

Should my community group apply for LEADER funding?

Are you a formalised community group?

This means your group has:

- a constitution, defining your purpose
- a committee with chairperson, secretary & treasurer
- a bank or credit union account



YES, your group is formalised:

Does your group have a development plan?

Does this plan include:

- Findings from a community consultation which enabled all interested members of the community to contribute to your plan.
- A summary of priorities identified from your consultation which your group will work towards for the next three to five years.
- A plan for how you are going to work to achieving these priorities.



YES, we have a plan with clearly defined priorities, identified through community consultation.

NO, your group is not formalised, we recommend you:

- sign up for our upcoming capacity building training programme for new community groups by emailing leader@wld.ie
- contact a LEADER Project Officer for guidance on formalising your group.
- contact a LEADER Project Officer to find out if your group qualifies for further support from WLD's Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP).



NO, your group does not have a community development plan:

- Contact a LEADER Project Officer for guidance on how to complete a community consultation and compile a community development plan or strategy.



Is LEADER the right grant giving programme for your group's priority projects?

To follow are the areas the Wexford LEADER Programme can offer supports with between 2024-27:

2024	2025	2026	2027
Development or expansion of outdoor recreation facilities & biodiversity projects	Community centre developments & energy efficiency works	Development or expansion of outdoor recreation facilities & biodiversity projects (budget remaining from 2024)	Community centre developments & energy efficiency works (budget remaining from 2025)
Capacity building training for new community groups (training offered by WLD free of charge)	Increased access to and development of facilities for young people	Development of smart village plans & smart village projects	Biodiversity and water saving / development projects
Capacity building training for young people & community centre / village development committees in partnership (training offered by WLD free of charge)	Natura 2000 / biodiversity awareness training	Increased access to and development of facilities for young people (budget remaining from 2025)	Wrap up funding call with applications accepted under any of the previous referenced areas where budget remains

Application accepted for the following areas at any point in the programme (budget permitting):

Climate or Biodiversity Action Plans: Applications of funding to engage an expert to produce climate and/or biodiversity action plans for your community will be accepted at any time during the programme. Please contact a LEADER Project Officer to discuss.

Social Enterprises: with an objective of creating & sustaining jobs. Grant aid capped at €45,000 (equivalent to 75% of €60,000)

Sustainable communities: projects which enable communities to live more sustainable lives e.g. community websites, bespoke training, transport sharing initiatives.

If any of the funding calls listed above align to projects in your community's development plan, please:

- Subscribe to be notified when each funding call is launched @ www.wld.ie/leader
- Contact a LEADER Project Officer to let them know your plans and what funding calls you hope to apply for. They may be able to offer guidance which will help you get ready for your application.