



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT117478
Project Type:	Analysis and Development
Project Name:	EURI Lismore Community Biodiversity Action plan
Promoters Name:	Lismore Tidy Towns
Address:	Lismore Co. Waterford
Description:	The promoter will hire consultants to draft a community biodiversity action plan, this will be the first in the region based on an entire town and drafted with the local community.
Theme:	LO7 Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	SA 7.2 Local Biodiversity
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 communities with local biodiversity actions

Total Project Costs	€20,000		
Eligible Project Costs	€20,000		
Funding sought by promoter:	A maximum of €18,000 or 90% 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 €18,000 or 90% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		
Details of private funding:	Cash/Money in account 2,000 10%		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	To develop the Lismore Biodiversity Action Plan		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 90 %
	Hiring consultants to form a biodiversity action plan	€20,000	€18,000
	Total Funding	€20,000	€18,000
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes 10/05/2022		

Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	In selecting a supplier, the promoter used the MEAT process in order to choose the most economic advantageous tender.
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:	This will be the first biodiversity action plan in the region focused on an entire town
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter would progress on a reduced basis
Consideration of Displacement:	There is no other groups in the area that have done a biodiversity action plan for Lismore
Economic justification for project:	This project will create a biodiversity action plan for the town which will enhance the green areas in the town and surrounding area making them more attractive for both residents and visitors who might dwell longer in the area
Average Score for Project:	83/100 (1)
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €18,000 or 90% 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 promotion of greater environmental awareness through training and exemplar projects. 2. The project scored 83/100 A maximum of €18,000 or 90% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
N/A	N/A	€2,000	€8,754

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford City and County Council has paid €8,754 to Lismore Tidy Towns under various small grant schemes from 2018-2022	17/05/2022	

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

- Mr Ciaran Coady outlined the project to the Evaluation Committee advising that the promoters Lismore Tidy Towns selected by tender the Cork Nature Network to develop the Lismore Biodiversity Action Plan in consultation with the tidy towns committee and the local community. The project will produce the first plan of its kind and will be the first to focus on an entire town and will serve as a template/model for other towns and

villages.

- The promoters have already commenced small scale biodiversity projects working with transition year students to plant hazel, blackthorn, and hawthorn hedges and planting two heritage orchards in local housing estates. This project will build off that and identify a list of actions and outcomes in a five-year biodiversity plan.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed the promoters noting that they have a good structure and the skills to successfully implement the project. One of the members previously worked for Parks and Wildlife in America and is very ambitious and innovative.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that the promoters have consulted with the locals and have their buy-in for the project.
- Mr Ciaran Coady advised that the National biodiversity plan notes the importance of local actions such as these that will be undertaken by the Lismore Community Biodiversity Plan.
- It was agreed that the promoters have a very good track record and that it is an excellent initiative.
- 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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1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for promotion of greater environmental awareness through training and exemplar projects.

2. The project scored 83/100

A maximum of €18,000 or 90% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €18,000

90% of Eligible Project Funding: €20,000

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: 16/5/2022

Time: 11am

Project Title: Ezei Lismore Community Biodiversity Plan

Project Reference Number:

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>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>5</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>7</u>		25	22
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	6/25		
	- Deadweight	6/25	5'		
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	23

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

