



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council

Town Centre First - Suite of Supports 2024

Project Development Measure up to €50,000 - Terms and conditions

Measure 3 - Project Development Measure (PDM):

Applications to this measure should be submitted on the 'Measure 3 – PDM Application Form'.

Local authorities may submit up to two PDM applications.

Each project application should provide full detail on the project, including general, financial, planning, timelines for completion and additionality to the region.

Only proposals that are capable of being delivered within a 12-18 month timeframe should be submitted.

Local authorities are required to advertise for expressions of interest from towns/villages in their area for the Project Development Measure. Local authorities must provide an overview sheet and copies of all expression of interest forms received by the local authority under this measure.

The development of these proposals must be undertaken in consultation with the appointed TRO and the local town/village community and business interests. Full involvement by community interests and/or business interests will be an essential feature of successful projects. Ideally, projects will have been identified as part of a town plan, health check or similar study, produced for the town or village. Projects that cannot demonstrate that a consultative process has been undertaken to ascertain the views of local community and businesses will not be permitted.

The selection of PDM projects will be by means of a competitive process. When selecting the successful projects, in line with the Public Spending Code, the Department will give consideration to the past performance of the local authority in delivering previous projects under the scheme. Final project selection will be made by the Department on the basis of proposals submitted by the local authorities.

The assessment and approval of all projects will have regard to a number of factors including: alignment with Our Rural Future; TCF plan; the statutory development planning system; additional Department priorities; available funding; the range, mix, quality and impact of proposed projects; past project delivery performance of local authorities; previous funding provided and all other relevant considerations.

The Department will give particular consideration to project proposals in a TCF plan that are supported by relevant development objectives in any local area plan or development plan of the local authority. Additional marks as part of the competitive assessment process will be available for applications that demonstrates evidence of this.

Projects that include nature based solutions or contain a strong sustainability focus will be given additional examination and may be considered more favourably. A focus on accessibility for all and inclusivity should be to the fore when developing project proposals for the community.

Completed project applications must be submitted to the Department by the COB **Monday 8th April 2024**

Funding conditions

The maximum funding amount available is €50,000 per project with a grant rate of 90% of the total project costs.

Grant drawdown will be based on vouched expenditure. Commitments for future spend will not be accepted by the Department. Upon submitting a drawdown request the following conditions must have been met:

Evidence of all costs incurred in respect of completing the PDM, and a Case Study report on the completed project.

Applications must be submitted by 08/04/2024. Projects must be fully completed and drawdown submitted to the Department within the 12-18 month completion timeframe. Final deadline date will be notified to LAs on announcement of successful projects.

Additional Terms and Conditions are included in the Scheme outline issued by the DRCD.

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