

Kildare LCDC – November LAG Meeting

CKLP Rural Development Programme Report – 20th November, 2018

LCDC-LAG Meeting 26th September

There were five projects approved by the LCDC at their most recent meeting on 26th September. These five projects sought total grant assistance of €192,595.07. The total amount of LEADER funding approved towards projects in Kildare is now €790,087.27. We delivered a presentation to the LAG members on our progress to date under the current programme and also our delivery proposals for the remainder of 2018, and 2019-2020. Our proposal was approved by the LAG and can be summarised as follows:

- **September-October 2018** – Renewable Energy Call
- **October 2018** – Commence work on Food & Craft Strategic Actions
- **Early November 2018** - Rural Environment Project Development Officer Commences -Focus on Rural Environment Theme
- **From October 2018 onwards** – Remainder of programme open for expressions of interest and applications on a rolling basis for funding for all remaining grant assistance. This will include:
 - Rural Tourism & Enterprise Development
 - Rural Towns (potentially community shops)
 - Basic Services & Rural Youth
 - Rural Environment
- **January 2019** - Targeted call – Artisan Food Enterprises
- **2020** – Targeted call – to be decided upon in 2019.
Suggested: *Enhance and Protect Kildare's Unique Local Biodiversity.*

LEADER Evaluation Committee Meeting

The most recent LEADER Evaluation Committee meeting took place on 31st October and there were two projects evaluated. Total grant assistance of €148,366.40 was recommended towards Clane United Football Club. The second project sought grant assistance toward the development of an Arts and Retreat centre at Hartwell Farm in Kill and while the committee were very supportive of this project further information was sought for consideration at the next evaluation committee meeting scheduled for 5th December, 2018.

Project KLD106242 – The Ballymore Trust (Ballymore Eustace Community Hall) was approved in principle by the LAG on 4th July subject to the completion of the procurement process. The procurement process is now complete and the process resulted in a cost which is more than 110% of the original estimate and the committee recommended grant assistance of €60,600.05 towards the project (this includes the 10% variance allowable under the Programme Operating Rules).

There are a number of projects which we have been working on over the past number of months will be evaluated at the 5th December evaluation meeting.

Development of Renewable Energy – Call for Expressions of Interest

The deadline for expressions of interest under this call was 22nd October. The total budget for development of renewable energy projects is €180,000.00. We received six expressions of interest as follows:

Applicant Name	Celbridge Community Centre CLG
Applicant's Address	Celbridge Community Centre, Celbridge.
Project Description	Upgrade of hydroelectricity hydraulic infrastructure at Celbridge Mill
Estimated Grant Aid Sought	A project of three phases – total potential grant aid sought: €78,187.50
Eligibility in Principle	Eligible in Principle
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Applicant Name	Cappagh GFC
Applicant's Address	Newtown, Enfield, Co. Kildare.
Project Description	To increase the capacity of the existing renewable energy solution in Cappagh GAA by capturing and storing the excess electricity generated by the existing solar PV panels using a new proposed 30 KWh battery storage solution. This will mean that the club can then utilize this electricity to power the clubhouse electricity and surrounding grounds, lights etc.
Estimated Grant Aid Sought	€23,985.00
Eligibility in Principle	Eligible in Principle
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Applicant Name	Amelie Deinhard
Applicant's Address	Castlebridge, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Project Description	In combination with solar panels or as stand-alone devices, the promoter plans to sell small wind turbines for private use or small enterprises. The promoter seeks feasibility study grant assistance towards the development of a prototype and also towards market research.
Estimated Grant Aid Sought	€7,500.00
Eligibility in Principle	Eligible in Principle
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Applicant Name	Joe O'Carroll
Applicant's Address	Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.
Project Description	The project promoter seeks grant assistance towards a feasibility study on setting up a Climate Action and Energy enterprise.
Estimated Grant Aid Sought	€15,000.00
Eligibility in Principle	Eligible in Principle
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Applicant Name	White Avenue Agri Ltd (Gavin Owens)
Applicant's Address	Ballycullane, Athy, Co. Kildare
Project Description	The project promoter seeks grant assistance towards the installation of a straw pelleting facility to produce pellets that may be used in biomass heating appliances in the domestic and commercial sector.
Estimated Grant Aid Sought	€50,000.00
Eligibility in Principle	Eligible in Principle
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Applicant Name	Peter McGlynn
Applicant's Address	Calverstown, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare
Project Description	The promoter seeks grant assistance towards the development of a business to produce fuel pellets from local crop residues.
Estimated Grant Aid Sought	€50,000.00
Eligibility in Principle	Eligible in Principle
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We are currently meeting with the above project promoters in relation to the application preparation process. The deadline for submission of completed applications has been set as 22nd February 2019.

LEADER Procurement Workshops

We have scheduled two procurement workshops for LEADER project promoters for 20th November. An afternoon workshop for private/enterprise-based projects and an evening workshop for community-based project promoters. These workshops will be delivered by Orla Leydon Training Solutions. All those who are currently preparing applications and all pipeline projects have been invited to attend.

Social Enterprise Programme

We are coming towards the completion of the CKLP Social Enterprise Programme. The programme started in May with 10 groups currently participating on the programme. The training sessions and workshops are now complete. The deadline for participating groups to complete their business plans is 12th November. There is a 'Goblin's Lair' competition scheduled for 22nd November to select the best business plan with a prize fund of €2,000.00. There is a presentation of certificates and awards ceremony taking place on 27th November.

Craft & Food Initiatives

Jacqui McNabb and Doreen Heavey of the Kildare LEO facilitated an opportunity for us to meet with their craft group on 4th October. A brief on the training and facilitation for the development of a craft network has been prepared by Helen Mulhall in consultation with the craft group. A request for tenders has been published on e-tenders with a deadline of 21st December, 2018.

A meeting with the LEO food producers group is also being organised.

Rural Development Programme Project Development Officer – Rural Environment

Maeve Howe started in this new position on 9th November.

LEADER Programme Publicity

We are participating in the PPN community, LEADER and heritage grant information nights on 20th and 27th November.

We are also planning to have a number of LEADER programme workshops in January, 2019 and we are currently considering our communications strategy for 2019.

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