



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT106394
Project Type:	Training
Project Name:	Facilitation and training of 2 geographic clusters to form economic development zones
Promoters Name:	Waterford Leader Partnership CLG
Address:	Lismore Business Park, Lismore, Co. Waterford
Description:	The project is seeking funds for the facilitation and training of 2 geographic clusters of up to 10 villages located in the selected areas of the Copper Coast and Comeragh Uplands to form economic development zones
Theme:	Lo3 Rural Towns
Sub-theme:	SA 3.3 Training
Link to LDS	LO3/SA 3.3 Facilitation and training of 4 geographic clusters to form economic development zones

Total Project Costs	€14,600		
Eligible Project Costs	€14,600		
Funding sought by promoter:	€14,600		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€14,600		
Details of private funding:	None		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	The project will target up to 10 villages within the two selected areas that share a common theme to work together and develop worthwhile projects to revitalize the communities		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 100%
	Training	€14,000	€14,000
	Room hire	€600	€600
	Total Funding	€14,600	€14,600

Was an assessment completed?: Date: __16th April '19__	Yes
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes and direct tendering is being used to select the winning tenderer
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Not applicable
Innovative Element of the project:	Waterford Leader Partnership CLG is seeking training providers to deliver facilitation and training to up to 10 rural villages who are interested in working with other likeminded villages within their own catchment area, to create a sustainable critical mass to develop into economic zones. The two areas selected, the Comeragh uplands and Copper Coast and the communities within those areas working together have the ability to develop themselves and tap into the local foot fall created through the natural amenities in these areas.
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project could not proceed without funding as is an approved action within the Waterford LCDC local development strategy.
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement is not applicable as the project solely involves training where no alternative training is available to rural communities.
Economic justification for project:	The training will encourage like-minded communities/villages within an area to work together and harness and exploit the foot fall passing through to create joined up projects
Average Score for Project:	80/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of total project costs of €14,600
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend this project as presented for the following reasons: - 1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5 for basic services and Strategic Action 5.2 for community training. 2. The project scored 80/100. 3. The Evaluation Committee agreed that this project was worthy of Leader funding given the encouragement of community groups within the designated areas to work together on developing projects of scale and impact rather than smaller individual projects that compete against each other for funding.

	Recommendation: A maximum of €14,600 or 100 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
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Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
Na	Na	Na	Na

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
NA as an approved action taken from the LDS		
Trainer cost	€14,000	€14,000
Room hire cost	€600	€600

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that this is an in-house project under the Basic Service measure.
- Waterford Leader Partnership CLG is seeking training providers to deliver facilitation and training to 10 rural villages who are interested in working with other likeminded villages within their own catchment area, to create a sustainable critical mass to develop into economic zones. The two areas selected, the Comeragh uplands and Copper Coast and the communities within those areas working together can develop themselves and tap into the local foot fall created through the natural amenities in these areas.
- Both areas will be trained with a view to developing plans to encourage them to consider a corridor of activities/amenities with each village offering a different amenity.
- It was explained that Rathgormack was omitted as they are at a different level to the other villages in the Comeragh region.
- In the Comeraghs; Kilmacthomas, Killrossantry, Lemybrien and Clonea Power will all be invited to attend training. The passing trade of the Greenway has not been harnessed by these villages to its fullest potential. Along the Copper Coast there is already interest in training and over 50 people from Stradbally, Bunmahon, Annewstown, Fenor, Dunhill attended a public meeting in Dunhill last Thursday to discuss the development of the area.
- The Evaluation Committee noted the challenge of getting communities to think outside the box as the insular idea is very strong within all groups. The benefits of 6 or 7 villages having three good amenities attracting visitors to the area was discussed.
- It was noted that the geography of the villages is quite close, and the unifying factor is the Greenway, which is a real bonus.
- Mr Taaffe advised that the overall budget for this measure is €28,000 for four zones and €14,600 is allocated to these two zones but may come in cheaper.

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

A maximum of €14,600 or 100% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended:€14,600

100% of Eligible Project Funding:€14,600

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ Claire Connors _____

Dated: ____29th April '19 _____

WLP Project Officer

Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 29th April 2019

Time: 11am to 12pm

Project Title: Facilitation and training of 2 geographic clusters to form economic development zones

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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>4</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>2</u>		19	16
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>5</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>5</u>		25	20
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>4</u>		25	17

	Financial Plan	6/25	4		
	Deadweight	6/25	4		
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	12
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	15
Total				100	30

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: 21st April 2012

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Tuesday 30 April 2019 17:14
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Draft minutes

Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the Evaluation Committee meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019 and I am in agreement with them.

Paul Clerkin.
Chairman
Evaluation Committee.

