

LEADER 2023 – 2027 County Wexford

A total of €5,462,088 LEADER grant aid is available to support construction/refurbishment projects, equipment, marketing materials, feasibility studies and training costs. Budget details and examples of projects which can be funded are outlined below.

To confirm eligibility of your community group or business proposal, please contact a member of the LEADER team. Please note that LEADER grant aid is awarded through a competitive process; application does not guarantee funding. Further information on the programme and contact details are available at www.wld.ie/leader.

Theme 1: Economic Development & Job Creation, budget to allocate: €2,574,558

Budget Allocations	Purpose of Funding	Sample Project Types
Rural Tourism & Recreation €1,152,058	That the rural tourism & creative industries sectors remain key drivers for economic growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New & expanding niche tourism businesses and creative industries. • Collaborative marketing of Co Wexford. • Promotion of unique scalable traditional arts, culture & heritage initiatives targeted at national audience level. • Promotion of sustainable regional tourism development.
Rural Food Production €572,500	That Wexford's food and beverage industry will be to the forefront of food production in Ireland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new & existing sustainable, niche food & beverage businesses.
Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprises €400,000	That the social enterprise sector achieves social, cultural, community, economic and environmental sustainability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new & existing social enterprises incl. community tourism initiatives.
The Green Economy €350,000	That the circular and bioeconomy becomes established as a core element of the economy in Co Wexford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New & expanding businesses engaged in circular & bioeconomy initiatives
Enterprise Development €100,000	That Wexford is promoted as a great destination for living, working, and conducting business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative approaches to marketing Co Wexford as a great place to live, work and do business.

Theme 2: Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion, budget to allocate: €1,710,000

Budget Allocations	Purpose of Funding	Sample Project Types
Rural Infrastructure €880,000	That rural infrastructure will be improved in Wexford, creating better places to live and work for all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit-out/refurbishment of existing community buildings, installation of modular buildings and projects which enable improved access to community activities for all. Engineers review & action plan for aging community centres. Community capacity building training.
Accessible Services €500,000	That there would be increased access to social and recreational facilities for a diverse range of rural communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of outdoor social & recreational facilities, prioritising universal design & access for all.
Optimising Digital Connectivity €100,000	That the smart village concept will be developed in the county to enable communities deliver new solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart-village training and plan development. Capital investment in new technologies enabling up to five communities to advance smart village plans.
Rural Youth €230,000	To enable rural youth to have increased access to facilities in their communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people's community leadership training. Increased access to and development of dedicated spaces for young people. Priority given to projects developed under the young people's community leadership training.

Theme 3: Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, budget to allocate: €1,177,500

Budget Allocations	Purpose of Funding	Sample Project Types
Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment €340,000	That the rural environment in Co Wexford is protected and enhanced for future generations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training & supports to promote sustainable use of water resources (water recycling, rainwater harvesting etc). Community biodiversity action plans. Biodiversity awareness training on Wexford's Natura 2000 sites. Biodiversity & environmental improvements (parks, nature corridors, community gardens).
Climate Change Capacity Building €80,000	That there is improved awareness and understanding of climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community climate action plans. Climate action technical expertise.
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation €757,500	That effective climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives are facilitated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports to reduce the carbon footprint of community buildings. Projects that enable the wider community to live more sustainable lives including opportunities identified through community smart village plans. Supports for business applicants under Theme 1; projects to mitigate environmental impact, such as the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and/or energy consumption.