



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Phort Láirge
Waterford Leader Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project Code:	IE31WAT1014157
Project Type:	Investment and other supports
Project Promoters Name:	Lismore Cathedral CLG
Project Name:	Lismore Cathedral West Porch
Address:	North Mall, Lismore, Co. Waterford
Description:	Restore the West Porch to full use as a proper and attractive entrance with associated lighting. The works include a visitor WC and a relocated stairs to the upper levels.
Total Project Costs	€141,732.42
Theme:	(1) Economic Development and Job Creation & (1c) Rural Tourism and Recreation
Sub-theme:	(05) Culture and Heritage Product Development
Eligible Project Costs	€141,732.42
Funding sought by promoter:	€106,299.31
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First review
Outline the Evaluation Committee's consideration on each of the following:-	
Deadweight:	The promoter referred in their application that the project will not go ahead without access to LEADER funding which is verified by the Project Officer
Displacement:	Blackwater Community School, GAA Sports Hall, Lismore Heritage Centre are other venues in the area, but the Cathedral is complementary to other venues of similar size. The uniqueness of the Cathedral creates a very different venue and atmosphere, especially for acoustics for concerts. The impact on other venues is minimal.
Innovative:	The aim of the project is to restore character and dignity to the West Porch. This should act as the honorific entrance to the Cathedral. It has degenerated into a rarely used cold, dark space, mainly used for storage and containing an obtrusive access stair to the upper levels of the tower. It is intended to use the Cathedral Nave for cultural and community events, so it is essential to bring the West Porch into full use as a proper and attractive entrance with associated lighting. The works include a visitor WC and a relocated stairs to the upper levels. Reinstating a fitting entrance to the west end of the Cathedral which is a unique building and one classified as of national importance. St Carthage's Cathedral is a popular venue for musical events and performing arts due to

	the wonderful acoustics. With anticipated increase in booked events an improved entrance along with additional toilet is essential.
Reasonableness of Costs:	The promoter followed the eTender process and allocated the quote to the lowest bidder.
In-house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee:	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons: - 1. The project aligns with the objectives of the Local Development Strategy under Culture and Heritage Product Development. 2. The project will support the continued delivery of a cultural tourism events in West Waterford, enhancing the area's cultural profile and visitor offering. 3. The project scored 78/100 A maximum of €106,299.31 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser with the following condition: - - Before a Letter of Offer is issued, written confirmation from the Conservation Officer that planning condition 4c no longer applies must be on file.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project is in line with the objectives and actions identified in the LAG's Local Development Strategy under 05 Culture & heritage product development
Added Value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	Provision of WC will enable the promoter to accommodate more cultural events (without the need for Portaloos). This will contribute to increased visitor numbers to the heritage town of Lismore.
Economic Justification for Project:	With this investment in the west porch, the cathedral can attract more visitors to attend cultural and musical events and boost revenue which will also compliment local eateries etc
Average Score for Project and Ranking:	78/100 (1)
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €106,299.31 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

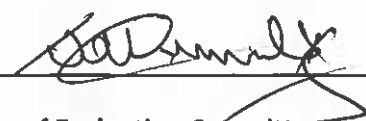
Is the project at Stage 10 on the IT System Y/N	Y		
Details of private funding:	€35,433.11 own funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75%
	Building works	€141,732.42	€106,299.31
Total Funding		€141,732.42	€106,299.31

Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>30th April 2026</u>	Yes
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, the costs were tendered and the lowest value tender chosen
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 as tendering was used which opens up a bigger marketplace

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€35,433.11 own funds	€0 LEADER funding €18,400 Waterford City & County Council

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimis and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Working in collaboration with the local authority		

Amount Recommended: €106,299.31	75% of Eligible Project Funding: €141,732.42
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Signed: 

Date: 28 MAY 2026

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Chairman

Dated: 26th of May 2026

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Project Title: <u>WISMOKE CATHEDRAL</u> <u>WEST PORCH</u>	Project Reference no: <u>1E31WAT104157</u>	Date: <u>25 MAY 2026</u>	Time: <u>16m</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	<u>Pass</u> Fail
2	Displacement	Does the project comply with displacement requirements?		N/A	<u>Pass</u> 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?		15	12
4	Innovation	Is the project innovative in its nature?		15	12
5	Project Promoter experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver?		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?		25	18
7	Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?		15	12
8	Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?		15	12
9	Deadweight	Would the project proceed without LEADER funding?	<u>NO</u>	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%.				100 / Total:	78

Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee:

Approved

Signature of Committee Chair:



Date: 25/05/26

