

## **LEADER 2014 – 2020**

### **SUPPORTING**

- | **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- | **SOCIAL INCLUSION**
- | **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- | **THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT**

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## The LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020

The following areas are eligible for LEADER support:	
<b>Economic Development</b> <b>Enterprise Development</b> <b>Job Creation</b>	<b>Rural Tourism:</b> New & Existing Tourism Enterprises; Activity, Eco & Heritage Tourism; Alternative Accommodation Initiatives; Trails Development; Networking; Marketing. <b>Enterprise Development:</b> New & Existing Niche Enterprises; Artisan Food & Beverages; Creative Industries; Farm Diversification; Social Enterprises; Community Shops; Training. <b>Rural Towns:</b> Town & Village Development Planning; Town & Village Enhancement Works; Recreation Areas; Training. <b>Broadband:</b> Community Small Scale Wi-Fi Equipment; Community ICT Training.
<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>Basic Services targeted at Hard to Reach Communities:</b> Town & Village Development Planning, Community Centres; Walking Trails; Arts & Culture; Training for Communities; Capacity Building. <b>Rural Youth:</b> Youth Facilities; Youth Training.
<b>Rural Environment</b>	<b>Protection &amp; Sustainable use of Water Resources:</b> Training & Awareness Raising; Water Recycling; Rainwater Harvesting. <b>Protection &amp; Improvement of Local Biodiversity:</b> Natural Asset Mapping; Community Environmental Improvement Initiatives e.g. Parks, Nature Corridors, Community Gardens & Allotments; Biodiversity Training. <b>Development of Renewable Energy:</b> Community Energy Initiatives; New & Existing Renewable Energy Businesses.

LEADER Cross Cutting Objectives		
Environment	Innovation	Climate Change

Community Sector			Private Enterprise Sector		
Project Type	Grant Aid % up to maximum	Maximum Grant	Project Type	Grant Aid % up to maximum	Maximum Grant
<b>Capital</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>€200,000</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>€200,000</b>
<b>Analysis &amp; Development</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>€30,000</b>	<b>Analysis &amp; Development</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>€30,000</b>
<b>Training</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€200,000</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€200,000</b>

LEADER Ineligible Sectors	LEADER Ineligible Activities
Mainstream Accredited Training	Costs associated with statutory requirements
Agriculture/ Fisheries	Insurance
Childcare/ Healthcare/ Nursing Homes	Legal expenses in respect of litigation
Conventional Motor Vehicles	Loans
Conventional Retail Operations	Payments for gifts, donations, etc.
General Maintenance Works of Public Bodies	Planning Application Fees
Greyhound Industry	Projects with alternative funding sources
Horticulture (including Bee Keeping)	Reclaimable VAT
Housing/ Refurbishment to residential property	Statutory fines & penalties
Race and Sport Horse Industries	Working Capital



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