



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT117482
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Ballymacarbry Community Centre Facilities Upgrade
Promoters Name:	Ballymacarbry Community Centre
Address:	Ballymacarbry, Clonmel, Co. Waterford
Description:	There are two aims to this project – upgrading the community centre’s lighting network to LED’s and providing critical storage for the centre by means of a container. The current lighting system is out of date and costly to run and due to the intensive use of every space of the centre a 20ft container will provide immediate storage
Theme:	LO5 Basic services at hard to reach communities
Sub-theme:	SA5.1 investing in upgrading community facilities
Link to LDS	Upgrading and investing in community facilities

Total Project Costs	€17,822.60		
Eligible Project Costs	€17,822.60		
Funding sought by promoter:	€13,366.95		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€13,366.95		
Details of private funding:	€4,455.95 own funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Replacement of existing inefficient fluorescent lighting in the centre to more environmentally friendly and cost effective LED lighting and investment in a 20ft storage container		
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%
	Electrical supplies	14,255.60	10,691.70
	20ft Storage Container	3,567	2675.25
Total Funding		€17,822.60	€13,366.95

Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 13 th June 2022		
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 most economic advantageous tender process was used to select the chosen suppliers		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Not applicable		
Innovative Element of the project:	Replacement lighting for a more environmentally friendly sustainable product to reduce overhead costs		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter would not be in a position to carry out these works without access to LEADER funding.		
Consideration of Displacement:	While the surrounding communities do have community centres such as Tournaneena, Bohadoon and Newcastle (County Tipperary), this centre does not compete with these facilities as they serve directly the local population.		
Economic justification for project:	The project represents good value for money and the promoter runs a very successful community facility that receives high usage in the community		
Average Score for Project:	78/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €13,366.95 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 providing basic services in rural areas 2. The project scored 78/100 A maximum of €13,366.95 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	.5	€4,455.95 own funds	€0 in last 3 years from WLP CLG €3,570 Community Activities Fund, WC&CC 2021/22 €16,288 Covid 19 Stability Fund 2021

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimis and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Declaration sent to Waterford City & County Council	13 th June 2022	No response

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

- Ms Claire Connors noted that the Committee are very familiar with the promoters having supported them throughout the years for both the community centre and the 25-bed hostel.
- The original committee of 17 years stood down last year. The new committee is made up of four members and is currently recruiting a fifth member.
- It was advised that the centre is very well utilised and full which is why they need to purchase the storage unit. The lighting will all be changed over to new LED lights which are more energy efficient.
- A revised tender report for the lighting element was circulated as there was an error on the original one.
- Also circulated were unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.
- The high cost of insurance was noted, and Ms Connors explained that they could only obtain one quote and had no option but to go with that one.
- The gym has remained closed since Covid as they are unable to get insurance. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that this could be because it is unsupervised by a qualified person.
- The occupancies levels of the hostel have been quite good since Covid with the domestic market. They also use events like the Nire Drop, Comeragh Wilderness, etc to help fill the centre.
- A Committee Member commented that they should try to build the school tour side of the business.
- Ms Connors advised that it is mainly group bookings and enquiries can be made through a booking form on the website. Once there they have full use of the facilities including the AstroTurf but not the gym as it is currently closed.
- Ms Claire Connors said that the group were always very proactive in fundraising and had very little borrowings.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that they are supportive of funding this project as the centre has lost 50% of its revenue due to Covid.
- It was noted that the village of Ballymacarbry is extremely well kept and hugely impressive. From the minute you arrive, it gives the impression of being a strong dynamic community. The facilities and adjacent independent housing for the elderly are excellent and very well run.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds and agreed to recommend funding to the LCDC.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-

1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for providing basic services in rural areas
2. The project scored 78/100

A maximum of €13,366.95 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €13,366.95

75% of Eligible Project Funding: €17,822.60

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Claire Connors

Dated: 4th July 2022

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:



Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 29th June 2022.

Time: 11am

Project Title: Ballymearagh Community Centre Facilities Upgrade

Project Reference Number: 31LVR WAT117482.

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>8</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>2</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>2</u>		19	12
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 <u>5</u>			
	Deadweight	6/25 <u>8</u>			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?		13		12
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?		18		12
Total			100		24

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: Paul Dorkin

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 28.06.2022

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 30 June 2022 09:49
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Evaluation Committee Meeting held on 29th June 2022.

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the above meeting and I consider they are an accurate record of the discussions and decisions taken by the committee.

Regards,

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
WLP Evaluation Committee

