment. The projects are:

105444 Tallow Community Centre Phase 111 Letter of Offer December 2017 Claim in now for €61,962.56; Already paid €34,027.81 Final €35,000 to be claimed in July . Extension required until September 2019 for Claim submission

103347 Dunhill Community Hall– To facilitate the processing of their 4th claim where grant aid is needed to pay all expenditure relating to their 5th and final claim . Extension to July 2019 for Claim Submission

103411 Blackwater Distillery at Ballyduff - A fire door is required as part of their compliance to finalise their 5th claim and a delay on same is preventing submission of their documentation. Extension to July 2019 for Claim Submission

After contact with the Dept, we received the following from DRCD:

"Therefore, without setting a precedent and on this occasion only, where the LAG receives a written request from each project promoter (for the three projects requiring the contract extensions), the Department will permit the projects to be brought back to the LAG to decide if it wishes to retrospectively approve contract extensions for these three projects from the date of contract completion date by no more than the 12 months in total extension permitted in Section 8.4 of the LEADER 2014 – 2020 Operating Rules e.g. in the case of Dunhill Community Hall the 6 months from 14/02/2019 as it has already received a 6 month contract extension. As stated, it is a matter for the LAG to decide on whether it wishes to retrospectively grant the extensions or not.

If the LAG retrospectively grants the contract extensions, the LAG must ensure that a clear rationale for the extension is recorded on the project file and uploaded onto the document repository of the LEADER IT System. Details of the extensions must be noted by the LAG and recorded in the relevant meeting minutes and an addendum must be added to each contract and signed by all the relevant parties to the contract."

The rationale for giving these 3 extensions are that the projects basically complete, viable and will draw down their funds.

Signed

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