

Monaghan LEADER supporting growth & opportunity

Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources

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MONAGHAN LEADER

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2020

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Overview of the LEADER Programme



**RDP Theme:
Economic Development, Enterprise
Development and Job Creation**

Sub Themes:

Rural Tourism

Enterprise
Development

Rural Towns

Broadband

**RDP Theme:
Social
Inclusion**

Sub Themes:

Basic Services
Targeted at Hard
to Reach
Communities

Rural Youth

**RDP Theme:
Rural
Environment**

Sub Themes:

Protection and
Sustainable use of
Water Resources

Protection and
Improvement of
Local Biodiversity

Development of
Renewable Energy

LEADER Rates of Aid

Type of Project	Applicant	Maximum Rate of Aid	Maximum Funding
Investment & other supports (including promotion undertaken as part of the implementation of a project)	Private	Up to a maximum of 50%	€200,000
	Community	Up to a maximum of 75%	
Analysis & Development	Private	Up to a maximum of 75%	€30,000
	Community	Up to a maximum of 90%	
Training	Private & Community	Up to a maximum of 100%	€200,000

Funding Limits

Minimum Grant Aid: €2,500 per project
 Maximum Grant Aid: €200,000 per project

Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources

- ▶ Action 1.2 - Provide support for new innovative projects that aims to protect, sustain and improve water resources

Rationale:

Water is a valuable and essential resource which needs to be protected and conserved. LEADER aims to support initiatives that conserve, protect, sustain and improve our water resources.

Available funding - €200,000

Time Bound Call - EOI'S to be submitted on or before 03/05/2019

Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources

- ▶ Action 1.1 Support a mix of awareness raising, A&D, capacity building and project development which supports the protection and sustainable use of Water Resources

Rationale:

Community groups and the private sector have a key part to play in raising awareness of the importance of water resources and can advocate locally for adoption of best practice and innovation. In addition, novel, sustainable and innovative projects will require start up support to develop and prototype (inc analysis and development)

Available Funding - €36,000

This is an open call and EOI's can be sent in at any stage

Examples of projects funded Nationally

River Tunnelling Project

Local Action Group	Mayo LCDC
Implementing Partner	South West Mayo Development Company Ltd.
Project Name	River Tunnelling Project
Promoter Name	East Mayo Anglers Association Clg
Address	Market Street, Swinford, Co. Mayo
LEADER Theme	Rural Environment
LEADER Sub-theme	Water Resources
LEADER Grant Amount	



RIVER TUNNELLING PROJECT

This project will implement an educational programme entitled ‘Tunnelling and Riverbank Enhancement’, developed and delivered by Giorria Environmental Services, who are leading experts in the field of riverbank ecology. This training will be available to community groups such as local angling clubs and tidy towns committees in the Moy River catchment area. It will provide participants with the correct protocols for liaising with all relevant organisations and agencies (e.g. Mayo County Council Heritage Officer and Water Community Officer, NPWS, Inland Fisheries Ireland) when considering riverbank enhancement projects. The training will also provide a basic management template for the protection and enhancement of river banks and riparian zones, including dealing with issues such as ‘tunnelling’.

Examples of projects funded Nationally

Surveillance of Harmful Blue-green Algae in Lough Derg



Local Action Group	Tipperary LCDC
Implementing Partner	North Tipperary LEADER Partnership
Project Name	Surveillance of harmful blue-green algae in Lough Derg
Promoter Name	Lough Derg Science Group
Address	Castlelough, Portroe, Co. Tipperary
LEADER Theme	Rural Environment
LEADER Sub-theme	Water Resources
LEADER Grant Amount	€6,405.32



SURVEILLANCE OF HARMFUL BLUE-GREEN ALGAE IN LOUGH DERG

This project will study the ecosystems of Lough Derg and its surrounding areas, by exploring its diversity, variability and controlling mechanisms. It will also address environmental, social and socio-economic issues affecting Lough Derg, its natural resources, amenities and users. The project also plans to stimulate an interest in the natural features of freshwater environments, and in the methods used to study them. Relevant agencies, organisations and the general public will also be informed and advised of the problems affecting Lough Derg as part of this project.

Examples of projects funded Nationally

Project	Description and Grant Amount
 A photograph of the River Moy in Ballina, showing a wide river flowing past a stone wall and buildings, with a church spire visible in the background under a blue sky with clouds.	<p>Removal of Litter - Training</p> <p>River Moy Search and Rescue Ballina</p> <p>€23,712.00</p>
 A photograph of the River Moy in Mayo, showing a river flowing through a lush, green forested area with trees lining both banks.	<p>Mayo Removal of Litter</p> <p>River Moy Search and Rescue Ballina</p> <p>€73,135.76</p>

Eligible Costs

The costs that are eligible for funding are the same as all other projects in accordance with the LEADER Operating Rules. For example, this would include support for:

- ▶ the construction, acquisition or improvement of immovable property;
- ▶ the purchase of new machinery and equipment;
- ▶ intangible investments such as the development of computer software and the acquisition of patents, licences, copyrights or trademarks; and,
- ▶ second-hand equipment as per section 14.4 of the LEADER Operating Rules

What are ineligible costs?

- ▶ Agriculture and Fisheries
- ▶ Conventional retail operations, excluding community shops & farm shops selling locally produced produce
- ▶ Courses of instruction or training which form part of the normal education programmes
- ▶ Projects not identified as a local objective in the LDS
- ▶ Loans, working capital, insurance, Reclaimable VAT
- ▶ Childcare, Healthcare, Nursing Homes, Housing, private residence
- ▶ Payments for gifts, donations, personal entertainments, statutory fines and penalties, criminal fines and damages, legal expenses in respect of litigation
- ▶ Horticulture including bee keeping
- ▶ Conventional motor vehicles (incl, cars, industrial farm, construction vehicles, vans and buses)
- ▶ Any cost associated with meeting a legislative or statutory requirement
- ▶ Planning application fee

LEADER Application Process

▶ Two stage process:

1. **Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted for 03/05/2019**

If considered eligible, the applicant is assigned a LEADER Development Officer who will go through the Application Form & Procurement Guidelines.

2. Applicant submits **Application Form & Supporting Documentation**

Full Application stage (1)

- ▶ Full application form received
- ▶ Project officer ensures application is complete
- ▶ Project Evaluation / Assessment is completed
- ▶ Evaluation Committee make recommendation
- ▶ Monaghan LAG / LCDC make decision
- ▶ Letter of offer & contract prepared

Full Application stage (2)

- ▶ Confirmation that no works have commenced
- ▶ Letter of offer & contract Issued to applicant
- ▶ Project Applicant completes LEADER project
- ▶ Project Applicant seeks claim / payment
- ▶ Project officer confirms claim in order
- ▶ Payment Issued to project applicant
- ▶ Post payment monitoring commences

What next..

- ▶ Date for Expression of Interest... 03/05/2019
- ▶ Application Process Commences
- ▶ Date for Applications to be submitted... 27/09/2019
- ▶ Projects Approved

Questions?

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