



South Tipperary
Development CLG



Call for Projects 2025

Developing the Green Economy

Overview

Funding is available through the LEADER Programme for enterprises and social enterprises to carry out projects which will contribute to developing Co. Tipperary's Green Economy and employment in the sector. Eligible projects will address one or more of the following:

- Capital investment relating to green technologies, decarbonisation, circular economy, bioeconomy and sustainable operations for enterprises and social enterprises.
- Feasibility and technical studies relating to green technologies, decarbonisation, circular economy, bioeconomy and sustainable operations for enterprises and social enterprises.
- Programmes to promote awareness and develop skills to strategically integrate green procurement, production and operations throughout Tipperary.

Total Budget Available: €370,000

Minimum grant per project: €10,000 **Maximum grant per project: €80,000**

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

Types of Projects

Potential project which could be funded under this call will do one or more of the following:

- Facilitate **decarbonisation** through energy conservation and renewable energy initiatives eg.
 - retrofitting, insulation, energy efficient equipment, etc
 - renewable energy production models, e.g., solar PV, biomass, anaerobic digestion, micro-hydro generation, and support for local supply chain development, eg for biomass and forestry residue.
- Develop the **circular economy** <https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/circular-economy/> (designing for sustainability, reducing waste, reuse and repurposing of materials etc.)
- Enhance **sustainable production** via equipment / technology upgrades etc
- Promote and enable **active travel** / decarbonisation of travel
- Support **innovation** in the green economy sector
- Enhance **biodiversity** through development of environmental, habitat restoration and improvement projects including ecotourism.

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

We refer project promoters to other resources for guidance on project development such as the Local Enterprise Office *Green for Business* programme and *Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG)* (<https://www.leotipperary.ie>) and various SEAI programmes (<http://www.seai.ie/business>), and the Environmental Protection Agency (<https://www.epa.ie>).

Rates of Grant Aid available:

Type of Project	Grant aid
Capital Projects eg equipment, works etc	Up to 75%, Maximum €80,000
Analysis and Development / Audits / Feasibility Studies.	Up to 90%, Maximum €30,000
Training Projects	Up to 100%, Maximum €80,000

Who can apply?

Enterprises and social enterprises are eligible to apply.

What is not eligible?

Public bodies and community and voluntary groups, are not eligible to apply under this call.

Enterprise projects in the following areas are not eligible for funding under the LEADER programme

- Primary Agriculture, Horticulture and Fisheries
- Conventional Retail operations (excluding community shops / farm shops / farmers markets)
- Conventional tourist accommodation
- Childcare, healthcare, housing
- Training that is part of a mainstream curriculum
- Working Capital including stock
- Operating costs e.g. Salaries, overheads etc
- Costs associated with meeting a legislative or statutory requirement

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/>, or by contacting NTDC on 067 56676. This must be submitted by 08/09/2025

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 08/12/25 (indicative date). Each project differs, and we can discuss your specific requirements with you. However, in general you would need information about your enterprise, including accounts, tax clearance, business plan, planning permission or Section V planning exemption if required, quotations for the work in line with public procurement guidelines etc.

No work can commence until formal approval is granted and a contract is signed. Any work that takes place before that cannot be grant aided. We anticipate contracts to be issued to successful projects in Q1 2026.

Further information

Please contact one of the project development officers for an informal discussion, prior to submitting your EOI. Detailed information about the LEADER programme is available on the websites below.

North Tipperary Development Company on 067-56676 www.ntdc.ie Email: lmckeogh@ntdc.ie

South Tipperary Development CLG on 052-7442652 www.stdc.ie Email: rdp@stdc.ie