



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT111426
Project Type:	Analysis and Development
Project Name:	Glasha Hydro Project – EIAR Report
Promoters Name:	Hydrotricity Limited
Address:	Glen, Kilsheelan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Description:	While the promoters received grant approval under the RD Programme 2014-2020 for the capital costs associated with the implementation of a small hydro project on the River Glasha, a number of judicial reviews were undertaken querying the grid connection and lack of planning for same. As a result, the promoters have been advised to apply for planning permission again to include a grid connection and due to a new EU Directive require the completion of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which is what is now been applied for in this application under analysis and development
Theme:	LO9 Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	SA9.1 Development of renewable energy
Link to LDS	Promotion of small hydro schemes in County Waterford

Total Project Costs	€24,000		
Eligible Project Costs	€24,000		
Funding sought by promoter:	€18,000		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€18,000		
Details of private funding:	€6,000 in house funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Funding of an EIAR report as a recent requirement for a new revised planning application for the capital works under analysis and development		
	EIAR Report	€24,000	€18,000
		€24,000	€18,000
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	4 th October 2019		

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 to invite the consultants and a scoring matrix and weighting 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:	Not applicable. Three quotations received
Innovative Element of the project:	The funding will produce a detailed EIAR report which will certainly help towards a successful planning application that cannot be further queried
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoters own funds are tied up in the capital costs associated with the bigger works projects and therefore need the funding to carry out this study
Consideration of Displacement:	While there are a number of hydro projects in the Munster area, each project stands on its own merit and serves the local area
Economic justification for project:	The EIAR report is a requirement under a new EU directive for a new planning application for a hydro project or similar
Average Score for Project:	The project scored 83 /100 (1)
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €18,000.00 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project scored 83 /100 2. This project fits in with the Co Waterford LDS for Rural Environment type projects. A maximum of €18,000.00 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€6,000	€0

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO (for previous capital project)	13 April '17	Brid Kirby
Failte Ireland	6 April '17	Sarah Fitzpatrick

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project on the 6.12.19: - - Ms Claire Connors noted that the Evaluation Committee are all familiar with the promoter as they were previously allocated funding over two years ago for a Hydro project. They have been having a difficult time of it; with judicial reviews as their nearest neighbours have been objecting to the project. - While granted planning permission originally the laws have change since approval and a separate application must be made for connection to the grid. As part of this application an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is required. The promoters are requesting funding under analysis and development for this report. - They have a further judicial review in the New Year and hopefully this report will get them across the line.

- A Committee Member said that there is a high-risk element to this project. Ms Connors replied that it will help the promoters in their judicial review as they must abide by the new EU directives. They hadn't applied previously for a separate grid connection planning application.
- The Committee discussed the possible objections the neighbours might have but it was advised that only the objection to the technicality is known.
- The Committee agreed that it is not a huge amount of money to be supportive of the promoters.
- The Committee said that by funding this project does not mean a guarantee of funding for the Hydro project as that will be a separate application possibly under a new programme.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project with the following conditions: -

- Funding the technical assistance part of this project does not guarantee that additional funds will be granted for the overall project. That will be a new application and subject to evaluation and funding being available.

Recommendation: A maximum of €18,000.00 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser. For the following reasons:-

- The project scored 83 /100
- This project fits in with the Co Waterford LDS for Rural Environment type projects.

Amount Recommended: €18,000

75% of Eligible Project Funding: €24,000

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ Claire Connors _____

Dated: __12th Dec '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)

Denise Walsh

From: John Harnedy <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday 11 December 2019 17:28
To: Denise Walsh
Cc: Paul Clerkin
Subject: Re: WLP Evaluation Meeting 6th December 2019

Hi Denise,
I agree with the minutes of the meeting of 6th December 2019 as circulated this afternoon
Thanks
John

On Wed 11 Dec 2019, 16:15 Denise Walsh, <Denise.Walsh@wlp.ie> wrote:
Hi John,

Thank you for spotting omission. Attached please find corrected one.

Thanks & Regards,

Denise Walsh
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Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon iatán a ghabhann leis rúnda agus is d' úsáid an té/na ndaoine a bhfuil sé seolta chuige/chucu, amháin é. D'fhéadfadh an t-ábhar a bheith faoi réir ag pribhléid dhlíthúil agus ghairmiúil. Mura seolaí ainmnithe nó ceaptha an ríomhphost seo tú, níor chóir duit an teachtaireacht seo, nó aon mhír de, a úsáid, a scaoileadh, a chóipeáil, a scaipeadh nó a choimeád. Más amhlaidh go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí earráid nó trí dhearmad, iarrtar ort sin a chur in iúl don seoltóir láithreach bonn, le do thoil agus aon chóip den ríomhphost seo a scriosadh ó do chóra(i)s ríomhaireachta.

Seiceáladh gach iatán le scanóir aimsithe víreas agus ceaptar iad a bheith saor ó víreas. Iarrtar ort áfach, a

