



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT117473
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	EURI Estuary Environmental project
Promoters Name:	Tomas Sullivan
Address:	Coollunma, Cheekpoint, Co. Waterford
Description:	The proposed project is the purchase of a Whaley boat with a drop-down bow, enabling shore access and egress. This boat will be used for multiple purposes, including the removal of ocean plastics, in the Waterford estuary, and environmental water sampling. The vessel itself will be 100% recyclable and advance education as well as eco-tourism in the Waterford estuary
Theme:	L02 Strategic and Collaborative investment in Rural Enterprise Development to foster rural job creation in local Villages.
Sub-theme:	SA 2.1 Capital Investment in existing and start up technology, graduate orientated rural businesses.
Link to Transitional Rural Development or EURI	Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green, bio and circular economy within the LAG area
Link to LDS	Supporting micro rural enterprise with investment to create opportunities on the estuary

Total Project Costs	€21,500		
Eligible Project Costs	€21,500		
Funding sought by promoter:	A maximum of €16,312.50 or 75% 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:	A maximum of €16,312.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		
Details of private funding:	Funds in Bank 5437.50 25%		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Funding towards the purchase of a Whaley boat with a drop-down bow, enabling shore access and egress used primarily for cleaning of the river and water sampling and surveying.		
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 %
	Whaley boat with	€21,500	€16,125

	Drop down bow		
Total Funding		€21,500	€16,125
Was an assessment completed?: Date: 9/5/2022	Yes		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes. The costs were considered reasonable by using the MEAT process.		
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		
Innovative Element of the project:	The drop down bow on this vessel will allow for the easier removal of waste from the Estuary. This project will facilitate regular waste removal from the estuary.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	Project would proceed on a reduced basis		
Consideration of Displacement:	There are no other businesses currently functioning as this is intended		
Economic justification for project:	This project will provide 1.25 FTE employment		
Average Score for Project:	77/100 (3)		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €16,312.50 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:- 1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for L02 Strategic and Collaborative investment in Rural Enterprise Development to foster rural job creation in local Villages. 2. The project scored 77/100 A maximum of €16,312.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
1.2 FTE	0	€5,187.50	None

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Merit and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Faite Ireland	13/05/2022	Ivona Carr responded by email stating Tomas Sullivan had received no funding from Faite Ireland
Waterford Local Enterprise Office	13/05/2022	Ten day period was offered for feedback and no response has been

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

- Mr Paschal O'Connor outlined the project to the Evaluation Committee advising that the promoter collects a lot of rubbish and has great difficulty getting it on and off the boat. The new boat is fully recyclable and will hold up to 10 people for eco-tourism tours.
- Ms Claire Connors advised that currently, only short-term contracts are available from WC&CC of 8-week duration but that the promoter will fill the river ranger role once he has the new boat. He also transports engineers to carry out river surveys.
- It was clarified that the seats are removable and include storage.
- The Committee agreed that they didn't see it as a tourism project, noting that different insurance and tourism licenses would be required. Ms Claire Connors clarified that the removal of ocean plastics and environmental sampling will be the bread and butter of the business with limited passenger traffic.
- Regarding a query about the type of boat being purchased, it was clarified that it will be fully recyclable at end of life.
- The promoter is a freelance marine operator working on a part-time base mainly in Waterford Estuary and is fully trained and certified. He has the necessary skills and knowledge of the estuary required to make the project successful. He has lots of credentials and letters of support and has worked for Waterford City & County Council, Waterford Port Authority, Wexford County Council, and local tug companies.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of EURI funds and agreed to recommend funding to the LCDC.

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Amount Recommended: €16,125	75% of Eligible Project Funding: €21,500
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Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Paschal O'Connor

Dated: 18/5/2022

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: 16/5/2022

Time: 11am

Project Title: Euri Estuary Environmental Project

Project Reference Number: 3102 WAT 117473

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 7 - Displacement 5/19 5 - Job Creation 5/19 5		19	17
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 5 - Track Record 6/25 6 - Structure of Business 6/25 5 - Necessary skills base 7/25 7		25	23
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 3 - Co Funding 6/25 4		25	15

	- Financial Plan	6/25	4		
	- Deadweight	6/25	4		
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	12
Total				100	77

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: 16-05-2022

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Wednesday 18 May 2022 21:29
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Draft Minutes.

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the WLP Evaluation Committee meeting held on 16th May 2022 and I am in agreement with them.

Regards,

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
WLP Evaluation Committee

