

Rural Development Transitional (LEADER) Programme 2021 – 2022



South Kerry Development Partnership CLG on behalf of the Kerry LCDC-Led LAG is inviting Expressions of Interest for the Rural Development Transitional (LEADER) Programme under the Rural Towns Sub-Theme from 21st June 2021.

About the Transitional (LEADER) Programme 2021 – 2022

Due to delays at EU level in agreeing the new CAP regulations and the wider EU budget for the period 2021-2027, there is a gap between the current 2014-2020 LEADER programme and the next EU LEADER programme. The next EU LEADER programme will not now begin until at least January 2023. To bridge this time gap between the previous 2014-2020 LEADER programme and the next EU LEADER programme, the Government have announced a transitional LEADER programme for 2021 & 2022.

Aim of the Sub-Theme

This sub-theme supports the regeneration of rural towns by promoting them as attractive places to visit, live and do business. Revitalisation of rural towns through co-ordinating an integrated approach building on the economic strengths and infrastructure of the area whilst addressing the key challenges for business, community and recreation.

Examples:

- Town renewal schemes that renovate derelict buildings with incentives to attract business to vacant properties
- Building or refurbishment of community buildings providing a multifunctional infrastructure for social, cultural and sporting activities and training for the local community
- Development and promotion of unique social events and activities, such as farmers' markets, providing an important stimulus to rural towns
- Supports for Tidy Towns Groups

LEADER projects in this area should complement and add value to other national supports for rural towns such as the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Categories under which assistance may be sought

Support is confined to the Community sector (minimum grant funding €1,250 and maximum grant funding €10,000)

Grant Support Available

The total budget for this call is €90,000. The minimum funding available to any individual project is €1,250 and the maximum amount of funding available to any individual project is €10,000.

Grant aid is available up to 75% of the Total Project Cost.

Closing Date for Receipt of Expressions of Interest

The Closing Date for receipt of Expressions of Interest is 5pm, 16th July 2021. To be considered for grant aid, an applicant must submit an expression of interest by this date.

Timeframe

SKDP Call for Expressions of Interest – Opening Date: 21st June 2021
Expressions of Interest Closing Date: 16th July 2021
Expressions of Interest received assessed by SKDP and eligible applicants notified: 23rd July 2021

Those successful at EOI Stage will be eligible to submit an application as part of the second stage of the targeted call.

Closing Date for receipt of full applications: 13th September 2021

Contact Details

Expression of Interest Forms can be downloaded from the SKDP website www.southkerry.ie or by calling into your Local SKDP Offices.

If you have a project idea you would like to discuss, please contact the LEADER Officer for your area below:

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