

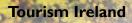


LEADER 2014 – 2020 SUPPORTING

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

LEADER Cross Cutting Objectives							
Environment		Innovation		Climate Change			
Community Sector			F	Private Enterprise Sector			
Project Type	Grant Aid % up to maximum	Maximum Grant	Project Type	Grant Aid % up to maximum	Maximum Grant		
Capital	75%	€200,000	Capital	50%	€200,000		
Analysis & Development	90%	€30,000	Analysis & Development	75%	€30,000		
Training	100%	€200,000	Training	100%	€200,000		

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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