



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT118475
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	EURI Equipment Upgrade
Promoters Name:	Gerry Dalton Farm Buildings Ltd
Address:	Glenafooka, Clonea Power, Carrick On suir
Description:	Investment in two essential pieces of equipment to enable this engineering/fabrication business to reach new markets and expand. There are a number of outdated machines inhouse which require more time-consuming operation and generate a lot of waste. The addition of a new modular manual pan folder will fold 3m sheets of 1mm thickness which to date was done using vices. The investment in a generator is essential to run this new equipment as the workshop is currently maxed out on the current power supply until a new three phase installation is completed which will be a large long-term investment
Theme:	LO2
Sub-theme:	SA2.1
Link to LDS	Supporting enterprise development and job creation

Total Project Costs	€21,050		
Eligible Project Costs	€21,050		
Funding sought by promoter:	€15,787.50		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€15,787.50		
Details of private funding:	€5,262.50		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Investment in a new modular manual pan folder and 60kve generator		
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%

Total Funding	60Kva Generator	15,150	11,362.50
	Modular manual pan folder	5,900	4,425
		€21,050	€15,787.50
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 17 th July '23		
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 to seek quotations and the most economic advantageous tender process used to select the successful 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:	While three suppliers quoted for the 60kva generator, only one supplier quoted for the modular manual pan folder. However, evidence is on file for the promoter's efforts to seek three quotations which meets the updated national procurement guidelines (Circular 02-2023)		
Innovative Element of the project:	The addition of this new equipment will speed up production and reduce inefficiencies and waste		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter would only proceed on a reduced basis and over a longer period with the investment		
Consideration of Displacement:	The promoter does not have any local competitors, the nearest would be in Tipperary and Kilkenny		
Economic justification for project:	The new equipment will be more efficient and increase output and turnover		
Average Score for Project:	73/100 (2)		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €15,787.50 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 to support County Waterford's rural enterprises. 2. Funding will create employment in a rural area. 3. The project scored 73/100 A maximum of €15,787.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser, with the following condition:- • A Balance Sheet for financial year ended 2022 must be provided to the Evaluation Committee for review before the Letter of Offer is issued to the promoter.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
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.5	4.5	€5,262.50	Promoter has not been in receipt of any previous grant support
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Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimis and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO, Waterford	Sent 18 July	To Brid Kirby

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

- Ms Claire Connors gave details on the background of the promoter and his business to the Evaluation Committee. The promoter operates an engineering/fabrication business in Clonea Power, serving the agricultural, industrial, and domestic markets. Investment is needed in new equipment to improve efficiencies and create additional employment. In this application, he is applying for funding for a new modular manual pan folder and a generator.
- He has always been on the WLP database as a potential promoter but has yet to apply for funding as he was busy setting up and establishing the business. The business grew from farm repairs and developed into shed erecting and fabrication.
- When the Department announced that de-committed funds could be reallocated, we reviewed our potential projects database to see who would be ready to go with an application, and he was able to apply immediately. He was looking for funding for equipment only, which suited the short approvals timeframe.
- Currently, he employs four full time in the workshop and, if funded, will hire an additional 1.5 full time. He also has an admin person in the office, and his sister has just started working with him part-time and will move into a full-time role shortly.
- Some of his equipment is very outdated and very time-consuming. The new machinery will produce less waste and be more accurate and time efficient. It will help broaden the range of services on offer allowing the promoter to take on more work and create further employment.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed his application and noted that he would require 3-phase electricity in the future. Ms Connors said he plans to proceed with this as part of the more significant investment.
- Ms Claire Connors advised that the promoter is in the Comeragh Uplands, a geographic area which has not significantly benefited from funding during the current programme.
- The Evaluation Committee noted that there was no balance sheet for 2022.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed all three projects and the available budget at length. The Evaluation Committee decided, given the amount of support the Opera Festival has received in the past, to maximise the available funding for the GDFB Equipment Investment & Equipment Upgrade projects leaving the remaining balance to the Opera Festival to go toward the Blackout Lining. They agreed not to fund the PR element of the Opera project.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of EURI 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 to support County Waterford's rural enterprises.
2. Funding will create employment in a rural area.
3. The project scored 73/100

A maximum of €15,787.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser, with the following condition:-

A Balance Sheet for financial year ended 2022 must be provided to the Evaluation Committee for review before the Letter of Offer is issued to the promoter.

Amount Recommended: €15,787.50

75% of Eligible Project Funding: €21,050

Signed: Paul Clarke

Signed: [Signature]

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: 21-7-2023

Date: 21-7-2023

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Clair Ginn Dated: 19th July '23

WLP Project Officer



Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 19/7/2023

Time: 11am.

Project Title: Suki Equipment Upgrade.

Project Reference Number: 31002 WAT 118473

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>6</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>4</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>5</u>		19	15
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>4</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>3</u>		25	13

	Financial Plan	6/25	3			
	Deadweight	6/25	3			
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	15
Total					100	73

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 - A max of €15,787-80 or 75% whichever is the lesser

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 15/11/2023

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Friday 21 July 2023 13:23
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Minutes of Evaluation Committee Meeting held on 19th July 2023.

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the above meeting and I am in agreement with them.

Paul Clerkin.
Chairperson,
WLP Evaluation Committee.

