



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT111377
Project Type:	Enterprise Development
Project Name:	New Machinery
Promoters Name:	Hickey Fabrication Services Ltd
Address:	Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford
Description:	The applicant is a light engineering works employing 24 people. They are investing in a CNC Plasma Cutter to ensure that they maintain competitiveness in their markets, and reduce turnaround time, waste and increase product quality, thus sustaining jobs.
Theme:	Local Objective 2 Enterprise Development
Sub-theme:	Strategic Action 2.1 Capital Investment in existing and start up technology, graduate orientated rural businesses
Link to LDS	L.O. 2. S.A. 2.1

Total Project Costs	€48,750.00		
Eligible Project Costs	€48,750.00		
Funding sought by promoter:	The cost of the project is €48,750.00 and the promoter has requested funding of €24,875.00 or 50 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€24,875.00 or 50 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		
Details of private funding:	Cash on account - €24,875.00		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	None		
Synopsis of project:	Purchase of a CNC Plasma Cutter. This machine will link to the Company's computer aided design system to facilitate pin point accuracy in terms of measurement to ensure a quality finish on all products.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 50%
	CNC Plasma Cutter	€49,750.00	€24,875.00
Total Funding		€49,750	€24,875.00

Was an assessment completed?: Date: _____	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 20 th November 2019.
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Category 2 LEADER Specific Procurement guidelines were followed so costs were deemed reasonable. The applicants obtained the correct number of quotations under the LEADER Guidelines, and they chose the Most Economically Advantageous Tender(M.E.A.T.)
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	N/A Full quotations obtained.
Innovative Element of the project:	Funding this project will enable the promoters to cut heavier material and complete work in-house that they had to outsource previously. As a result, this will allow the promoters the opportunity to seek new customers and in turn also increase employment.
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would not proceed on the same scale without funding.
Consideration of Displacement:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that displacement is not an issue the promoters have their own niche areas and customers.
Economic justification for project:	Funding will help sustain current employment and if the promoters are successful in obtaining new contracts will create two new jobs.
Average Score for Project:	81/100 (1)
% level of aid & ceiling:	€24,875.00 or 50 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	- The project scored 81/100 - This was considered a good use of Rural Development Funding as creating and sustaining employment is one of the main criteria of the programme. - The promoters were considered to have the skills and expertise to successfully implement the project and sustain the business into the future.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
2	24	Yes	2019 - €47,500

Confirmation by the agencies / communities that there is no duplication of funding or receipt of funding from them.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
	21/11/2019	B. Kirby

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

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe briefly outlined the promoters, Hickey Fabrication Services Ltd, background to the Evaluation

Committee noting that they have been in operation since 2001. They are a leading Engineering and Fabrication company that provide design, manufacturing and installation of an extensive range of stainless-steel products.

- They propose to purchase a new Plasma cutter for their workshop in Kilmacthomas. Obtaining this new machine will increase productivity and decrease lead time on projects. Over the years they have built up a wide range of varied and increasingly complex products for both residential and commercial customers, incorporating steel, glass and wood as integral materials into their projects.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that promoter is a very good operator and has the matching finance available.
- The Evaluation Committee agree that the promoters have the skills and expertise and are committed to growing the business.
- A Committee Member agreed to recommend funding as it will create an additional two jobs in a rural area.

The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented.

A maximum of €24,875.00 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: A maximum of €24,875.00

% of Eligible Project Funding: 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response
None	

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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: 6th December 2019

Time: 11.00 am

Project Title: New Machinery

Project Reference Number: 31LDRWAT111377

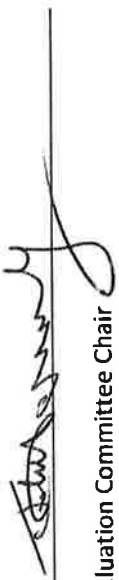
Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>5</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>5</u>		19	15
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>5</u> - Financial Plan 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	20

	Deadweight	6/25	5		
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	11
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	15
Total				100	81

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: _____

Signature:  _____
Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 06/12/19 _____

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,

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From: Denise Walsh

Sent: Wednesday 11 December 2019 14:51

To: Paul Clerkin <pclerkin@cablesurf.com>; 'John Harnedy' <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>

Subject: WLP Evaluation Meeting 6th December 2019

Hi Paul / John,

Attached please find the minutes for you to review.

Once checked and when you are happy with them please send email by return saying that you are happy with the draft minutes from the 6th December.

Thanks & Regards,

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