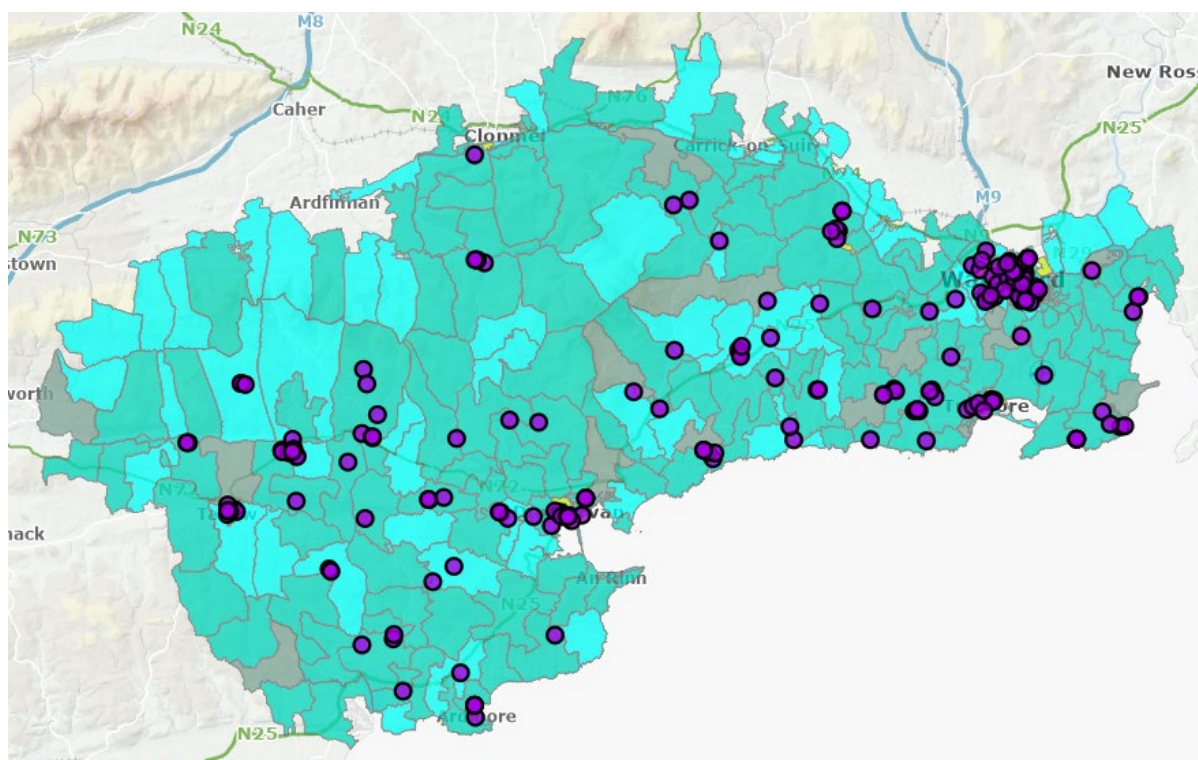


Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

The Local Enhancement Programme 2026 launched on 30th January and closed on 27th February 2026. LEP 2026 funding is for capital projects only, with no provision for funding current projects in this iteration of the programme. Funding will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, to carry out necessary repairs and small capital works/ improvements to facilities, or to purchase equipment.

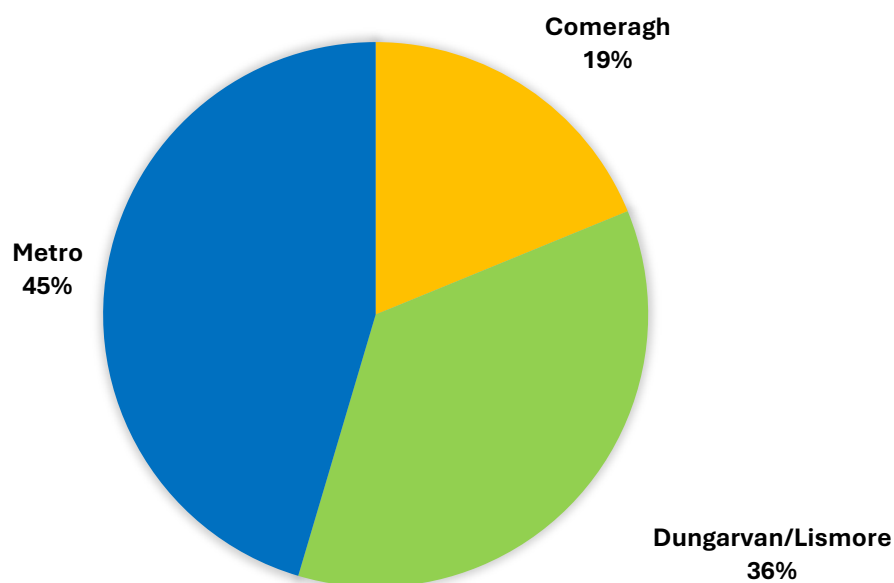
Local Enhancement Programme 2026 Allocation	€219,286.41
plus underspend in 2025 carried over to LEP 2026	€28,999.85
Total Fund available for allocation	€248,286.26

Total No. of Completed Applications received	218
Totalling	€653,768.24
% Oversubscribed	298.1%



Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Total
99	41	78	218
€291,715.56	€121,685.23	€240,367.45	€653,768.24

Breakdown of Applications received



	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Total
Applications for €1,000 or less	24	8	23	55
Totalling	€21,042.84	€6,732.50	€19,261.79	€47,037.13
Applications over €1,000	75	33	55	163
Totalling	€270,672.72	€114,952.73	€221,105.66	€606,731.11
				€653,768.24

Allocations were geographically spread amongst the Municipal Districts, based on the value of applications received, as a % of the total value of applications.

Municipal District Fund Allocation:

Metro MD	Comeragh MD	Dungarvan/ Lismore MD
45%	19%	36%
€111,728.82	€47,174.39	€89,383.05

Because the fund was heavily oversubscribed, it was not possible to provide a grant to all groups and it was necessary to review applications using the criterion listed below. In line with Department guidelines, priority was given to supporting groups in disadvantaged areas.

- Incomplete Applications were deemed ineligible.
- Groups who received previous funding from the Council, but had not provided the required documentation (form, receipts and proof of payment) were deemed ineligible.
- Groups / Organisations who are not members of Waterford PPN were deemed ineligible.
- Priority was given to disadvantaged areas (as per the Pobal Deprivation Index)

The LCDC Assessment group met on 31st March 2026, reviewed the applications and has made recommendations for funding.

171 projects are recommended for funding (50 for Applications for €1,000 or less and 121 for Applications for €1,000 or more).

Allocations were based on the Pobal Deprivation Index, with those most deprived receiving the highest % of funding. However, all groups and the people they serve, no matter what area they were operating from, were given full consideration.

- 63.16% of funding has been recommended for applicants in areas classified from 'Marginally below Average' up to 'Extremely Disadvantaged'.
- 35.67% of funding has been recommended for applicants in areas classified as 'Marginally above Average'.
- The remaining 1.17% has been recommended for applicants in areas classified as 'Affluent' but these applicants serve disadvantaged communities or groups within the community.

Recommendations must be submitted to the Department by Wednesday 22nd April and successful projects will be advised once final approval is received from the Department, probably in late May/early June.

Applications Recommended for Funding

Municipal District	Applications for €1,000 or less	Applications for over €1,000	Total No. of Applications	Total Amount Awarded
Comeragh	8	24	32	€47,163
Dungarvan/Lismore	22	45	67	€89,300
Metro	20	52	72	€111,820
	50	121	171	€248,283

Municipal District	Extremely Disadvantaged	Very Disadvantaged	Disadvantaged	Marginally Below Average	Marginally Above Average	Affluent	Total No. of Applications
Comeragh	0	0	3	12	16	1	32
Dungarvan/Lismore	0	3	10	25	29	0	67
Metro	1	7	20	27	16	1	72
Totals	1	10	33	64	61	2	171
	0.58%	5.85%	19.30%	37.43%	35.67%	1.17%	