



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT109911
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	New equipment for Tramore Cliff & Mountain Rescue
Promoters Name:	Tramore Cliff & Waterford Mountain Rescue Association
Address:	11 Tramore Villas, Riverstown, Tramore, Co. Waterford
Description:	Tramore Cliff and Waterford Mountain Rescue Association based at the Pier in Tramore is a local charity set up by the people of Tramore and Waterford in 1978, providing emergency mountain rescue 24/7 covering the cliffs of Waterford and mountains of Waterford Comeraghs and Knockmealdown and the Waterford Greenway. They are unique in that they are the only team that have the skills, equipment and experience to cover both sea cliffs and mountains. The team also provides assistance if required to other areas of the country. They currently have 25 members and plan to grow to 30 in 2019 and 40 in 2020. They have two 4x4 Landrover Defenders with off road and snow and ice capabilities, once located in the city and one in Tramore. By adding 2 extra light weight SAR Alpine mountain stretchers to the team, they can locate one in each of their locations to ensure faster response times.
Theme:	LO2 Rural Tourism
Sub-theme:	SA1.1 Activity Tourism
Link to LDS	Supporting activity tourism in rural County Waterford

Total Project Costs	€8,949.05
Eligible Project Costs	€8,949.05
Funding sought by promoter:	€6,711.79
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	Deferred at the Evaluation Meeting held on the 27 th May 2019
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€0
Details of private funding:	€2,237.26
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No
Synopsis of project:	The investment in new safety equipment including ropes, lights for night time rescue, slings and belay equipment is needed to equip new volunteers and aid with training.

Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee €0 @ 0%
	15 x Petzl Climbing helmets	€949.80	€0
	15 x Petzl Climbing/abseiling harnesses	€791.55	€0
	2 x light weight mountain rescue stretcher	€6,383.70	€0
	30 x mountaineering whistle	€111	€0
	4 x large and medium SAR rope bags, yellow colour	€226	€0
	4 x large high quality/high durability rucksacks for big loads 40Kg+	€375	€0
	1 x walnut set of climbing bolts	€112	€0
	15 x Petzl Climbing helmets	€949.80	€0
	Total Funding	€8,949.05	€0
Was an assessment completed?: Date: 15th May '19	Yes		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, direct tendering was used and the most economic advantageous tender used to select the chosen supplier		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Yes, promoter explained the specialist safety training cliff and mountaineering equipment		
Innovative Element of the project:	The promoters undertake both cliff and mountain rescue and therefore are specially trained in dealing with both environments		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter could only proceed on a much-reduced basis, with a phased approach over a longer period thus effecting the equipping of new volunteers and the service provided		
Consideration of Displacement:	No other service will be displaced but supporting this project will add value to their emergency response and how they cooperate with other emergency services		
Economic justification for project:	The project will better equip the Tramore Cliff and Waterford Mountain Rescue Association with new essential safety equipment that will be shared out with new volunteers and enhance their emergency service		
Average Score for Project:	52/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	0%		

E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed not to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project scored 52/100 and is therefore not eligible as it did not receive the 65% necessary. 2. The Committee agreed that they would welcome a new application if the organisation comes under the auspices of Mountaineering Ireland.
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Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€2,237.26	€0

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO	9/5/19	Brid Kirby
Failte Ireland	8/5/19	Emer Whittle

Deferred Project at the meeting of the 27th May 2019:

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

- The Evaluation Committee noted that they did not get the information that they were seeking.
- Ms Connors advised that she contacted Mountaineering Ireland who advised that organisations are not obligated to be under their auspices. Currently there are 11 charity organisations affiliated by their own choice and benefit from reduced insurance, receive the same training and follow the same standards of operation. That is not to say the organisation independent of them do not do the same just that they are not audited by Mountaineering Ireland.
- A lengthy discussion ensued, and all agreed that the organisation did excellent work and if affiliated or had a good working relationship with SEMRA, the Gardai first point of contact, then funding could be considered.
- Ms Connors advised that it is not a legal requirement to be affiliated to a governing body. The Committee expressed the opinion that it is best practice.
- In reply to a query Ms Connors confirmed that they had 30 calls outs last year. The Committee agreed that they provide a good important service.
- While the promoters mentioned in their reply that there was no governing body for Cliff rescue, they made no mention of Mountain Rescue. The number of organisations involved in different rescue from Cliff, Mountain and Sea was discussed. The fact that SEMRA is the first point of contact for the Gardai and the lack of a working relationship between the two was also noted.
- The Committee agreed that the amount of funding is insignificant noting that danger in not being affiliated will arise when something goes wrong.
- The importance of having a recognised governing body can not be overlooked and the Committee discussed the repercussions of funding without. All agreed that having a recognised standard of operation and affiliation to a national body is best practise and were uneasy to recommend funding without it.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project as presented for the following reasons.

- The project scored 52/100 and is therefore not eligible as it did not receive the 65% necessary.
- The Committee agreed that they would welcome a new application if the organisation comes under the auspices of Mountaineering Ireland.

Recommendation: A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.	
Amount Recommended: €0	0% of Eligible Project Funding: €0

Signed: Paul O'Leary

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Date: 14th June 2019

Signed: Ray McPhee

Committee Member

Date: 14th June 2019

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Claire Connors

Dated: 13th June '19

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: 10th June 2014.

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Project Title: New equipment for Tramore Cliff & Mountain Rescue

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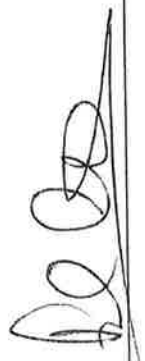
Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 - Displacement 5/19 - Job Creation 5/19		19	9
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 - Track Record 6/25 - Structure of Business 6/25 - Necessary skills base 7/25		25	10
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 - Co Funding 6/25 - Financial Plan 6/25		25	20

	- Deadweight	6/25		
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?		13	8
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?		18	5
Total			100	52

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: Refused due to lack of accountability

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 10th June 2018