



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT115519
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Purchase of 40, 8" Android Tablets
Promoters Name:	Dungarvan Care for the Aged
Address:	Mitchel Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
Description:	Dungarvan Care for the Aged are aware of the digital gap that exists for the 55 years and upwards age group in operating in the emerging digital society and wish to provide appropriate training for people in this age group in the use of computers and smartphones. The 4 Day Centres in Rural Waterford (Dungarvan, Cappoquin, Kilmacthomas and Portlaw) are ideally suited to provide this training. Accordingly, Dungarvan Care for the Aged working with all 4 Daycare Centres wish to acquire 40, 8" Android Tablets, 20 for the east and 20 for the West of the County at an overall cost of €5,999.80 to enable this training to take place. The Tablets will be retained in the day-care centres to facilitate training in the years ahead. The necessary professional information technology trainers will be engaged to provide the training. The innovation is the use of the Day Care centre infrastructure in Rural Waterford to deliver much need training to the elderly. The centres are working Deise Link (Local Link Bus Service) to assist in transporting the older people to and from these training sessions.
Theme:	LO 5 Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	SA 5.2 Training
Link to LDS	LO 5 Social Inclusion

Total Project Costs	The cost of this project is €5,999.60 and the promoter has requested funding of €4,877.72 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.
Eligible Project Costs	€5,999.60
Funding sought by promoter:	€4,877.72 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€4,877.72 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.

Details of private funding:	Cash/Money in account €1,500.00 25%		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Purchase of 40, 8" Android Tablets for training purposes		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75 %
	Purchase of 40, 8" Android Tablets for training purposes	€5,999.60	€4,877.72 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.
Total Funding		€5,999.60	€4,877.72
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 7/05/21		
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guide issued on 16th December 2020)	Section 2 - Aim of the Transitional Programme d) Explore and develop projects for funding in thematic areas which are likely to feature strongly in the next EU-funded programme. In this regard, projects which address the climate agenda, digital transformation and projects that utilise the Smart Village approach to local area development should be encouraged. Section 3 - Priorities for the Transitional Programme 5) Maximising the potential of broadband and the digital economy in communities including through skills development and building awareness and usage of available remote working facilities		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed Category 1 National Procurement Guidelines.		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	A sufficient number of eligible quotations were obtained.		
Innovative Element of the project:	Due to closure of banks, post offices and other services it is important that older people become familiar and comfortable with IT.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	This project will not proceed without Rural Development funding		
Consideration of Displacement:	This project is not duplicating any other training initiatives by the WWETB or WC&CC. It is particularly relevant in Covid times and considered an excellent use of funding.		
Economic justification for project:	The project fits the Local Development Strategy plan for training initiatives.		
Average Score for Project:	The project scored 82/100 (2)		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €4,877.72 or 75% 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: - The project scored 82/100 - The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) for training initiatives. - Funding this project is an excellent use of Transitional Programme funds as it prioritises skills development and building awareness and		

	usage of available online technologies and smart devices.
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Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
None	None	€0	None

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford LEO	10/05/2021	B Kirby
Waterford Library Services	12/05/2021	Jane Cantwell
Waterford City and County Council	13/05/2021	Kevin Moynihan

Detail of Discussion:

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

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe briefly outlined the project to the Evaluation Committee noting that the Department of Agriculture and the EU Commission see a digital divide between people over 55 that worked in an office, who were used to using technology, and those that were not working in an office environment.
- This project is about using the four-day care centres in Cappoquin, Dungarvan, Kilmacthomas and Portlaoise and their wider networks to support and train older people in the use of new technologies. Trainees will be shown how to log onto tablets and connect with their families, to use online banking and services, etc. It will be used to bridge the gap for people who never really used IT previously. For example, people on the RSS scheme have never used IT.
- There are two applications, training at 100% and the capital expenditure at 75% for the purchase of the android tablets.
- Following queries Mr Jimmy Taaffe confirmed that the androids will be shared between the four centres with ten in each centre. The training will consist of ten people at a time, but the instruction will be one on one as required. Initially it will be teaching users how to log on and connect with their families. The progression to the next level using services will happen slowly and will be driven by the users over the coming months.
- The contract for the training was tendered out and the trainer; Marie Cox is very experienced in delivering training like this. It will be dependent on Covid as it will be delivered in person giving instruction to each person in a step-by-step approach.
- Following a query in widening out the scope of the project to non Deise Care users Mr Jimmy Taaffe clarified that this project is limited to users of the Day Care Centres mentioned. It was pointed out that there are several people who would not be users of the Centres that would benefit from this type of training. Mr Jimmy Taaffe agreed noting that Access IT in Waterford will be running similar courses on behalf of Waterford City and County Council later in the summer. These will be aimed at the long term unemployed.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters have the skills and expertise to successfully implement the project.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe confirmed that the training will take place once per week in each of the four locations. Each training will be for a 2-hour period with each centre getting 5 training sessions in total. If it works well then further training maybe considered. This project is about building users

confidence so that they are comfortable keeping in contact with family and looking at services from banks and post offices. The Evaluation Committee were all in favour of supporting this project and considered it an excellent use of Transitional funds. A maximum of €4,877.72 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser	
Amount Recommended: A maximum of €4,877.72 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser	100% of Eligible Project Funding: A maximum of €4,877.72 or 75% 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

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)

Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 12/5/2021

Time: 11am

Project Title: Provision of I.T. Training

Project Reference Number: 31202WAT115521

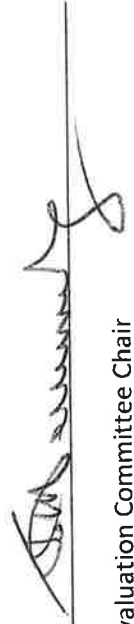
Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>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>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	15
Total				100	82

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 Approval.

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 11/05/21

Denise Walsh

From: John Harnedy <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday 18 May 2021 13:49
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: May Evaluation Minutes for review

I have reviewed the above minutes and agree with same.
John

On Tue 18 May 2021, 13:05 Denise Walsh, <Denise.Walsh@wlp.ie> wrote:
Hi Paul,

Please ignore last email John spotted a couple of errors that I have since corrected.

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 dheimhniú go ndéanfar gach teachtaireacht a scanadh ar fhaitíos víris, mar nach féidir aon dlíteanas a ghlacadh maidir le haon ionfhabhtú nó damáiste a dhéantar do do chóras ríomhaireachta tríd an ríomhphost seo a fháil.

