

LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2020

The priority of LEADER is to promote social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas. Wexford Local Community Development Committee has overall responsibility for the LEADER 2014-2020 Programme in County Wexford and will make final decisions on applications for funding.

Wexford Local Development as Implementation Partner works with applicants in developing funding applications and assists in the application evaluation process.

LEADER Programme funding is focused on the following themes:

- **Theme 1: Economic development, enterprise development & job creation**
- **Theme 2: Social Inclusion**
- **Theme 3: Rural Environment**

Eligible projects from a range of sectors that are niche and innovative can be approved for the following types of funding:

- **Capital (including equipment)**
- **Marketing**
- **Training**
- **Analysis & Development**

Applicants please note:

- Priority may be given to proposals that address the cross-cutting objectives of **environment, climate change and innovation**.
- LEADER 2014 -2020 will assist the development of Micro and Small Enterprises (up to 50 employees) as well as social enterprises and voluntary community groups.
- The timeframe for the funding process can take in excess of six months and the project cannot commence until it has been approved and a contract issued and signed.
- Accessing LEADER funding is a competitive process due to limited budgets.
- It is important to discuss your project with a Development Officer before proceeding with an application. See Contact Details overleaf.

Grant Aid Rates

COMMUNITY SECTOR		
	Maximum Rate of Aid**	Maximum Grant
Capital & Marketing*	75%	€150,000
Analysis & Development	90%	€30,000
Training	100%	€150,000
Social Enterprise	50%	€200,000

*Up to 90% grant aid may be offered to projects under the Social-Inclusion sub-theme in disadvantaged areas identified in the Local Development Strategy for Wexford.

**These rates are only applicable where there is no commercial basis to a project.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SECTOR		
	Maximum Rate of Aid	Maximum Grant
Capital & Marketing	50%	€200,000
Analysis & Development	75%	€30,000
Training	100%	€200,000

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