



South Tipperary Development CLG



### Overview

Funding is available through the LEADER Programme for community groups and social enterprises to carry out projects which will contribute to enhancing Co. Tipperary's environment. Eligible projects will address one or more of the following:

- improve our biodiversity;
- restore and develop habitats;
- improve water quality on lakes, rivers and streams, and conserve water resources;
- facilitate energy conservation and renewable energy initiatives.

**Total Budget Available: €300,000**  
**Minimum grant per project: €5,000**      **Maximum grant per project €50,000**

This is a competitive call for projects across Tipperary. Projects will be evaluated by a county wide independent evaluation committee, and the final decision on funding will be made by the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee.

### Who can apply?

Community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises are entitled to apply. Individuals, public bodies, or for-profit businesses are not eligible.

### Rates of Grant Aid available:

Type of Project	Grant aid
Capital Projects eg equipment, works etc	Up to 75%, Maximum €50,000
Analysis and Development / Audits / Feasibility Studies.	Up to 90%, Maximum €30,000
Training Projects	Up to 100%, Maximum 50,000



## Types of Projects

### Potential project areas which could be funded under this theme include:

- Development of community environmental, habitat restoration and improvement projects, leading to enhanced biodiversity on land and/or water.
- Development of Community Gardens, Allotments / Grow-it-Yourself initiatives operating on high nature value principles, with priority given to disadvantaged areas.
- Feasibility and technical studies and action plans for biodiversity, water conservation and quality on lakes and river catchments, energy conservation or renewable energy.
- Feasibility and technical studies relating to green technologies for communities and social enterprises.
- Community-based renewable energy production models, e.g., solar PV, biomass, anaerobic digestion, community wind and hydro generation and community-based district energy schemes, and support for local supply chain development, particularly for biomass and forestry residue.
- Supports for energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures in community facilities, including retrofitting, renewable energy, electric car charging points, bike racks and storage to facilitate active travel etc.
- Supports for waste reduction, upcycling, circular economy etc in communities.

However, this is not exhaustive and we welcome all project ideas that contribute to the theme.

## Application Process

**You should first complete a short Expression of Interest (EOI) form outlining your project idea.**

**The form is available on the South Tipperary Development Clg (STDC) website at**

**<https://stdc.ie/rural-development-programme-leader/>. This must be submitted by 18/12/2024**

Projects in the Municipal Districts of Cashel/Tipperary/Cahir, Carrick on Suir and Clonmel Borough District should apply to STDC, while those in the Municipal Districts of Thurles and Nenagh should apply to NTDC.

Development Officers in South Tipperary Development Clg (STDC) and North Tipperary Development Clg (NTDC) are available to advise and assist in the process.

An Expression of Interest just needs some brief information about you, your project idea, the approximate cost and how you would fund the part which is not grant aided. For example, if your project was to be grant aided at 75%, it would need to show that you could fund the other 25% (from your own resources / loan etc).

If your EOI is deemed eligible you will be invited to submit a full application with more detailed information by 28/02/2024 (indicative date). Each project differs, and we can discuss your specific requirements with you. However, in general you would need information about who is applying for funding, including accounts, tax clearance, track record, planning if required, quotations for the work in line with public procurement guidelines and any development or business plans you may have etc.

## Further information

Please contact one of the project development officers for an informal discussion. Detailed information about the LEADER programme is available on the websites below.

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