



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31WAT100007
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	GDFB Business Development
Promoters Name:	Gerry Dalton Farm Buildings Ltd
Address:	Glenafooka, Clonea Power, Carrick on Suir, Co. Waterford
Description:	The promoter wishes to invest in three phase electricity that will operate more powerful equipment to take on bigger projects. He also wants to invest in a band saw and guillotine to increase inhouse efficiency and reduce waste
Theme:	1 Economic Development and Job Creation
Sub-theme:	1a Green Economy
Link to LDS	Supporting enterprises improve efficiencies and reduce carbon footprint

Total Project Costs	€75,017.33		
Eligible Project Costs	€75,017.33		
Funding sought by promoter:	56,262.99		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€0		
Details of private funding:	€18,754.34		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	NA		
Synopsis of project:	Investment in two pieces of equipment and installation of three phase electricity		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 0%
	3 Phase Electricity	€29,882.33	€0
	Guillotine	€24,685	€0
	Bandsaw	€20,450	€0
	Total Funding	€75,017.33	€0

Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>11/06/2024</u>	Yes
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 most economic advantageous tender process used 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:	Investing in three phase electricity will enable the business to run larger equipment as currently a generator is providing power. Enabling more powerful machines will eliminate the use of older and less efficient machines that produce too much waste and the new equipment is cleaner and safer
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would not go ahead as all three elements are integral and the investment is significant. In my assessment, the project would benefit from funding to enable further development by the promoter in the long term.
Consideration of Displacement:	The closest competitors are Dwyer Steel, Dundrum and Gleeson Steel, Co. Tipperary and SRS, Kilkenny. These businesses have been in operation for some time and have their own customers which does not impact on the business or this business on theirs.
Economic justification for project:	Increase in employment and reduction in waste and greater production efficiencies
Average Score for Project:	Not scored as question 9 on the scorecard response was 'yes', the project could proceed without LEADER funding.
% level of aid & ceiling:	0%
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The promoters have the capability of funding the project themselves. A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
2	5.5	€18,754.34	€42,322.62

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Local Enterprise Office	21 st of May '24	Brid Kirby

The following were the main points raised during the discussion of the project:

The promoter has applied for funding for three-phase electricity, a band saw and a guillotine.

- The promoter was previously funded and successfully implemented the project. As part of that application, he was part-funded for a generator which he will still require. However, the new equipment has higher specifications and requires three-phase electricity.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed deadweight stating that the financials are very strong.
- Ms Connors advised that previous support was justified because it is a growing business that didn't receive any prior assistance. They are becoming a very progressive business and funding supported its growth and jobs.
- A discussion ensued on the application form and the questions contained within regarding potential male/female jobs created as it was not considered appropriate. Ms Connors advised that this was part of the KPI's that Project Officers are obliged to collect for the Department. It was agreed that it was a matter that should be raised with the Department as predicting the gender of the employment before it occurs seems wrong.
- The Evaluation Committee re-read the promoter's response in the application to the deadweight question where they advised that they it would proceed on a reduced scale over a longer period but were of the opinion that the promoter could afford to fund the project without assistance.
- While the Evaluation Committee thought it was a good project it was agreed that deadweight is an issue.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project for the following reasons:-

1. The promoters have the capability of funding the project themselves.

A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: €0	0% of Eligible Project Funding: €0
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Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Clair Amos Dated: 4th of July '24

WLP Project Officer



Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring record

Project Title: GDFB Business Development	Project Reference no: 1E21WAT1000007	Date: 1/7/2024	Time: 11am
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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?		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?				
4	Innovation	Is the project innovative in its nature?				
5	Project Promoter experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver?				
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?				
7	Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?				
8	Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?				
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:		
Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee:			Not Recommended			

Signature of Committee Chair: John Woburny Date: 1/7/2024

Denise Walsh

From: john moloney <moloney.john5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday 5 July 2024 13:01
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: Evaluation Meeting 1 July 2024 - draft evaluation minutes

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Hi Denise

I have reviewed the minutes and I am satisfied that they are a true record of the discussion and recommendations of the meeting of the WLP Evaluation Committee on July 1st 2024.

Thank you
Regards
John Moloney

On Fri, 5 Jul 2024 at 10:08, Denise Walsh <Denise.Walsh@wlp.ie> wrote:

Good Morning John,

Attached please find the draft evaluation minutes for you to review.

Kind Regards,

Denise Walsh

Riarthóir / Administrator

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