

Local Authority Funding Streams for Communities

Urban Rural Community Development (URCD)

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Plenary Meeting

2nd December 2021

Urban Rural Community Development (URCD) - what we do

Community Engagement Place Programmes

- LEADER Programme & SICAP Programme
- Local Authority Funding Streams
- Environmental Awareness & Tidy Towns, Going for Gold, Team Limerick Clean up, Pride of Place
- Support Local Community Development Committee

URCD - what we do

Community Engagement Thematic Programmes

- Age Friendly, Healthy Ireland, Comhairle na nÓg, Life Long Learning Limerick,
- Integration Strategy, Intercultural Cities Programme, Africa Day, Policy and the Public Participation Network (PPN)

What we do continued..

- **URCD strategic role in** monitor and review of of various strategic plans such as Local Economic & Community Plan, Local Development Strategy (Rural), Rural Regeneration & Development Fund, SICAP Review, LEADER Programme Review
- Within Community Development Directorate some other key service areas are Tourism (**Greenway**), Culture, Arts, Libraries, Sports & Leisure Facilities, Playgrounds, Burial Grounds, Derelict Sites, Vacant Sites, Vacant Homes...

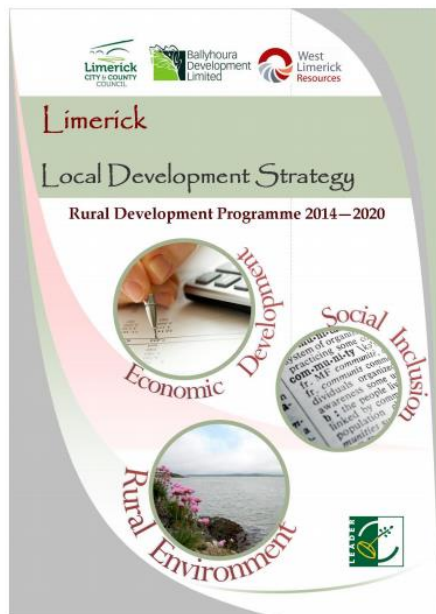


**Since 2014 approx.
over €70 million
secured in funding
for community
various projects for
Limerick**

Large Funding Streams under the LCDC/LAG

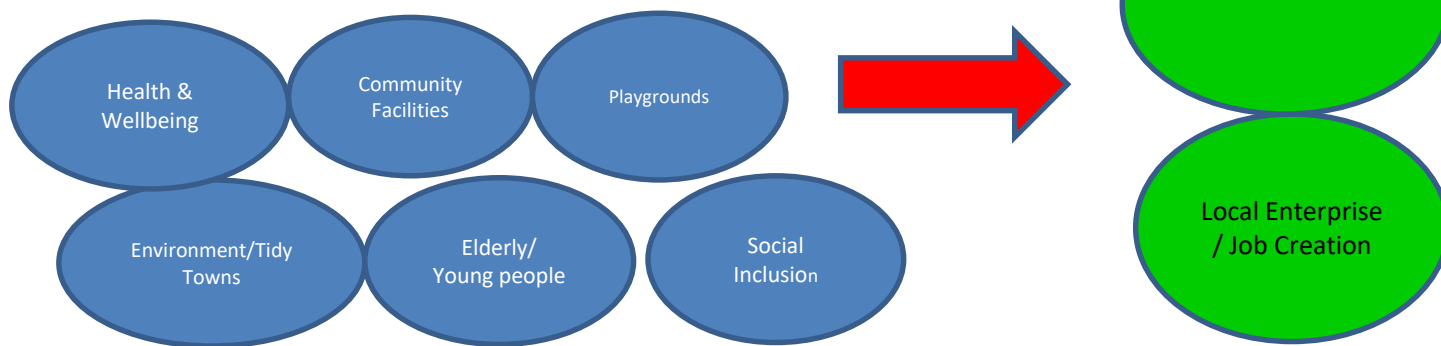
LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2023

- Delivered locally under oversight of LCDC / LEADER Local Action Group
- Aims to support Economic & Social Development of rural areas.
- Allocated on a county basis, based on population size outside main cities
- Limerick approximately €12.5 million (2014-2023)
- Ballyhoura Development & West Limerick Resources – Implementing Partners
- Local Development Strategy for Limerick for community groups under 3 themes: (1) Economic Development, Enterprise & Job Creation; (2) Social Inclusion; (3) Rural Environment



LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2023

- Local Community Development Committee/LAG
- Limerick approx €12.5 Million at present
- Also a Food & Coop Project Budget nationally of €10 mill & €15 mill



Projects funded under LEADER 2014-2023



- **Large Projects** approved €4.6 million plus
- Community Buildings & Facilities in Annacotty, Pallasgreen, Kantoher, Adare, Castleconnell, Kildimo, Shanagolden
- Community Sport & Leisure Facilities such as Playgrounds, Walkways in Murroe, Athea, Lough Gur, Dromcollogher, Hospital, Galbally
- **Medium to Small** projects approved €4.5 million plus
- Community Plans, various Feasibility Studies
- Medium to Small Capital Works
- Projects on Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development Rural Towns projects, Broadband, Rural Youth, Environment, Broadband, Basic Services Targeted at Hard to Reach Communities

Small Funding streams under the LCDC/LAG

Community Enhancement Programme, Men's Sheds, Community Activities Fund, Healthy Ireland



Athea Graveyard Committee, €1,530



Garrai Eoin Comhaltas, Musical Instruments, €2,000



Knocklong Development Association, Signage, €1,000

Local Authority Community Development Funding Streams

Funding interventions delivered by Limerick City and County Council with Department of Rural Community Development

- Urban & Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) & (URDF) €500k+ transformative projects
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2021 tackling Dereliction, Vacancy, upgrade shop fronts, investment in green spaces in town centres, night time economy €20k to €500k
- CLAR Programme is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that have experienced significant levels of de-population €5k to €50k
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme physical infrastructure that underpins sporting and recreational activities based on the use of the resources of the countryside M1, M2 & M3 €20k to €500k
- Other example of localised funding include Going for Gold - Supports communities in all their forms to participate in Tidy Towns, Social Intervention Fund, Culture & Arts Grants and Bursaries & a Paint Scheme Dereliction & Vacancy to name a few

LCDC Community Activities Fund

- €9 million fund to support community groups impacted by COVID-19 Limerick €305k
- Administered by Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
- To support groups running costs such as utility or insurance bills, as well as with improvements to their facilities.
- To be advertised in December with closing date for applications end of January 2022. To be spent by August 2022.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Limerick Overview

What is SICAP?



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development



Social Inclusion &
Community Activation
Programme

Annual Budget: €43 million (2021) &
€4 million increase in 2022 budget

Funders: DRCD & European Social
Fund (PEIL Operational Programme)

Minister: Heather Humphreys / Joe
O'Brien

Programme Aim

- To reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality in Ireland through supporting communities and individuals using community development approaches, engagement and collaboration

Delivery:

- Tender & contract - LCDCs
 - 33 LCDCs, 45 Local Development Companies, 50 “Lots” (areas) across the state
- SICAP – extended to 2023
- Limerick – 3 “Lots” - **€2.39** million
 - Limerick East Rural – Ballyhoura Development - **€483,323**
 - Limerick Urban – PAUL Partnership - **€1,340,137**
 - Limerick West Rural – West Limerick Resources - **€566,204**

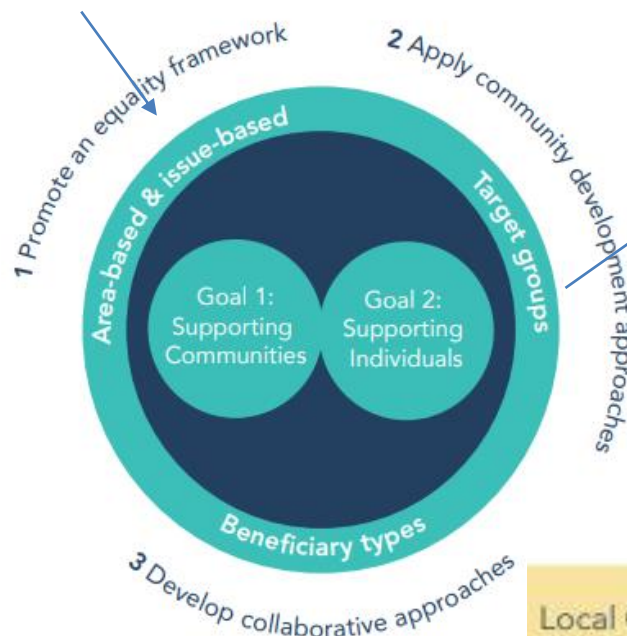
Limerick West Rural 21-1: Pop. 51,701, HP/Pobal Deprivation Score -1.66
Limerick Urban 21-2 : Pop. 93,489, HP/Pobal Deprivation Score -1.24
Limerick East Rural 21-3: Pop. 49,709; HP/Pobal Deprivation Score -1.07

Delivery Arrangements in Limerick

- Limerick East Rural (21-3) – Ballyhoura Development
- Limerick Urban (21-2) PAUL Partnership & Consortium partners (9):
 - Limerick City CDP, Moyross CEC, St. Munchin's CEC, Limerick Island Community Partners, Learning Hub Limerick, Our Lady of Lourdes CSG, Southill Hub, Garryowen CDP, Tait House
- Limerick West Rural (21-1) – West Limerick Resources
 - Hubs in 4 West Limerick towns- Askeaton, Abbeyfeale, Rathkeale & Newcastlewest
- Connection to other programmes:
 - LEADER - East & West
 - Regeneration (SIF) – Urban
- Key collaborating partners:
 - DSP (referrals, BTWEA, CE/Tús/ RSS, operation of LES)
 - LCCC – community grant programmes ...
 - LCETB (LLL, QQI, skills training)
 - Tusla (Children & families, family support, preventive actions)
 - HSE (health & well-being, Traveller health, youth mental health, drugs misuse, food & nutrition, older people)
 - Department of Justice (migrants / DP, others)
 - LEO (social enterprise, self-employment)

Goals, Objectives, Target Groups & Beneficiaries

Horizontal themes (3)



Disadvantaged Children and Families	People living in Disadvantaged Communities
Disadvantaged Young People (aged 15 – 24)	People with Disabilities
Disadvantaged Women	Roma
Emerging Needs Group	Travellers
Lone Parents	The Disengaged from the Labour Market (Economically Inactive)
Low Income Workers/ Households	The Unemployed
New Communities	

Local Community Groups	Children and Families
Social Enterprises	Non-Caseload Individuals
Individual Beneficiaries	PI Collaborations

+
Emerging
needs group
(LCDC)

Priority groups 2002-23

1. New Communities / Direct Provision
2. Mental Health (youth)
3. Long-Term Unemployed
4. Travellers /Roma
5. Older People and isolation

Goal 1: Supporting Local Community Groups

- KPI 1: No. LCGs supported, with Support Plan
 1. Community engagement, outreach
 2. Build capacity – plans, grant applications, organisation, legal, governance, HR
 3. Participation in decision-making
 4. Collaborative engagement
 5. Social enterprises – disadvantage & local development

Progression along a matrix of community development

Goal 2: Engagement with individuals

- KP1 2: No. individuals on one-to-one basis - Personal Action Plan; min. % in disadvantaged areas & non-caseload activities
 1. Personal development & well-being
 2. Life long learning
 3. Preparation for employment & to remain in work
 4. Better quality & sustainable employment
 5. Pathway to self-employment & social enterprise
 6. Addressing barriers & gaps in LLL & employment (collaborations)
 7. Preventive supports for children & young people (non-caseload)

What does SICAP do?

- Delivery “on the ground” – SICAP frontline workers, community base / outreach
- Services: individuals, community groups, children & families
- Grants - **max 7.5% total action budget**
 - Local groups (€2,500 max – increase due to COVID)
 - Social Enterprises (€2,500),
 - Individuals (€500)
- Collaboration – leverage – access to programmes (a gateway programme) – allows other programmes to happen or supports them:
 - Examples: Limerick Food Partnership, Learning Limerick, Integration Working Group – COVID Response
- SI infrastructure – team – local knowledge, expertise, experience, networks, hubs...

Challenges & issues

- Changing context of programme delivery - needs
- Changes in how other services are delivered – Public Employment Services (LES, Private operators)
- Changes in eligibility criteria for programmes (CE, Tús, RSS)
- New initiatives – e.g., health & well-being, health inequalities
- New issues & new areas of work
 - Mental health, complex needs, digital exclusion, food poverty, fuel poverty, new target groups
- COVID situation & need for rapid adaptation
 - Local Response Plans prepared by LDCs
 - Regular Updates (Pobal)
- Visibility of SICAP
- Programme resources (€)
- Concentrated v. dispersed disadvantaged
- Long-standing barriers – transport, isolation ... knowledge of services
- Programme rules
 - Flexibility (greater now)
 - Budget structure, KPIs, recording & admin burden
- Remote working, online delivery & digital exclusion (reaching people)
- Re-opening community centres / revenue loss / retention/ volunteers
- Regression – disadvantaged groups, community groups during COVID
- Local development programme transitions (LEADER, Regeneration)

THANK YOU