



SOUTH KERRY DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIP CLG.

South Kerry Development Partnership CLG.

Rural Development (LEADER) Programme
2023 - 2027





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Introduction

- LEADER is a Community Led Local Development (CLLD) approach that involves the participation of rural communities in developing responses to the key economic, environmental and social challenges identified in their areas.
- LEADER is underpinned by a framework which requires a Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the delivery of LEADER activities.
- The Local Development Strategy is a community-led plan, developed and driven by rural communities through the LAG, to address the needs identified and to achieve a defined set of local objectives.





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Programme Themes & Sub Themes

Rural Development (LEADER) Programme funding will run for the period 2023 – 2027.

LEADER Themes are as follows:

1. Economic Development & Job Creation
2. Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion
3. Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation



1. Economic Development & Job Creation:

The need to support the development of the rural economy has been identified as a critical challenge in both the needs analysis and Ireland's five-year rural development policy – Our Rural Future (2021 – 2025).

Areas of focus within this theme might include:

- The Green Economy
- Agricultural Diversification (e.g. glamping on farm)
- Rural Tourism & Recreation
- Enterprise Development
- Rural Food Production
- Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprises

2. Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion:

A central focus will be the need to not just support economic development but also to ensure that social inclusion is supported. Ireland is becoming increasingly diverse and it is important to embrace this diversity and ensure that future community development recognises the needs of all members of society. Areas of focus under this theme might include:

- Rural Infrastructure
- Accessible Services
- Optimising Digital Connectivity
- Rural Youth

3. Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:

While recognising that climate change mitigation and adaptation is a cross-cutting issue and in this context will be considered for all LEADER interventions, there were a number of specific areas that emerged from the needs analysis process, these might include:

- Sustainable Development of Rural Environment
- Climate Change Capacity Building
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Funding Allocation



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The anticipated projects budget for the South Kerry area for the period 2023 – 2027 is €3M.





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Timeframes

- LEADER Strategy for South Kerry to be submitted to the Department by 14th July 2023
- Project funding anticipated to be available from Quarter 4 2023





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Anticipated Grant Aid Amounts & Rates

Capital / Equipment

Private Promoter:	Up to 75%	Maximum €200,000
Community Promoter:	Up to 75%	Maximum €200,000

Training

Private / Community Promoter	Up to 100%
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Analysis & Development

Private Promoter:	Up to 75%	Maximum €30,000
Community Promoter:	Up to 90%	Maximum €30,000





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Anticipated Ineligible Activities

LEADER grant aid cannot be awarded or paid in respect of the following:

- Healthcare
- Childcare
- Nursing Homes
- Housing
- Race & Sport horse industries (exception ancillary activities)
- Greyhound industry
- Agriculture
- Horticultural (including bee-keeping)
- Fisheries
- Conventional retail operations, excl. community based shops/ farm shops selling locally produced produce.
- Courses of instruction or training which form the part of normal education programmes or systems at secondary or higher levels.





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Anticipated Ineligible Activities contd.

- Legal expenses in respect of litigation
- Costs associated with meeting a legislative or statutory requirement
- Planning Application Fee
- Reclaimable VAT
- Improvements/refurbishment of private residential property
- Projects which already have other European Union funding
- Conventional Motor vehicles – including Cars, industrial/farm/construction vehicles, Vans & Buses.
- General maintenance Works of public bodies.
- Loans
- Working capital (including stock)
- Insurance for project promoters
- Payments for gifts and donations or personal entertainments
- Statutory fines and penalties, criminal fines and damages



Anticipated Ineligible Activities contd.

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QUESTIONS?

