



HORSE SPORT IRELAND

A Guide to Axes 3 & 4 of the Rural Development Programme: Grant Supports for Ancillary Services to the Sport Horse Sector



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The enclosed information is an overview of the Operating Rules for Axes 3 & 4 of the Rural Development Programme Ireland 2007 -2013. It is based on the Operating Rules and legislation prevailing at the time of writing. Horse Sport Ireland takes no responsibility for any reliance by individuals on this document. Readers are asked to consult with their Local Action Group and/or advisor(s) before taking any action regarding the issues addressed.



Foreword by Mr. Joe Walsh (Chairman, Horse Sport Ireland)

On behalf of Horse Sport Ireland I am pleased to present this publication 'A Guide to the Rural Development Programme: Grant Supports to Ancillary Services Projects in the Sport Horse Sector'. The provision of relevant information to the equestrian sector is a priority of our organisation. I hope this publication proves to be a practical and useful guide in explaining the project funding provisions of the Rural Development Programme as promoted by the various Local Action Groups across Ireland.

The Irish Sport Horse industry makes a significant contribution to the economy and to the social fabric of Irish rural communities. To that end, Horse Sport Ireland is delighted to work with the Department Of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs and with the various nationwide Local Action Groups, in adopting an integrated approach to local development delivery.

The Irish Sport Horse industry is a growing rural resource. Huge potential exists to develop locally based services, rural tourism and projects towards the advancement of rural diversification. The Irish Horse is a world brand leader, and because sport horses are so widely dispersed throughout every parish in the Country, the industry has major potential to develop as an alternative farm enterprise.

On behalf of Horse Sport Ireland, I would like to thank the Minister and his colleagues within his Department for their valued direction and input into the content of this publication.

Joe Walsh
Chairman
Horse Sport Ireland



Foreword by Minister Pat Carey, Department of Community, Equality & Gaeltacht Affairs

Ireland has always maintained a strong equine tradition which is particularly significant in rural Ireland. It is estimated that the sport horse industry in Ireland is worth €450 million annually to the economy and the national population of sport horses in Ireland has grown to over 100,000 making Ireland the most densely sport horse populated country in Europe and ensuring that the industry will continue to have a significant influence on the economy particularly in rural areas. The sport horse industry includes all individuals, organisations and businesses involved with the breeding, production and use of sport horses and it is critical that the industry is supported in order to maintain and develop its capacity to contribute to the rural and national economy into the future.

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2007-2013 has funding of €425m available to be allocated to qualifying projects up to the end of 2013. The main aim of the programme is to improve the quality of life in rural areas and facilitate the diversification of the rural economy. The programme has facilitated and continues to facilitate access to significant financial resources for rural communities since it started. This has resulted in the proliferation of innovative and sustainable development projects all over the country, which are providing invaluable support to rural communities in these difficult times.

In this context the RDP is in a position to provide support to certain activities of the sports horse industry assisting it to maintain and strengthen its valuable contribution to rural economies. I am delighted to endorse this guidance document which provides details of potential funding available to the sport horse industry through Axes 3 & 4 of the Rural Development Programme. The programme is delivered through 36 Local Action Groups throughout the country and any one interested in applying for funding under the Programme should contact their Local Action Group for assistance.

I look forward to working with Horse Sport Ireland and its affiliates into the future to ensure their continued contribution to the development of Ireland's rural economy with the support of the RDP

**Minister Pat Carey,
Department of Community, Equality & Gaeltacht Affairs.**

1. Introduction

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) Ireland 2007 – 2013 is part of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and is supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

The Programme is divided into four Axes with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as the overall Managing Authority for the Programme and implementing Axes 1 and 2.

The primary aim of Axes 3 and 4 of the RDP, which is managed by the Department of Community, Equality & Gaeltacht Affairs, is to improve the quality of life in rural areas and encourage diversification of the rural economy. Axis 4 details the LEADER or 'bottom up' methodology which has been developed through successive LEADER initiatives since 1991. The approach seeks to involve communities in their own development and in Ireland is being used to deliver all of the Axis 3 of the RDP. Programme delivery will be achieved through area-based local development strategies developed and delivered by Local Action Groups (LAGs) using the 'bottom up' approach. Implementation of these strategies includes the use of innovative approaches, the implementation of co-operation projects and the Networking of local partnerships.

The Programme objectives will be achieved by:

- Increasing economic activity in the rural economy
- Supporting the creation and development of micro-enterprises in the rural economy
- Encouraging rural tourism based on the sustainable development of natural resources and the cultural and natural heritage
- Improving access to basic services for rural dwellers
- Regenerating rural villages by improving economic prospects, community relations and quality of life
- Maintaining, restoring and upgrading the natural and built heritage.

2. The Rural Development Programme Measures (Axes 3 & 4)

The eligibility of projects to be funded under the RDP shall be determined under the following programme measure headings:

- i Diversification into non agricultural activities
- ii Business creation and development
- iii Encouragement of tourism activities
- iv Basic services for the economy and rural population
- v Village and countryside renewal and development
- vi Conservation and upgrading of rural heritage
- vii Training and information
- viii Implementing Co-operation Projects



3. Frequently Asked Questions about RDP / Leader Guidelines and Application Procedure

3.1 Who is eligible to apply?

Applications seeking grant support under the measures outlined in section 3.2 will be accepted by your Local Action Group (LAG) from:

- community groups
- individuals
- sole traders
- co-operatives*
- companies*

* Under the Business creation and development measure companies/co-operatives must be micro enterprises i.e. have 9 or less FTEs and/or a turnover of less than €2,000,000.

3.2 What are the Programme Measures?

i Diversification into non agricultural activities

Rationale

The main focus of this measure is to create alternative on-farm employment opportunities in non-agricultural activities and services. Agri-tourism is an example of a complementary activity that combines well with farming activity and can also provide many farm families with the opportunity to develop viable alternative on-farm enterprise.

Objective

To significantly increase the percentage of holdings where the fixed assets of the farm are utilised in any non-agricultural activity by a member of the farm household for economic gain.

Eligible activities

- All non-agricultural enterprise activities undertaken by farm families, in particular, provision of tourism facilities. The type of facilities envisaged would include renovation of farm buildings for tourism purposes, walking, cycling, angling, pony trekking, bird watching etc.
- Development of niche tourism and educational services such as arts and crafts, specialty food provision, open farms etc.
- Development of farm shops selling home/locally grown produce and manufactured products.

ii Business creation and development

Rationale

The continuing change in farming patterns allied to a need to provide alternative employment and enterprise options to rural dwellers gives rise to the need to focus on the economic development of rural resources. Sectors utilising natural resources need to be targeted through innovative measures. Development of micro-enterprise under this heading is closely linked with actions under other headings such as rural/agri-tourism, environmentally-friendly initiatives and alternative energy.

Objective

To position rural areas so as to provide economic activity of sufficient mass to attract people to live and work there.

Eligible activities

- Selected investment in small rural enterprise space.
- Provision for a range of assistance for start-up enterprises and expansion of existing enterprises including the adoption of new technologies.
- Development of innovative products and activities.
- The provision of a range of assistance for adding value to local products, including support for business networks, collective marketing, local branding initiatives, and improved quality and development of artisan processing facilities.
- Use of local ICT capacity, for example centralised online processing of micro enterprise administrative activities, will also be supported.
- Actions to foster rural entrepreneurship particularly combined with support for small-scale research, analysis and development.

iii Encouragement of tourism activities

Rationale

In most rural areas tourism is an integral component of wider rural enterprise and both should be developed in an integrated manner whenever possible. Rural tourism is also very closely correlated with agricultural activity. Environmental awareness and protection must be an intrinsic feature of this measure.

Objective

To maximise the sustainable, regionally balanced, tourism potential of all rural areas through provision of necessary infrastructure and development of the countryside as a recreational resource for all.

Eligible activities

- Analysis and provision of infrastructural needs for tourism and countryside recreation in a defined area
- Maintenance of vernacular features – in a way that protects the heritage of the features – such as disused railway lines, canal towpaths, bog roads etc.
- Development of the use of forests for countryside recreation.
- Development of niche tourism such as crafts, specialty food provision, ecotourism, genealogy, archaeology etc.
- Development of the use of the internet and ecommerce facilities in general for the provision of booking and information services to tourists.
- Support for the development of tourism facilities and amenities.
- Support for tourism marketing.
- Support for the provision of tourism accommodation.
- Support for equestrian tourism facilities.

iv Basic services for the economy and rural population

Rationale

Quality of life issues including the availability of services and living conditions significantly influence the extent to which people are willing to return or re-locate to rural areas to live and work. While key service provision is properly addressed through integrated actions by mainstream government services, certain quality of

life initiatives specifically targeted towards rural communities can be addressed under this measure. In this context lack of adequate cultural and leisure facilities in some rural communities is a significant impediment to their further development.

Objective

To identify and provide appropriate cultural and leisure facilities to local communities, not otherwise available to them.

Eligible activities

- Initiatives will broadly address the provision of:
- Amenity and leisure facilities
- Support for cultural activities
- Certain arts facilities
- General community and recreational infrastructure
- Innovative activities in local communities such as social and information networks etc.

All assessments and actions should be carried out in consultation and agreement with the appropriate local authorities. Any equipment, activities or infrastructure provided must be available and accessible to all ages and social groups in the community concerned.

Support for the development of youth cafés in remote rural areas is permitted.

Ineligible activities

Mainstream activities of sports organisations and bodies are excluded from support under this measure.

v Village and countryside renewal and development

Rationale

Villages and small towns are the focal point for a significant section of the rural community and as such are a priority for development. The focus for improvement will extend to the enhancement of villages, small towns and the surrounding

countryside. Actions will be aimed at enhancing the environmental, amenity and surface structural aspects of these communities. All actions under this measure involving public areas must be agreed with the relevant local authority.

Objective

To provide appropriate supports to enhance the economic and social attractiveness of villages, small towns and the surrounding countryside.

Eligible activities:

- Environmental upgrading e.g. upgrading parks, civic areas, river walks etc.
- Access facilities to amenities
- Public utilities such as street lighting &c. but excluding water, sewage and major road works
- General appearance upgrading (such as ornamental paving, street art, ornamental lighting, &c.) and renovation of relevant derelict buildings excluding traditional farm buildings.
- Farmers markets.

vi Conservation and upgrading of rural heritage

Rationale

Rural heritage resources, be they natural, built or cultural in form must be developed and utilised in a sustainable manner by, and for, the good of the community. Under this measure, conservation actions should be extended to include not just conservation and protection actions for the natural, cultural, social and vernacular heritage but also encompass pro-active initiatives in relation to the utilisation of local resources to provide sustainable and renewable energy options for local communities.

Objective

To provide an integrated approach to the protection of the local heritage through a suite of related preservation actions, complemented by a range of initiatives

designed to develop the sustainable economic contribution of the natural heritage.

Eligible activities

- Actions to preserve and develop vernacular architecture, crafts, archaeology, cultural traditions etc.
- Integrated plans for the restoration and development of locally significant natural areas, features and areas of environmental significance.
- Community environmental actions to protect and restore the amenity value of local water resources and high value nature areas.
- Other environmental initiatives aimed at waste reduction.
- Alternative or renewable energy actions addressing suitability of new technologies to meet community energy needs, awareness actions for community groups and under certain conditions, capital assistance to community groups adopting such technology.

vii Training and information

Rationale

The overall priority for Axis 3 is to stimulate economic and social activity in the rural areas. The successful implementation of these measures includes training in adapted and new skills for all rural dwellers and communities.

Objective

To equip rural dwellers and communities with the appropriate range of skills and training to derive maximum social and economic benefit from the initiatives available under the Axis.

Eligible activities

- Provision of general/specialised training courses in fixed/mobile facilities and in-house development of appropriate training facilities linked to the increased use of know-how and new technologies to make the products and services in rural

areas more competitive.

- Provision of flexible learning opportunities in new technology for women, young people and minority groups in particular.
- Development of training facilities in rural areas (fixed/mobile).
- Facilitation of distance learning, (mainstream or tailored courses) through the use of new technologies.
- Provision of relevant training courses to those wishing to add value to local products, in particular by facilitating access to markets for small production units via collective actions.
- Developing the capacity of rural dwellers to utilise ICT including Internet and broadband to access e-services and other public/commercial electronic applications.

Ineligible activities

Courses of instruction or training which form part of normal education programmes at secondary or higher levels.

viii Implementing Co-operation Projects

Funding is available for trans-national and inter-territorial co-operation projects. Support will be available for projects falling under Axis 3 and also for innovative and experimental approaches to promoting joint ventures addressing common issues. In this context, preparatory activity, co-ordination and animation are eligible for funding. Funding will normally be made available under this measure for co-operation projects involving partners in EU Member States, EU candidate states and EEA states. For projects involving partners outside these countries the prior written approval of Rural Development Division must be obtained. Where the prior written approval of the Department is not obtained, the project shall be deemed ineligible.

3.3 What geographic areas are covered?

For the purposes of implementing the Programme, rural areas are defined as all parts of Ireland outside the following:

- The City Council boundaries of Dublin, Cork, Galway, Waterford and Limerick
- The Borough Council boundaries of Kilkenny, Sligo and Wexford
- The Town Council boundaries of Athlone, Ballina, Castlebar, Cavan, Dundalk, Ennis, Killarney, Letterkenny, Mallow, Monaghan, Mullingar, Tralee, Tuam and Tullamore.

3.4 Examples of ancillary services to the Sport Horse?

Infrastructure, where such infrastructure is in furtherance of the objectives of the Programme measures and where such infrastructure is not intended for sole private use. The infrastructure must be offered to the public to use (regardless of whether a fee is charged or not):-

Equestrian Centre/ Riding school/Livery yard capital projects

- Arenas
- Horse walkers
- Equine swimming pools
- Stabling in furtherance of tourism and or for hire
- Spectator viewing & seating facilities
- Toilet facilities
- Online booking technologies
- Accommodation Facilities
- Bridle paths
- Cross Country Courses
- Facilities to improve access for Riding for the Disabled and Para Equestrian activities
- Artificial Insemination (A.I.) and Fertility Infrastructure
- Open Farms

Measures that further promote rural tourism. For example shows, agricultural shows, national and international events held in rural areas that undertake projects to improve tourism such as :-

- Viewing and seating areas
- Car parking facilities

- Disability access
- Toilet facilities
- Catering facilities
- Improvement to arenas and show grounds
- Surface improvements, Cross Country Course fence improvements
- Directional signage
- Properly trained commentators
- Creation of festival atmosphere around rural areas with event as focal point
- Children's play areas
- Picnic areas

Measures that enhance access to :-

- Bridle Ways on public and private lands. Improved access to woodlands, beaches and bridleways
- Increase facilities for Western Riding, Trekking
- Residential equestrian competition & coaching activity weekends focused on encouraging visitors who want to improve competitive riding and coaching skills

Training & education in new technologies such as AI, fertility methods and embryo transfer. This training must not be courses of instruction or training which form part of normal education programmes or systems at secondary or higher levels.

Please note that the foregoing projects are examples only and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of projects that may be funded and the examples are therefore for indicative purposes only. Not all of these examples are eligible in every LAG area. It is a matter for the LAG to determine if the project is in line with it's Local Development Strategy.

3.5 What kind of support is available?

- Capital Assistance (e.g. construction work, building expansion, equipment)
- Technical Assistance (e.g. feasibility studies)
- Training Assistance
- Advice and support

3.6 What are the grant rates and ceilings?

Support rate for individual promoters and companies

For capital and other projects funding of up to 50% is available with a grant ceiling of up to €150,000, however with Departmental approval this can be up to €200,000.

Analysis and Development

May receive up to 75% with a maximum grant of €30,000.

Support rate for community organisations

For capital and other projects funding of up to 75% is available with a grant ceiling of up to €150,000, however with Departmental approval this can be increased to €500,000.

Analysis and Development

May receive up to 90% with a maximum grant of €30,000.

Support rate for accommodation

The maximum amount of support for the provision of tourist accommodation shall be up to 50% to a maximum of €150,000

Support for training

Training can be funded up to 100%.

3.7 What are the eligibility requirements?

Eligible costs for projects involving capital investment include:

- Construction
- Purchase of new machinery and equipment
- Second hand equipment for micro enterprises only and compliant with relevant conditions
- Professional fees for capital projects such as architects', engineers' and consultants' fees up to a ceiling of 12% of the total project costs

Ineligible Activity includes:

- Working Capital (including stock)
- Conventional motor vehicles i.e. cars, industrial/farm/construction vehicles, vans, buses
- Conventional retail operations
- Courses of instruction or training which form the part of normal education Programmes or systems at secondary or higher levels.
- Insurance for project promoters
- Mainstream activities of sporting clubs & organisations
- Race horses or sports horses with the exception of ancillary services.
- Nursing Homes
- Planning application fees
- Loans
- Support for Agricultural Activity

3.8 What is the approval process?

If you have a project idea that you feel is eligible for RDP funding, contact your Local Area Group (see Appendix for the listing of Local Area Group) who will discuss the project with you and determine eligibility. Should your project be deemed eligible you will be invited to submit an application form.

3.9 How do I make an application for grant aid?

Meet with a Local Area Group staff member to discuss your project. Staff will then work with you to develop and finalise your proposal. An official grant application form must be completed and you will submit this with all the support documentation (see below). Your application will be acknowledged. However this should not be taken as an indication that grant aid will be awarded to your project. All applications will go through an evaluation process before being presented to the relevant LAG Board for a decision.

3.10 What are the application stages?

- 1 In the first instance it is important to talk to the LAG staff member who will advise you on the likely eligibility of your project and the steps to be taken in making an application. A site visit may be required.
- 2 Prepare a Business/ Community Development Plan

- 3 Complete a grant application form, signed and dated and submit with supporting documentation
- 4 Written acknowledgement will be issued from the LAG on receipt of the application.
- 5 Your Project will then be submitted to the Evaluation Committee when all documentation is in order.
- 6 The Evaluation Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of the LAG.
- 7 The LAG Board considers the recommendation and makes the final decision.
- 8 A letter of offer (or in some cases rejection) is issued enclosing a grant contract, which you should sign and return.
- 9 Project commences and you regularly update LAG on progress.
- 10 On completion of project, or phase of, you will submit all documentation for drawing down grant aid.
- 11 Documentation is checked.
- 12 Final inspection of completed project is undertaken.
- 13 Grant Aid is issued when all documentation is complete.

Work must not commence on your project until the LAG has received your formal acceptance of the grant offer/contract.

3.11 What support documentation do I need?

Application

- Business/Development Plan.
- Evidence of legal status i.e. Memorandum and Articles of Association/Constitution. Certificate of Incorporation or evidence of charitable status (If applicable).
- Copy of most recent audited accounts (for Limited Companies)/Accountants annual report (if applicable).
- Permissions/consents e.g. planning permission (if applicable).
- Evidence of lease/ownership, where project involves capital works e.g. sites of building construction, renovation and map.
- **Leases must run for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of the final grant payment to the promoter.**
- Quotations.

3.12 Do I get my grant upfront or upon project completion?

Grant payment will be made on completion of the project, or phase of, subject to the submission by the promoter of a fully documented, valid signed **claim form** and in some cases on inspection by the LAG as to the project's satisfactory completion to include:

- Tax Affairs
 - Promoters up to €10,000 signed Tax Declaration Form
 - Contractors/suppliers up to €10,000 Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)
 - On construction projects, a TCC or C2 is required for all payments to suppliers/contractors above €650
- VAT Letter from Revenue Commissioners, if not registered for VAT.
- **Original** receipted invoices
- Current relevant insurance policy with indemnity.
- Evidence of compliance as appropriate, with the relevant national standards and regulations, e.g. Fire Safety Certificate.
- Evidence of payment (by promoter). Relevant bank statements and copies of cashed cheques will be required to verify all project expenditure.
- Capital / construction projects will require independent assessment of costs by an appropriately qualified person. Bank details form
- Certified contribution of voluntary labour and donations, if applicable and for community based projects only.
- Throughout the project life cycle a number of site visits will be conducted to document the progress of the project and provide ongoing support and mentoring to the project promoter.

Note: Further requirements will be specified depending on the type of project funded

3.13 What if my project takes longer to complete than expected?

If it appears that your project may take longer to complete than set out in your contract you must contact the LAG before the date agreed in the contract expires and a decision will then be taken whether or not to grant approval for an extension.

3.14 Evaluation Criteria of Projects

The following will be applied in assessing applications for grant aid:

- **Eligibility**

Does the project comply with the eligibility criteria as set out in the Rural Development Programme Operating Rules 2007 -2013?

- **Additionality**

Projects will be initially examined to establish if they are more suitable for funding by other agencies or under other Programmes.

- **Innovation**

Is there something new about the project in terms of the product or idea, the technology/ production method, the market, the promoter, or the location?

- **Deadweight**

Does the project actually require RDP funding to proceed?

- **Displacement / Competition**

Will the project be in direct competition with an existing local business and could it result in the displacement of jobs elsewhere?

- **Promoter background / skills**

What is the Promoters track record and have they the necessary training and skills to make a success of the project?

- **Public Funding**

Grant aid cannot be awarded to a project (or phased/element of a project) in combination with other Public Funds

- **Job Creation**

There is a major emphasis on economic activity and enterprise. Will the project result in the creation of new jobs, full-time, seasonal or part time? Or will existing jobs be sustained/secured by this new project?

- **Benefit to Local Area**

What benefit will the project have for the Promoter, wider Community or the environment?

- **Other criteria include**

Among other things the ability of group/individual to undertake the project; quality of business plan/community development plan; availability of matching funds and the long-term viability/sustainability of the project.

3.15 Other Important Grant Information

- **Funding from other sources**

Under no circumstances may other sources of public funding be reckoned as a source of private matching funding.

- **Voluntary Labour**

Available in certain circumstances as a source of private matching funds for **community based projects** and farmer's labour for projects under the diversification into non-agricultural activities **only**.

At least 5% of the total project costs must be in actual expenditure. The total amount to be claimed through voluntary labour **must be submitted at the application stage**, (i.e. prior to commencement of approved works).

- **Donations**

The donation of land, buildings, equipment or services free of charge or at a nominal cost as part of a project may also be reckoned as private matching funds for community based projects but only with prior agreement of the LAG.

- **De Minimis Rule**

In accordance with 'de minimis' rule (Commission Regulation (EC) 1998/2006) the overall limit of 'de minimis' aid shall not exceed €200,000 over any three year period from all grant-giving agencies whose aid also falls under 'de minimis', e.g. the County Enterprise Board. The 'de minimis' rule applies to all initiatives, including community initiatives, involving economic activity.

- **Access to Project**

Where a project has been grant aided staff of the LAG, the E.U. and the Department reserve the right to inspect the project and project documentation.

- **Grant Repayment**

The grant must be repaid in full if: (a) the beneficiary goes into liquidation or receivership within a period of **five years** of the date of the final grant payment or (b) if any grant aided assets are sold, leased or changed within five years of the date of the grant payment without the express approval of the Department.

- **Insurance**

Insurance cover must be taken out on a project's grant aided assets, including Public Liability and the necessary indemnities.

- **Evidence of Title/Leasehold**

The promoter must provide evidence of Title/Leasehold in respect of capital projects involving land, e.g. sites of building construction/renovation, fixtures, traffic ways, &c. Leases in respect of such projects must run for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of the final grant payment to the promoter.

In circumstances where it is not possible to obtain a formal lease, other legal agreements of equal probative standing may be accepted; such agreements must be witnessed by a solicitor.

- **Publicity**

Grant recipients must publicly acknowledge RDP support as advised by the LAG.



4. Appendices

Appendix – Contact Details for the Local Action Group in your area

<u>County</u>	<u>Area Covered</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>C.E.O./ Manager</u>	<u>Contact address</u>	<u>Tel:</u>	<u>Fax:</u>	<u>Rd contact Email:</u>
Carlow	Carlow	Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd.	Mary Walsh (CEO)	Main Street, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow	059-9720733	059-9720737	info@carlowdevelopment.ie
Cavan & Monaghan	County Cavan and for Rural Development Counties Cavan and Monaghan jointly with Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd	Breifni Integrated Ltd & Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd Business Name for RDP Prog: Cavan-Monaghan LEADER	Brendan Reilly CEO (Cavan) & Gabriel O'Connell CEO (Monaghan) Elaine Halpin (RD) Manager	Office(s): 6A Corlurgan Business Park, Corlurgan, Ballinagh Road, Cavan, Co. Cavan. & Monaghan Rd, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan RDP Office: Agricultural College, Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan. Joint Rural Development: LEADER Office, Agricultural College, Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan.	BIL Office: 049-4331029 MID Office: 042-9749500 RDP: 049-4338477 Rural Development: 049 -338477	RDP Office: 049-4338189 Rural Development: 049-4338189	support@cmleader.ie Rural Development: administrator@cmrd.ie

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Clare	County Clare	Clare Local Development Company Ltd.	Dóirín Graham	Clare Local Development Company Ltd., Westgate Business Park, Kilrush Road, Ennis, Co. Clare	065-6866800	065-6840833	info@cldc.ie
National	Gaeltachtaí - Ciarraí, Corcaigh, Port Láirge, Gaillimh, An Mhí, Maigheo, Tír Chonaill	Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teoranta,	Gearóid de Faoite	An Mhainistir, An Daingean, Co. Chiarraí.	066 9152280	066-9151790	eolas@mfg.ie
Cork	South & East Cork. (The area to the south and east of Cork City within Co. Cork.)	South & East Cork Area Development Ltd.	Ryan Howard, CEO	Midleton Community Enterprise Centre, Owennacurra Business Park, Knockgriffin, Midleton, Co. Cork	021-4613432	021-4613808	info@secad.ie
Cork	North Cork/ Blackwater Valley	Avondhu Blackwater Partnership LTD	Valerie Murphy	The Showgrounds, Fermoy, Co. Cork	025-33411	025-33422	info@avondhublackwater.com
Cork & Kerry	North West Cork & South East Kerry	IRD Duhallo Ltd	Maura Walsh	James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, Co. Cork	029 60633	029-60694	duhallow@eircom.net



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Cork	West Cork/Lee Valley	West Cork Development Partnership	Ian Dempsey	West Cork Technology Park, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	023 8834035	023-8834066	info@wcdp.ie
Donegal	Part Donegal	Donegal Local Development Company Ltd	Caoimhin Mc Aoidh	1 Millennium Court, Pearse Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal	0749127056	074-9121527	rdp@dldc.org
Donegal	Inishowen	Inishowen Development Partnership	Andrew Ward	Pound Street, Carndonagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal	074-9373083	074-9373084	info@inishowen.ie
Dublin	*Rural areas of counties Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Fingal LEADER Partnership Company Limited	Emer Mulligan	Fingal LEADER Partnership, Abco Kovex House, Swords Business Park, Swords Co. Dublin	01-8077680	01-8077689	emulligan@fingalleaderpartnership.ie
Galway	East of Corrib to county boundaries	Galway Rural Development Company Ltd,	Delia Colahan	Mellows Campus, Athenry, Co. Galway	091-844335	091-845465	dcolahan@grd.ie
Galway	Non-gaeltacht Connemara	FORUM Connemara Ltd.	John Coyne	Ellis Hall, Letterfrack, Connemara, Co. Galway	095-41116	095-41198	jcoyne@forum.ie

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Kerry	North and East Kerry	North & East Kerry Development	Eamonn O'Reilly	Clash, Tralee, Co. Kerry	066-7180190	066-7129562	eamonnoreilly@eircom.net
Kerry	South Kerry	South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd	John Pierce	The 'Old Barracks' Bridge Street, Cahersiveen, Co Kerry	066-9472724	066-9472725	info@skdp.net
Kildare	County of Kildare	Cill Dara ar Aghaidh Teoranta	Justin Larkin	The Woods House, Clane, Co. Kildare	045-861973	045-861975	justin@kelt.ie
Kilkenny	Rural Kilkenny (outside the Kilkenny City Borough Council area)	Kilkenny LEADER Partnership	Declan Rice (CEO) & Martin Rafter (Manager)	11 Patrick's Court, Kilkenny	056-7752111 / 056-7752811	056-7752333	info@cklp.ie
Laois	Co Laois	Laois Partnership Co	Anne Goodwin	2 Park Villas, Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057-8661900	057-8661902	llrdc@iol.ie
Leitrim	Leitrim	Leitrim Integrated Development Company	Tom Lavin, CEO	Church Street, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim	071-9641770	071-9641741	info@ldco.ie
Limerick	West Limerick	West Limerick Resources Ltd.	Shay Riordan	St. Mary's Road, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick	069-62222	069-61870	info@wlr.ie
Limerick & Co. Cork	South and East Limerick & North East Cork	Ballyhoura Development Ltd	Carmel Fox	Main St, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick	063-91300	063-91330	info@ballyhoura.org



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Louth	Dundalk	Louth Leader Partnership	John Butler C.E.O.	Partnership Court, Park Street, Dundalk	042-9330288	042-9330552	john.butler@louthleaderpartnership.ie
	Drogheda	Louth Leader Partnership	Mary Ann McGlynn LDSIP Manager	Mayoralty Street, Drogheda	041-9842088	041-9843358	mary-ann.mcglynn@louthleaderpartnership.ie
Mayo	South and West Mayo	South West Mayo Development Company	Gerry O'Neill	Carey Walsh Building, Georges Street, Newport, Co. Mayo	098-41950	098-41952	info@southmayo.com
Mayo	North & East Mayo	Mayo North East	Monica O'Malley	Lower Main St, Foxford, Co. Mayo	Foxford 094-9256745 Knock 094-9376627 Crossmolina 096-30458	094-9256749	monicaomalley@mnelc.com
Meath	Meath	Meath Community Rural & Social Development Partnership Ltd t/a Meath Partnership	Michael Ludlow	Unit 7 Ground Floor, Kells Business Park, Cavan Road, Kells, Co. Meath.	046-9252332	046-9249338	info@meathpartnership.ie

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National	Offshore islands	Comhar na nOileán	Mairéad O'Reilly	Inis Oirr, Oileáin Árann, Cuan na Gaillimhe	099-75096	099-75103	fios@oileain.ie
North Tipperary	North Tipperary	North Tipperary LEADER Partnership	Michael Murray	North Tipperary LEADER Partnership, 84 Silver Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.	067-56676	067-34088	mmurray@ntlp.ie
Offaly	Offaly	Offaly Local Development Company	Brendan O'Loughlin	Millenium House, Main Street, Tullamore, Co Offaly	057-9322850	057-9352574	info@offalyldc.ie boloughlin@offalyldc.ie etracey@offalyldc.ie
Roscommon	Roscommon	Roscommon Integrated Development Company Ltd.	Martina Earley	Castle Street, Roscommon, Co. Roscommon	090-6630252	090-6627478	carina@ridc.ie
Sligo	Sligo	Co. Sligo LEADER Partnership Company Ltd	Michael Quigley	Sligo Development Centre, Cleveragh Road, Sligo	071-9141138	071-9141162	mquigley@sligoleader.com
South Tipperary	South Tipperary	South Tipperary Development Company	John G Devane	Unit 2C, Carrigeen Business Park, Clogheen Road, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	052 - 7442652	052 - 7442724	info@stdc.ie

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Waterford	All of County Waterford excluding the Gaeltacht and Waterford City	Waterford Leader Partnership Ltd	Jimmy Taaffe	John Barry House, Lismore Business Park, Lismore, Co. Waterford	058-54646	058-54126	info@wlp.ie
Westmeath	Westmeath	Westmeath Community Development	Joe Potter	Westmeath Community Development, Zone C - Mullingar Business Park, Clonmore, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	044-9348571	044-9348441	info@westcd.ie
Wexford	County Wexford	Wexford Local Development	Ms. Valerie Jordan - Acting CEO	9 Mallin Street, Commarket, Wexford	053-9146453	053-9146456	viordan@wld.ie
Wicklow	All of County Wicklow except the Bray area	County Wicklow Partnership	Brian Kehoe	Avoca River House, 3rd Floor, Bridgewater Centre, North Quay, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.	0402-42026		bkehoe@wicklowleader.ie



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