



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT115546
Project Type:	Training
Project Name:	Facilitation of the Portlaw Development Group to develop an action plan
Promoters Name:	WLP CLG
Address:	Presentation Community Centre, Mitchell St, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
Description:	Portlaw has suffered from deprivation for some time with the initial closure of the Tannery where most of the population was employed and with little new employment opportunities, a commuting workforce has resulted in a lesser demand for local services. The area has benefited from limited LEADER or other funding and yet there is huge opportunity to harness and develop local assets. This facilitation support will equip a newly formed community group to help develop these assets and potential LEADER projects in the future.
Theme:	LO5 Basic services for hard-to-reach communities
Sub-theme:	SA 5.2
Link to LDS	Excerpt from Section Two; a) Work closely with communities and particularly those who have not previously benefited from LEADER funding to build their capacity in preparation for the next programming period and ensure that weaker communities are not left behind Excerpt from Section Three: Supports and capacity building for communities that have not previously received assistance under LEADER or other rural programmes, using the Transitional Programme for the LAG's and Implementing Partners to engage directly with new applicants to develop projects and enhance collaboration within communities

Total Project Costs	€14,000
Eligible Project Costs	€14,000
Funding sought by promoter:	€14,000
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review

Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€14,000		
Details of private funding:	0		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	The project will address the requirement from the newly formed Portlaw Development Group to gain the necessary expertise to be able to implement potential projects in their area which up to now has had very limited funding		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 100%
	Facilitation support	€14,000	€14,000
Total Funding		€14,000	€14,000
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 7 th May 20121		
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 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:	While two quotations were received, a comparable analysis was possible, and the costs were within a margin of each other		
Innovative Element of the project:	The group formed themselves without any intervention ensuring a true cross section of the community be represented. The facilitation support will strengthen the committee and identify potential new projects		
Consideration of Deadweight:	Deadweight is not an issue as the group do not have the funds to support this initiative		
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement is not an issue as the facilitation support is unique and not readily available from other providers		
Economic justification for project:	The support will equip the committee with the necessary skills to develop new projects in the area that will bring in foot fall to support local services		
Average Score for Project:	87/100 (1)		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €14,000 or 100% of eligible expenditure, 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 87/100 2. The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) for training initiatives. 3. Funding this project fits the aim of the transitional programme to assist groups and areas that have not benefited greatly in previous programmes.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€0	€0

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford City & County Council were made aware of this initiative and are supportive offering to support the 2 nd phase if necessary	Email 15 th April 21	Vinnie O'Shea

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

- Ms Claire Connors advised that this is a newly formed group that sought assistance to help consolidate them as a group with an aim of working towards developing an action plan.
- This is an in-house project with WLP as the promoter. The training and facilitation of the group was sent for tender to five companies/trainers but only three responded. One was unable to deliver the project in the required timescale and the others were Prescience and Ciaran Lynch. Both tenders were scored in-house by two staff members and Ciaran Lynch was successful. Two members of the Portlaw Committee also reviewed the tenders and agreed with the in-house scoring. It is hoped that the training can commence within the next six weeks.
- A discussion ensued on how both tenderers interpreted the rules around VAT differently.
- A Committee Member noted that they worked previously with Mr Lynch, on Walking Ireland, and agreed that he is very good but noted that he tends to spread himself too thin and that delivery dates should be tied down.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that Portlaw is an area that has not benefited greatly from previous Rural Development funding.
- Funding this project is a good use of Transitional funding as having a community action plan will benefit the area. The promoters following facilitation will have clear goals and a plan to follow.

A maximum of €14,000 or 100% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €14,000

100% of Eligible Project Funding: €14,000

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Claire Connors

Dated: 17th May 2021

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

(for example a photo of the building to be renovated/machinery being purchased, etc)

Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 17/5/2021

Time: 11am

Project Title: Facilitation of the Portlaw Development Group to develop an action plan

Project Reference Number: 31402WAT115546

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 / 40	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>9</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>3</u>		19	17
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>6</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	21
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>6</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	21

	- 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	18
Total				100	87

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: Recommended for funding.

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 17/5/2021

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Tuesday 18 May 2021 14:20
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: May Evaluation Minutes for review

Hi Denise,

I am in agreement with the draft minutes.

Regards

Paul

On 2021-05-18 13:05, Denise Walsh wrote:

> Hi Paul,
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> Please ignore last email John spotted a couple of errors that I have
> since corrected.
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> Thanks & Regards,
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> Denise Walsh
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> 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 scríosadh 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 dheimhniú go ndéanfar gach
> teachtaireacht a scanadh ar fhaitíos víris, mar nach féidir aon
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