



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31 LDRWAT111766
Project Type:	L.O. 1, Economic Development, Rural Tourism, Strategic Action 1.2, Cultural Tourism
Project Name:	Lismore Music Festival
Promoters Name:	Lismore Music Festival Clg
Address:	8, Main Street, Lismore, Co. Waterford.
Description:	The Lismore Music Festival will provide ready access to the great houses along the Blackwater Valley, one of the objectives of the Local Development Strategy. This access will be due to the fact that concerts and recitals will be held in the Great Houses and the cathedral. It will also promote education, and access to a form of music that that is very difficult to access for the wider public. Finally, it will provide a knock-on benefit for Restaurants, and Hotels.
Theme:	L.O. 1, Economic Development, Rural Tourism
Sub-theme:	Strategic Action 1.2, Cultural Tourism
Link to LDS	L.O. 1, S.A.1.2

Total Project Costs	€147,516.10
Eligible Project Costs	€147,516.10
Funding sought by promoter:	€100,310.948 or 68%, whichever is the lesser cost.
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€50,000 or 33.8946%
Details of private funding:	Bank Statements
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No
Synopsis of project:	The Lismore Music Festival will provide ready access to the great houses along the Blackwater Valley, one of the objectives of the Local Development Strategy. This access will be due to the fact that concerts and recitals will be held in the Great Houses and the cathedral. It will also promote education, and access to a form of music that that is very difficult to access for the

	wider public. Finally, it will provide a knock-on benefit for Restaurants, and Hotels.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report) Total Funding	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 33.8946 %
	Sound	€3,000	€1,016.838
	Piano	€4,305	€1,459.163
	First Aid	€1,155	€391.483
	Diesel Generator	€1,209.05	€409.802
	Lighting	€9,840	€3,335.228
	Marquees	€19,741.50	€6,691.302
	Marquees Seating Bank Cover	€14,944	€5,065.209
	Seating	€7,900	€2,677.673
	PR	€22,017	€7,462.574
	Literature	€11,010	€3,731.795
	Venue 1	€12,000	€4,067.352
	Venue 11	€5,000	€1,694.73
	Sound Dampening	€9,895	€3,353.871
	Artist 1	€6,500	€2,203.149
	Artist 11	€5,500	€1,864.203
	Artist 111	€5,500	€1,864.203
	Artist 1V	€8,000	€2,711.568
		€147,516.10	€50,000
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	20/01/2020		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes. The National Procurement Guidelines were followed.		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	The applicant did show that they did take steps to obtain sufficient quotations.		
Innovative Element of the project:	The Lismore Music Festival will provide ready access to the great houses along the Blackwater Valley, one of the objectives of the Local Development Strategy. This access will be due to the fact that concerts and recitals will be held in the Great Houses and the cathedral. It will also promote education, and access to a form of music that that is very difficult to access for the wider public. Finally, it will provide a knock-on benefit for Restaurants, and Hotels.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project if not funded will proceed on a much lesser scale		
Consideration of Displacement:	Checks have taken place to ascertain when other such Festivals are taking place. There is no displacement at the time proposed.		
Economic justification for project:	The project will meet the need outlined in the Local Development Strategy		

	to encourage the further opening-up of the Great Houses on the Blackwater Valley.
Average Score for Project:	The project scored 79/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	€50,000 or 33.8946%, whichever is the lesser amount.
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project with the following conditions: - - Grant aid to be limited to €50,000.00 - The reduction is also to let the promoter know that funding cannot be continued going forward. This will be the final year of funding under the Rural Development Programme. They agreed to recommend funding for the following reasons: - 1. The project scored 79/100 2. The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) for Cultural Tourism. 3. The project puts a spotlight on West Waterford as a Tourism destination and adds value to the region. A maximum of €50,000.00 or 33.8946% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford L.E.O.	20/01/2020	Brid Kirby
Faite Ireland	20/01/2020	Sarah Fitzpatrick

Detail of Discussion: The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: - - Mr Jimmy Taaffe noted that the Evaluation Committee are familiar with the promoters as they have been funded previously. This will be the last year of funding and the promoters are presenting a special event in
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Dublin shortly in the hope of obtaining funding for the festival going forward from the Arts Council.

- The Committee noted that their concerns regarding the number of free tickets given for events were not address this year either.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that these types of events are not expected to make money but are considered important cultural events that attract visitors to the region.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that it is an important event for Lismore and does add value.
- Another purposed of this application is the opening and gaining access to the Great Houses which is a factor of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for Co Waterford.
- It was noted that the Castle are not very generous to the promoters and that while access is granted to the Great Houses only access to the Gardens is available in the Castle.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project deserved supporting as it puts a spotlight on the region.
- It was agreed that it the promoters have the skills and expertise and run a very professional event.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding the project at a maximum grant aid of €50,000.

A maximum of €50,000.00 or 33.8946 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €50,000

33.8946% of Eligible Project Funding:

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

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: 10th Feb 2020

Time: 11.30am

Project Title: **Lismore Music Festival**

Project Reference Number: **31 LDRWAT111766**

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 <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>		25	20

	- Financial Plan 6/25 <u>5</u> - Deadweight 6/25 <u>5</u>			
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	14.
Total			100	79.

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 MCA ESOK.

Signature: 12/02/20

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: _____

Denise Walsh

From: John Harnedy <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday 11 February 2020 09:07
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: draft minutes for you to review 10th Feb 2020

Hi Denise

I received and reviewed the minutes of our meeting of monday February 10th 2020. and i agree with same and all is in order

Thanks

John.

On Mon 10 Feb 2020, 17:39 Denise Walsh, <Denise.Walsh@wlp.ie> wrote:

Hi John,

Attached please find the draft evaluation minutes for you to review.

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 ríomhphoist 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

