



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31WAT100001
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Charlie Crowley Kitchens & Interiors
Promoters Name:	Charlie Crowley
Address:	Glen, Stradbally, Co. Waterford
Description:	The purchase of an edge banner machine to improve the quality of the product produced and improve efficiency.
Theme:	Theme 1 Economic Development and job creation
Sub-theme:	1a Green Technology
Link to LDS	The promoter is investing in greener technology that will improve efficiency and production time reducing carbon footprint.

Total Project Costs	€36,578		
Eligible Project Costs	€36,578		
Funding sought by promoter:	€27,433.50		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€27,433.50		
Details of private funding:	€9,144.50		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Investment in new technology that will enhance product quality but also improve efficiencies.		
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%
	Edge Bander machine	€36,578	€27,433.50
	Total Funding	€36,578	€27,433.50
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 15 th of March 2024		
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 supplier was chosen based on the MEAT process		

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 added investment in the business will produce a more quality product while also sustaining 5.5 jobs employed in the business.
Added Value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	Lead to an increase in production and efficiency.
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would proceed on a reduced basis. While the equipment is necessary to improving the product but due to the cost, has to be managed within the finances of the business .
Consideration of Displacement:	There are 3 other businesses detailed: David Crowley, Bonmahon Joinery focusing on heritage furniture for overseas markets. Penn Products, Kilmacthomas who do not provide the same level of product and Gareth Dillon, Dungarvan who focuses on the sale of premade kitchens.
Economic justification for project:	The small level of investment will sustain the business going forward and enable it to improve the quality of the product more efficiently and timely .
Average Score for Project:	82/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €27,433.50 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 under Theme 1 Economic Development and Job Creation. 2. Funding will create one new job in a rural area. 3. The project scored 82/100. At a maximum of €27,433.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
1	5.5	€9,144.50	€65,625

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minibus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Local Enterprise Office	19/3/2024	Brid Kirby

Detail of Discussion:
- Ms Connors advised that the promoter was previously funded under the Transitional Leader Programme. The CNC Plasma machine that was funded, allowed him to employ additional staff. He recently featured on 'Home

of the Year', which has led to increased interest in his products. He designs and produces kitchens mainly. He has hired a part-time kitchen designer.

The loans included in his accounts have all reduced now and his accountant advised that the Bridging Loan listed was repaid in full after he received the grant for the Plasma Machine.

- Committee Members commented that there are a number of different styles on his website and he's producing a quality product. Sustaining 5.5 FTE jobs and hoping to increase to 7 FTE is a boost to the local economy.

Amount Recommended: €27,433.50

75% of Eligible Project Funding: €36,578

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ *Chari Amos* _____

Dated: ____27th of March 2024

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes: _____



Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Project Reference no: <u>21 WFF 10001</u>	Date: <u>27.03.2024</u>	Time:
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Project Title: Cyprus Kitchen at Fabours

Q	Assessment Criteria	Objective	Evaluation Committee comments	Weighting	Score	
					Pass	Fail
1	Has project development officer report indicated that any documentation / information requested has not been provided by the project promoter(s)	Ensure that the project promoter has provided all the required information / documentation requested by project development officer to progress this project.	<u>Yes</u>	N/A	☒	
2	Displacement	Does the project comply with displacement requirements?	<u>Yes</u>	N/A	☒	
3	Compatibility with Local Development Strategy (LDS)	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG's LDS for the relevant measure?	<u>Yes</u>	15	12	
4	Innovation	Is the project innovative in its nature?	<u>Yes</u>	15	12	
5	Project Promoter experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver?	<u>Yes</u>	15	12	
6	Financial Viability	Do the proposed actions and associated costs appear reasonable and represent value for money, and is adequate funding available to co-fund the project?	<u>Yes</u>	25	22	
7	Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?	<u>Yes</u>	15	12	
8	Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?	<u>Yes</u>	15	12	
9	Deadweight	Would the project proceed without LEADER funding?	YES NO ☒	N/A	N/A	
N.B. Prior to being recommended for approval, projects must: - pass question 1 and 2 - answer no to question 9 - receive a minimum score of 65%.				Total:	82,	
Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee:				<u>Approved</u>		

Signature of Committee Chair:



Date: 27.03.2024

Angeline Drennan

From: John Harnedy <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday 3 April 2024 13:49
To: Angeline Drennan
Subject: Re: Draft Evaluation Minutes 27.03.2024
Attachments: image001.gif

Hi Angeline
I've reviewed the attached minutes and all seems in order.
I will talk to you later regarding dates for deferred Projects.
Thanks, John

On Wed 3 Apr 2024, 09:44 Angeline Drennan, <Angeline.Drennan@wlp.ie> wrote:

Hi John,

Attached are the draft minutes for last week's meeting.

Could you please have a read through them and confirm if you are happy that they are correct or advise if you believe there are any errors or omissions?

I will give you a call this afternoon to confirm.

Thanks & regards,

Angeline

Angeline Drennan CPA

Rialaitheoir Airgeadais/Financial Controller

Cúntóir Príomhfheidhmeanneach/Assistant CEO

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