



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT118467
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	GDFB Equipment Investment
Promoters Name:	Gerry Dalton Farm Buildings Ltd
Address:	Glenafooka, Clonea Power, Carrick On suir
Description:	The promoter wishes to purchase a new CNC plasma table which will increase efficiencies in house by reducing waste, provide for more precision work and less time consuming. A more productive operation will increase output and create additional employment
Theme:	LO2
Sub-theme:	SA2.1
Link to LDS	Supporting enterprise development and job creation

Total Project Costs	€45,500		
Eligible Project Costs	€45,500		
Funding sought by promoter:	€26,535.12		
State one of the following:	First review		
- First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend			
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€26,535.12		
Details of private funding:	€18,964.88		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Investment in a new CNC plasma table will improve productivity, reduce waste, and give additional employment		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 58.31895%
	CNC Plasma Table	€45,500	€26,535.12
Total Funding			

		€45,500	€26,535.12
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:	N/A		
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 create two new jobs		
Average Score for Project:	74/100 (1)		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €26,535.12 or 58.31895% 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 74/100 A maximum of €26,535.12 or 58.31895% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser, with the following condition: ➤ A Balance Sheet for the 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

2	4.5	€18,964.88	Promoter has not been in receipt of any previous grant support
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Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minus 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. He is applying for funding for a CNC Plasma Table in this application.
- 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 is employing 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 time-consuming. He has said that a new CNC Plasma Table will change the business helping to make greater efficiencies with less waste.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed the application and noted that as the promoter advances, he will require 3-phase electricity. 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 budget 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 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 to support County Waterford's rural enterprises.
2. Funding will create employment in a rural area.

3. The project scored 74/100

A maximum of €26,535.12 or 58.31895% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser, with the following condition:-

- A Balance Sheet for the 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: €26,535.12

58.31895% of Eligible Project Funding:

Signed: Paul O'Leary

Signed: [Signature]

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: 21-07-2023

Date: 21-7-2023

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Clair Lewis Dated: 19th July '23

WLP Project Officer



Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 14/7/2023

Time: 11am

Project Title: GOFB Equipment Investment

Project Reference Number: 31208WAT118467

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>5</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>3</u>		25	14

	- Financial Plan	6/25	<u>3</u>		
	- Deadweight	6/25	<u>3</u>		
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	<u>12</u>
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	<u>13</u>
Total				100	<u>74</u>

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 / NQ
- i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? YES / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: A max of €26,585.12 or 58.31875%

Signature: Paul O'Leary

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 19-07-2023

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.

