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Update On LEADER

RDP 1420

The current LEADER Programme is at an end. The L.C.D.C. allocated between 2017 and 2023 a total of €7,917,335 to 171 Projects. This equates to an average allocation of just under €50,000 per project.

From the attached spreadsheet highlighting the payments still to be made, the following points should be noted.

Decommitments

Three of the projects, 31LDRWAT114829, Conservation of our Living River Clodiagh, 31LDRWAT115521, Provision of I.T. Training and 31LDRWAT118475, EURI Lismore Music Festival Enhancement will have either a partial or full decommitment.

Decommitments

Project	Allocation	Decommitment	Final Payment	Reason
31LDRWAT114829	€12,253.50	€6,445.50	€5,808	Alternate Funding
31LDRWAT115521	€5,000	€2,500	€2,500	Covid-19
31LDRWAT118466	€6,712.32	€6,712.32	€0.00	Application was for a far higher sum. Grant too low to consider the action applied for.
	€23,965.02	€15,657.82	€8,308	

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In terms of the programme, €7,901,677 will have been paid out on LEADER projects since 2017/18.

Final Projects Listed on the Spreadsheet

The remaining projects on the spreadsheet have their final paperwork in bar two projects. These projects will be paid out before Christmas.

The two projects that are going to run into the new year are:

- 31LDRWAT117891 St Declan's Way Facilitator
- 31LDRWAT117015 Ballysaggart Community Centre Remote Working and Studying Hub

Both projects are underway. The St. Declan's Way Project will be completed by February 2024. The Ballysaggart Hall will struggle to be completed by the deadline in February 2024. An appeal to the Dept. maybe required, as the promoters have not met the timelines to date. It will be completed, but April 2024 is probably a more realistic timeline.

LEADER 2023 -2029

The budget for LEADER for 2023 – 2029 is €6.1 million. In project terms that equates to €4.5 million. While there is a substantial drop in the LEADER budget nationally, normally after a year or so in each programme run the budget is replenished upwards. While there are no guarantees on the last statement, the pattern over the years has been thus and the challenges now faced by rural areas has really crystallised in the last six months, with environmental challenges, commodity price drops, interest rate increases and a slowing labour market setting a different narrative to the one in which the new LEADER Programme was drawn up by the Department.

The Waterford LCDC LEADER Plan has been approved. Once the LCDC receives the contract with any clarifications, the clarifications will be addressed within 5 working days and within a month of the LCDC signing the contract with DRCD (Dept of Rural and Community Development), the first targeted calls will be launched by WLP CLG in the Local Papers, on related websites and social media.

If the Contract is signed late November, the first call will be in January 2024.

Signed:



Jimmy Taaffe

31LDRWAT113677	Villierstown Enterprise Centre - Part Development	10.09.20	CC	3.1	200,000.00	192,911.32
31LDRWAT113649	Construction of Two Storey Office Block at Lismore Bus Park	10.09.20	CC	3.2	200,000.00	167,692.71
31LDRWAT113885	Installation of maturation, saturation, bottling & blending equipt	25.03.21	CC	2.2	80,992.50	67,267.50
31LDRWAT114829	Conservation of our Living River Clodiagh	25.03.21	CC	7.1	12,253.50	
31LDRWAT114834	Freezin Friesian Capital Expansion	25.03.21	CC	2.1	49,109.08	30,071.87
31LDRWAT115521	Provision of IT Training	10.06.21	JT	5.2	5,000.00	
31LDRWAT116428	Renovation of Meeting Room to the Rear of Barron Hall	17.02.22	CC	5.1	59,689.65	35,494.87
31LDRWAT117015	Ballysaggart Community Centre Remote Working & Studying Hub	17.02.22	JT	5.1	200,000.00	
31LDRWAT117478	EUR - Lismore Community Biodiversity Action Plan	26.05.22	Ccy	7.2	18,000.00	10,836.00
31LDRWAT117891	St Declan's Way Facilitator	16.12.22	CC	1.1	11,070.00	3,690.00
31LDRWAT118227	West Waterford Festival of Food	15.12.22	CC	1.2	64,012.50	31,563.00
31LDRWAT18340	EURI Low Loader Production & Agricultural Trailer Manufacturing	09.02.23	CC	2.1	17,023.27	
31LDRWAT118270	Bottle Production & Branding Revision	09.02.23	CC	2.1	59,644.01	
31LDRWAT118466	EURI Lismore Music Festival Enhancement	27.07.23	CC	1.2	6,715.32	
31LDRWAT118467	GDFB Equipment Investment	27.07.23	CC	2.1	26,535.12	
31LDRWAT118475	EURI Equipment Upgrade	27.07.23	CC	2.1	15,787.50	
	Additional Budgets;					
	Stage 15 Final Project Approved not yet completed				1,025,832.45	539,527.27
	Claims Paid to date					
	CC				802,832.45	528,691.27
	JT				205,000.00	-
	Ccy				18,000.00	10,836.00
					1,025,832.45	539,527.27