



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT110729
Project Type:	Training & capital
Project Name:	Supporting the role of pollinators in Biodiversity
Promoters Name:	East Waterford Bee Keepers Association (EWBA)
Address:	Corluddy, Carrigeen, via Waterford, Co. Kilkenny
Description:	Design and deliver comprehensive training in the role of support of pollinators and bio diversity. Enhance individuals and communities awareness of approaches and procedures that can be adopted to enhance our population and diversity of pollinators.
Theme:	Theme 3 Rural Environment LO7
Sub-theme:	SA 7.2
Link to LDS	Investment in local communities to implement practical bio diversity projects in their local area

Total Project Costs	€14,044.44		
Eligible Project Costs	€14,044.44		
Funding sought by promoter:	€10,533.33		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	A maximum of €10,533.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		
Details of private funding:	€3,511 in house funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	The project will be delivered through workshops in schools, community centres and other groups by means of lectures, mini talks, tailored training programmes. Outside lecturers from the Federation of Irish Beekeepers and other Associations will be invited to advise and assist at different stages and events where necessary		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75 %
	Apiary Equipment	4,658	3493.50

	Lecture & Training equipment	1,746	1309.50
	Website Development	2,829	2121.75
	Advertising banners	526.44	394.83
	Apiary Development	3,785	2838.75
	Pollinator Planting	500	375
Total Funding		€14,044.44	10,533.33
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 2 nd Sept '19		
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 MEAT process used to select chosen suppliers		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Effort was made to secure the correct number of quotes and evidence of same on file		
Innovative Element of the project:	A community led approach to the design and delivery of training on raising awareness of the importance of pollinators in bio diversity and providing practical solutions in the school environment and community setting.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would only proceed on a reduced basis with very limited resources and dependence on non reliable equipment/facilities		
Consideration of Displacement:	No the nearest similar facility is in South Kilkenny and South Tipperary which provides more complimentary working rather than in competition		
Economic justification for project:	Practical bee keeping skills will be demonstrated with a view to transferring these skills to the community to increase pollinators and improve bio diversity which is under serious threat		
Average Score for Project:	80/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of €14,044.44		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 7 for Environment Initiatives 2. The project scored 80/100. 3. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it is will raise awareness of a vital issue in the wider public. A maximum of €10,533.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
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0	0	€3,511	0

Confirmation that agencies / communities have confirmed that there is no double funding or duplication of activity.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Failte Ireland	11/9/19	Sarah Fitzpatrick

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

- Ms Claire Connors briefly outlined the project advising that the promoters are a phenomenal group; very ambitious and passionate about their project.
- The project will involve experienced beekeepers sharing their skills, knowledge and experience through interaction with community wide groups, schools, environmental organisations and local authorities. The value of beekeeping in ecology and biodiversity and the practical approach of beekeepers will motivate residential associations and tidy towns groups to develop community apiaries, with the aim of combining aesthetic settings with bee friendly schemes.
- Currently the promoters have an Apiary in Ballygunnmore, Co Waterford on the grounds of one of their members. As part of this project they wish to set up a demo Apiary at the Dunhill EcoPark where they will also be able to use the training rooms. Dunhill EcoPark have agreed to host the Apiary free of charge for five years.
- The 85 members are putting up the match funding.
- It was noted that they have not necessarily taken the cheapest quotations. Ms Connors advised that the procurement was done on a criteria basis.
- The Evaluation Committee all agreed that this is an excellent initiative and considered it a good use of Rural Developments funds.

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

A maximum of €10,533.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: €10,533.33

75% of Eligible Project Funding: €14,044.44

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ Claire Connors _____

Dated: _____ 2/10/2019 _____

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: 26th September 2019

Time: 11am – 3pm

Project Title: **Supporting the role of pollinators in Biodiversity** Promoter Name: **East Waterford Bee Keepers Association (EWBA)**

Project Reference Number: **311DRWAT110729**

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	15
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	20
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 _____		25	20

	- Financial Plan	6/25			
	- Deadweight	6/25			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?		13		10
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?		18		15
Total			100		25

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 of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 26 - 07 - 2018

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 3 October 2019 17:23
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Evaluation Committee Meeting on 26th September 2019

Hi Denise

I confirm that I am in agreement with the draft minutes of the above meeting.

Regards,

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
Evaluation Committee

