

2023 TO 2027 LEADER PROGRAMME

LIMERICK TARGETED CALL 2025

KEY DATES

Call Opening:	Friday 5th June 2026
Deadline for Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI):	Monday 17 th August 2026
Deadline for Submission of Full Application:	Monday 30 th November 2026

It is estimated that the outcome of the call will be announced early Spring 2027.

OVERVIEW

LEADER operates a two-step application process.

- Step 1 - Expression of Interest (EOI) – this is used to determine project eligibility in principle. Those successful at EOI stage will be eligible to submit a full application.
- Step 2 - Application Submission - the application will be subject to an independent evaluation prior to submission to Local Action Group (LAG) for final decision. Full application guidelines are contained in West Limerick Resources Application Handbook available on request.

The purpose of targeted calls for EOIs, and the subsequent application, is to allow Local Action Groups (LAGs) to target funding at areas where it can deliver the most value, and where a comparative assessment is considered appropriate.

CALL THEMES AND BUDGET

Priority	Available Budget
Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Water Resources	€200,000

It is essential to support communities to responsibly utilise the natural resources within their local area, including water and biodiversity, while creating a greater environmental awareness and improving environmental protection through targeted action.

The following is an indicative list of the types of projects which may be funded under this call.

- ▶ Protection and sustainable use of water resources
 - ▶ Water conservation initiatives
 - ▶ Plans and feasibility studies
 - ▶ Water recycling schemes
 - ▶ Riparian Management
 - ▶ Invasive species control
 - ▶ Catchment Management Initiatives
 - ▶ Nature Based Solutions (e.g. Installing rain gardens, wetlands, and swales to slow water flow, reduce flood risks, and filter contaminants from runoff before it enters streams)
- ▶ Protection and improvement of local biodiversity
 - ▶ Feasibility studies and action

- ▶ Biodiversity and environmental improvements,
- ▶ Upgrading of parks and river walks
- ▶ Establishment of nature corridors
- ▶ Habitat creation and restoration
- ▶ Species protection (e.g. nest boxes)
- ▶ Invasive species control
- ▶ Citizen Science projects
- ▶ Pollinator Projects
- ▶ Planting of native species.

LEVELS OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

The rate of grant aid is governed by the type of applicant and will be based on eligible costs specific to the project.

- Capital: 75% of costs to a maximum €200,000
- Analysis and Development: 90% of costs to a maximum €30,000
- Training: 100% of costs to a maximum €200,000

For further details see the accompanying EOI and Application handbooks.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

An Independent LEADER Evaluation Committee will evaluate all projects based on objective criteria as detailed in the Application Handbook. A project must score a minimum of 65% of the total marks to be recommended for approval to the LAG. Projects submitted under this targeted call will be evaluated against other projects seeking funding under the same call and ranked in order of highest to lowest as per the scoring record and funding distributed according to this ranking.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Where applicable, full planning permission (Notification of Grant of Permission) and procurement must be in place at time of application deadline (30th November 2026).
- Project activity undertaken or commenced, or the purchase of goods or services engaged by the project applicant prior to the date of contract signing, shall not be eligible for LEADER funding.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further details on the LEADER EOI and Application process, see the accompanying EOI and Application Handbooks available on request. EOI Handbook and form are available to download from www.wlr.ie.

CONTACTS

Expression of Interest Forms are available online at www.wlr.ie. To arrange a meeting to discuss your project or to request an Expression of Interest form, please contact one of the following:

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