



RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME LEADER 2014-2022



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LCDC
Local Community
Development Committee

WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na h-Iarmhí

LEADER Transitional (& EURI) Programme 2021/2022



PROJECT BUDGET ALLOCATION for 2021/2022 €1,636,469

- €1,132,805 under Transitional programme and €503,469 under EURI (European Recovery Instrument)

LEADER Programme Themes/Sub-themes;

1. Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns and Broadband

2. Social Inclusion

Basic Services for Hard to Reach Communities, Rural Youth

3. Rural Environment

Protection and Sustainable Use of Water Resources, Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity & Development of Renewable Energy

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Priorities

- **Supporting Communities in post COVID recovery**
- **Supporting Hard to Reach Communities**
- **Supporting communities that have not previously availed of LEADER support**
- **Community Skills development for digital economy: ICT /remote working**
- **Green Economy: Environmental Initiatives to counteract climate change (projects in the areas of protection of water resources, biodiversity projects, renewable energy)**

Funding available in 2022



Theme; Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation

Broadband Sub-theme Budget Available - €80,000

- Support for projects that aim to maximise the potential of broadband and the digital economy in communities
- Support for Broadband hubs (enhancement and promotion of facilities, equipment)
- Support for communities to enhance remote working facilities
- ICT Training

Funding available in 2022



Theme: Social Inclusion

Basic Services for Hard to Reach Communities

Budget Available - €337,500

- Support for the provision of recreational infrastructure and community facilities for hard to reach communities.

Rural Youth

Budget available - €22,500

- Support for the improvement of youth cafes/clubs involved in social, recreational and educational activities for youth.

Funding available in 2022



Theme: Rural Environment

Water Resources. Budget Available - €54,500

- Support for community projects aimed at protecting our water resources. (projects, plans, studies, education/awareness initiatives)

Local Biodiversity. Budget available - €79,000

Support for community projects aimed at improving local biodiversity. (tidy towns' biodiversity plans & initiatives, community gardens/orchards, education/awareness initiatives)

Renewable Energy. Budget available - €162,500

Support for projects which aim to improve the energy efficiency of community facilities through the installation of Renewable Energy measures.

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Application process

- Applications currently being received on a rolling call basis
- Submit EOI with project details
- Eligible in principle EOIs complete Full Application for funding

Grant Amount & Rate of Aid

- For Capital projects up to 75% grant aid to a maximum of €150,000
- For Analysis & Development (plans, feasibility studies) up to 90% grant aid to a maximum of €30,000
- Training may be funded at a rate of up to 100%

CONTACT DETAILS

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