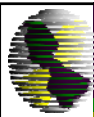




The Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013

The possibilities of **LEADER** Funding

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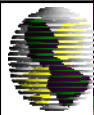


- Who can Apply?
- Similar Projects funded through the Rural Development Programme 2000 – 2006
- FAQ's



Applications must be from either:

- Sole Traders
- Formalised Community/Voluntary Groups
- Community Council
- Environmental Trusts
- Registered Charities
- Public Body
- Private Individual
- Companies Limited by guarantee
- Partnerships
- Companies having share capital; or
- Cooperative societies registered under the Industrial & Provident Societies Act



Project: The conversion of a stone built granary to a small-scale production unit for a farmhouse ice cream business

Location: Moher, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €56,816.00

Grant Rate: 50%



Project: Development of self-catering accommodation and wellness leisure centre

Location: Dowra, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €48,441.93

Grant Rate: 40%





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Support For Business Creation And Development



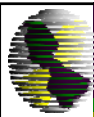
Project: Extension of workshop and yard area including installation of overhead crane
Location: Strokestown, Co Roscommon
Grant Awarded: €25,000.00
Grant Rate: 50%



Project: To establish and develop a community Tourism and Craft Centre

Location: Drumkeerin, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: IFI €230,721.24
LEADER €19,046.08
Own resources €8,339.00
CLAR €19,046.08



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Encouragement Of Tourism Activities



Project: Purchase of a new waterbus for tourism purposes on Lough Gill, Co. Leitrim
Location: Lough Gill, Dromahair, Co Leitrim
Grant Awarded: €65,000.00
Grant Rate: 12.6%



Project: Upgrade Hostel to meet market requirements.

Location: Kiltyclogher, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €20,783.00
Grant Rate: 30%





Project: Youth development through the promotion and preservation of Irish Dance, Music throughout the ages.

Location: Ballinamore, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €16,205.00

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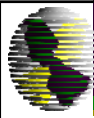


Project: Improvement works and upgrading of existing playground and the creation of new play area

Location: Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €5,001.00 (CLAR €9,999.00)

Grant Rate: n/a



Project: Developing and enhancing road to an ancient ruin and walkway to village burial ground.

Location: Dromahair, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €5,001.00 (CLAR €9,999.00)

Grant Rate: n/a



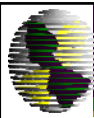
Project: To provide access to Tully Lake; Drain back hedges and surface a road way 600 mtrs.

Location: Tully lake, Carrigallen, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €2,500.50 (CLAR €9,999.50)

Grant Rate: n/a





Project: To heat new administrative resource training centre with solar panels and possibly heating the centre with wood based products.

Location: Mohill, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €11,643.50

Grant Rate: 50%



Project: Redevelopment of St. Georges Church into a vibrant tourism centre – with reception area, heritage/display area, toilet facilities and audio visual area.

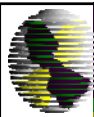
Location: Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: IFI €291,497

CLAR €80,000

LEADER €80,000

Own resources €48,000



Project: Funding for new computers for new training room at Mohill Enterprise Centre

Location: Mohill, Co Leitrim

Grant Awarded: €10,000.00

Grant Rate: 50%



Project: The project sought to build the capacity of community groups through training, internal mentoring and the benefits of networking, with a strong emphasis on joint problem solving.

Location: Boyle, Strokestown & Castlerea

Grant Awarded: €7,500

Grant Rate: 100%



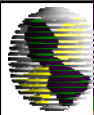


How do I know what agency to contact?

Part of our job at Leitrim Development Company is to advise people on all other schemes and programmes currently available. We welcome any enquiries and if we cannot help we will put you in contact with the agency which may be better suited to assist your project.

What is the first step to take in developing my idea into reality?

Whether your project is only at the idea stage or may have developed further, you should submit an Expression of Interest. A Development Officer will arrange to meet following this to discuss your proposed project.

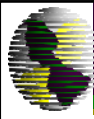


If my project is eligible for funding under some other scheme can I still apply for NRDP funding?

No, you must apply under the relevant scheme, this is to ensure that all schemes are fully utilised and in the interest of securing real added value under NRDP programme as required by the European Commission.

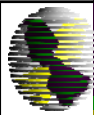
If my Project is approved when can I commence?

As per the Department of CRGA Operating Rules expenditure is only eligible following receipt of the Letter of Acceptance from you the Promoter by Leitrim Development Company. Any expenditure incurred before this date will be deemed ineligible.



What supporting documentation will I need to submit with my application?

- Completed application form, signed and dated
- Three sets of comparable quotations.
- Business plan.
- Evidence of matching funds.
- Previous 3 years audited accounts (in the case of a business)
- Community group applications need to submit a copy of their group's constitution and list of members and a copy of the minutes of 2 meetings.
- Planning permission.
- Evidence of ownership (if applicable)

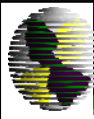


If my application is successful, how do I draw down the grant?

Grant payments may be made only on completion of the project (or an identifiable phase of the project), on submission of original paid invoices and evidence of payment of these invoices by the grant recipient, approval from relevant authorities as to quality of work and on inspection by Leitrim Development Company as to the projects satisfactory completion.

What is “de minimis aid”?

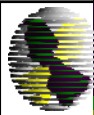
In any event “de minimis aid” must not exceed €200,000 from all grant-giving agencies to any one beneficiary over any given three-year period.



What are the key aspects sought when a Project is being Evaluated?

In evaluating projects for aid, particular emphasis will be placed on the following:

- promoter's background and expertise
- viability of the project
- innovativeness of the project
- markets for the product / service and non-displacement of existing enterprises
- potential for job creation
- benefits to the local area

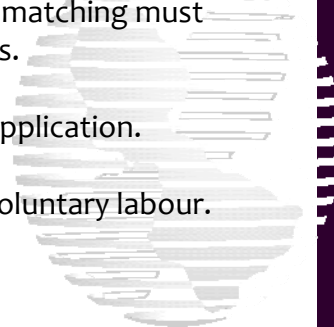


The members of our development group intend to carry out a lot of this work themselves. Can this be accepted as match funding?

Voluntary labour or the donation of buildings, equipment or services free of charge or at a nominal cost as part of the project may be considered as private matching funding for community based projects, however cash matching must account for at least 10% of the overall costs.

Details of this must be included with the application.

Project meetings cannot be accepted as voluntary labour.





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