



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	IE31WAT101388
Project Type:	Investment & other supports
Project Name:	Legacy Irish Craft Cider expansion
Promoters Name:	Legacy Irish Craft Cider Ltd
Address:	85 Springfield, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
Description:	Investment in five 10,000 steel maturation tanks and an apple washer to enable the business to increase production capacity and improve the quality of the cider produced
Theme:	1 Economic development & job creation
Sub-theme:	1c Green Economy, 1.1 Investment in new technology
Link to LDS	Supporting the investment in new and existing enterprises
Is the project at Stage 10 on the IT System Y/N	Y

Total Project Costs	€93,000		
Eligible Project Costs	€93,000		
Funding sought by promoter:	€69,750		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€69,750		
Details of private funding:	€23,250		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Promoter is looking to increase sales by 38% and in doing so needs to increase capacity and production which is the reason for the investment		
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%
	Five 10,000l steel tanks	€56,500	€42,375
	One apple washer	€36,500	€27,375
		€93,000	€69,750
Total Funding			
Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>14.02.2025</u>	Yes		

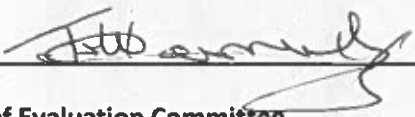
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, the project was tendered and the most economic advantageous tender process used to select the chosen suppliers
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	N/A – tendering open procedure used
Innovative Element of the project:	The promoter produces a local Craft Cider that is unique to the area. There are only 7 craft ciders produced in Ireland. The business uses locally grown apples in the production process
Added Value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The investment in this equipment will increase the company's ability to expand and increase sales
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter has confirmed that the project would not go ahead without funding as cashflow is extremely tight. I would concur with the promoter, the business needs to expand and increase sales but needs the investment in this equipment to increase capacity to do that
Consideration of Displacement:	The three nearest competitors of Irish craft ciders are Stonewell Cider, Cork, Dan Kelly Cider, Drogheda and The Cider Mill, Slane, Co Meath, being far enough away not to displace
Economic justification for project:	Sustaining of one job and the creation of a further job
Average Score for Project and Ranking:	79/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €69,750.00 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. Funding this project will enable the promoter to grow the business and create employment. 2. This project aligns with the Local Development Plan under Theme 1 Economic development and job creation, sub theme 1a Green Economy – 1.1 Investment in new technology for existing enterprises as this investment supports sustainable practices. 3. The project scored 79 /100.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
1ft	1ft	€23,250	€17,769

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimis and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
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Leo	30 Jan '25	Jamie Whitty
Bord Bia	28 Jan '25	John Nugent

Amount Recommended: €69,750	75% of Eligible Project Funding: €93,000
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Signed: 

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Date: 25/3/2025

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Clair Adams

Dated: 11th March 2025

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:



Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Project Title: <u>Legacy Irish Craft Rider Expansion</u>	Project Reference no: <u>LE31WAT101388</u>	Date: <u>11/13/2025</u>	Time: <u>11am</u>
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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	✓
2	Displacement	Does the project comply with displacement requirements?		N/A	Pass	✓
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?				12
4	Innovation	Is the project innovative in its nature?				12
5	Project Promoter experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver?				13
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?				18
7	Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?				12
8	Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?				12
9	Deadweight	Would the project proceed without LEADER funding?	YES	N/A	N/A	
			NO			

Signature of Committee Chair: _____

Date: 11/03/2025

