



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31WAT100008
Project Type:	Training
Project Name:	Provision of facilitation and capacity building support for established/new voluntary groups in County Waterford
Promoters Name:	Waterford Leader Partnership CLG
Address:	Lismore Business Park, Lismore
Description:	As part of the public consultation process that formulated the new Local Development Strategy for the new LEADER programme 2024-2027, a number of villages/areas were identified that needed capacity building support to help them develop a community plan i.e. Comeragh area of Rathgormack and Stradbally. Collaboration also with Waterford City and County Council identified Kilmeaden as requiring support given the lack of a community group to drive local initiatives particularly in light of planned development of the old Kilmeaden Cheese Factory into residential housing and services. Discussions also took place with Waterford City & County Council on identifying communities that were in need of intervention. Rathgormack North Waterford Community Development CLG is a well-established group in North Waterford that has delivered a number of local initiatives including the community centre and hostel, all weather multi sports pitch and playground to name a few. A new group has been formed in Kilmeaden at the request of the community and received some initial support from Waterford City & County Council as WLP were out of funding and they now require further progress. Stradbally will require a new group to be facilitated, comprising of representatives from other groups in the area to develop a plan of action. Funding has already been earmarked for the work and the work has been put out to tender with the allocated budget, with tenders due back on the 26 th of March.
Theme:	Theme 2 Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	Sub theme 2.1 Facilitation & capacity building for new/established groups
Link to LDS	Facilitation & capacity building for new/established groups to support them in developing community plans

Total Project Costs	€29,520
Eligible Project Costs	€29,520
Funding sought by promoter:	€29,520
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€29,520
Details of private funding:	€0
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No

Synopsis of project:	Facilitation & capacity building for new/established groups to support them in developing community plans.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 100%
	Facilitation & capacity building	€29,520	€29,520
	Total Funding	€29,520	€29,520
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 26 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 MEAT process to select the chosen supplier		
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 facilitation and capacity building intervention in these three areas, identified through the public consultation process will benefit hugely from the support, with the objective of their own local community plans to better the quality of life in those areas .		
Added Value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The number of people from the different communities that will have engaged in the process and created their own community plan and benefited from the learning.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would not go ahead without funding support as is solely dependent on this public intervention.		
Consideration of Displacement:	There is no displacement as there is no other source of funding available to offer this type of intervention to the local communities in question .		
Economic justification for project:	The completion of the community plan in each area will lever further larger scale community funding.		
Average Score for Project:	84/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €29,520.00 or 100% 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 2 Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion. 2. The project scored 84/100. A maximum of €29,520 or 100% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
N/A	N/a	€0	No funding in the last 3 years

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Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford County Council	27/03/2024	Richie Walsh

Detail of Discussion:

- Ms Connors advised that this is an in-house training application, with three community groups included. Two of which were identified when completing the consultation work for the LDS. WLP doesn't necessarily have funding available to community groups. But this training will help the groups have a strategic plan to allow them to apply for other funding. A budget had been allocated and the tendering was completed based on that budget. Tenderers were given 13/14 days and the deadline was 26.03.2024. Two WLP directors reviewed the tenders, and both chose Community Engagement Partners (Ciaran Lynch). It's quite complex as Portlaw is a well-established group but Kilmeaden and Stradbally need work. The hope is to begin before the end of May and complete before the end of 2024.
- The committee members commented that it's badly needed for Kilmeaden as the area continues to grow. There was a bad community reaction to the closure of the cheese plant, in Kilmeaden, and it's important to get the community to engage and take ownership.
- A committee member asked if the funding is approved will it complete the training programme?
- Ms Connors advised that it would. The communities will need to do the work to prepare strategic plans themselves. It's very much about community engagement.
- Ms Drennan asked if the tender included the cost of training facilities, etc?
- Ms Connors advised that the communities will be providing those themselves.
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Amount Recommended: €29,520

100% of Eligible Project Funding: €29,520

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ *Chari Gumb* _____

WLP Project Officer

Dated: _____ 27th of March 2024 _____

Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Project Title: PROVISION OF FACILITATION / CAPACITY BUILDING	Project Reference no: 123104100008	Date: 27.03.2024	Time:
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Q	Assessment Criteria	Objective	Evaluation Committee comments	Weighting	Score	
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.		N/A ✓	Pass	Fail
2	Displacement	Does the project comply with displacement requirements?	NO YES	N/A ✓	Pass	Fail
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?	YES	15	14	
4	Innovation	Is the project innovative in its nature?	YES	15	12	
5	Project Promoter experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver?	YES	15	14	
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?	YES	25	20	
7	Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?	YES	15	13	
8	Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?		15	11	
9	Deadweight	Would the project proceed without LEADER funding?	YES	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:	84	

Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee:	Approved,
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Signature of Committee Chair:  Date: 27/03/24

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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