



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project Title	Villierstown Enterprise Centre – Part Development
Measure	LO3, SA 3.1
Eligibility	Yes
Promoters	Villierstown Community Development CLG
Address	Villierstown, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford
Project Application No.	31LDRWAT113677
Project Contract No.	31LDRWAT113677

Total Project Costs	€616,187.60
Eligible Project Costs	€616,187.60
Voluntary Labour	None
Amount of Application	€200,000

Project Description	Funding is sought for the renovation of a derelict building in the centre of Villierstown village. The renovation will provide an 1,800 ft square of remote working capable of accommodating 14-16 remote workers.
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Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Summary Report)	Detail	Total Cost	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee @ 32.45765%
	Professional Services	€59,802.60	€19,410.52
	Works	€556,385	€180,589.49
Total Funding		€616,187.60	€200,000

E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- The majority of the Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented. One Evaluation Member believed only two of the four should be funded due to the proximity of all centres. A maximum of €200,000 or 32.45765% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser for the following reasons: -
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	1. The project scored 74/100 2. The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) Local Objective 3 for the revitalisation of local villages through the development of human capital and capital investment 3. Funding this project will provide a smart remote working environment that will benefit both employees and employers. 4. Funding this project will improve the street scape of Villierstown
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Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€200,000 Loan/bridging	€0
		€216,187.60 Tomar Trust	

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Notification sent to Richie Walsh, Local Employment Service	6 th Aug '20	CC

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

- Ms Claire Connors advised that the revised Project Assessment report was necessary as the promoters are doing a dual development of both the enterprise space and the Montessori school. While the tenders include all costs, the contractors were asked to clarify costs for both spaces. The PA was revised to reflect costs for the enterprise centre only which will be funded by LEADER. The Montessori element will be funded by TOMAR funding.
- The Evaluation Committee noted that even if the promoters fill the centre to capacity, they will be liable to pay Clann Credo €20,000 per year. Ms. Connors advised that they had an income of €10,000 from the Montessori School already and with the new premises will have increased capacity and no longer required to pay the rent they are currently.
- The Committee noted that the promoters have successfully managed previously funded projects.
- A Committee Member said the he could see that Lismore, Tallow and Cappoquin would have services to offer in terms of shops, banks, etc but queried what Villierstown would offer? Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that following funding of previous projects and the increase footfall that a shop/bakery has opened. The local pub is also much busier. In terms of location its access to the N25 is excellent.
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Amount Recommended: €200,000	32.45765% of Eligible Project Funding: €616,187.60

Signed: _____

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Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Claire Connors

Dated: 27th Aug 2020

WLP Project Officer

Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 24/8/2022

Time: 11am

Project Title: Villierstown Enterprise Centre - Port Development

Project Reference Number: 3110 RWA 113677

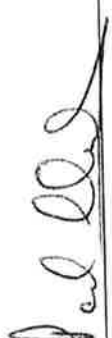
Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>7</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>4</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>6</u>		19	17
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	5		
	Deadweight	6/25	5		
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	7
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	10
Total				100	74

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: 24.08.2020

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 27 August 2020 19:00
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Draft minutes of Evaluation Committee meeting on 26th August 2020.

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the above meeting and I am in agreement with them.

Regards,

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson,
Evaluation Committee.

