



# Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020



## CAVAN LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP Cavan County Council Breffni Integrated CLG

Cavan LEADER lag is an initiative of County Cavan Local and Community Development Committee (LCDC) in partnership with Breffni Integrated CLG and Cavan County Council, funded through Ireland's Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and governed by the Department of Rural and Community Development inline with the EU Programme Operating Rules.

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# GRANT AID

- €8,522,285.84 has been allocated to County Cavan for LEADER 2014-2020.
- Rates of aid for commercial type projects is up to 50% to a maximum of €200k.
- Rates of aid for community type projects is up to 75% to a maximum of €200k (under the sub-theme Basic Services for hard to reach communities a community rate of up to 90% may be available).
- Analysis and Development rates of aid are up to 75% Private and 90% Community to a maximum of €30k.
- Rates of aid for Training is up to 100% to a maximum of €200k.

## What is Eligible?

Actions which link to the **LEADER themes** AND which are included in the Local Development Strategy for County Cavan will be eligible for consideration for funding.

## Eligible LEADER THEMES & Sub-Themes

### Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development, and Job Creation

#### 1.1 Rural Tourism

<b>Strategic Action 1.1.1:</b>	Sustainable development of new & existing outdoor/indoor recreation/leisure tourism.
<b>Strategic Action 1.1.2:</b>	Heritage site preservation renovation & support for events with a tourism/cultural/heritage focus
<b>Strategic Action 1.1.3:</b>	Support for specialised tourism initiatives including capital, marketing and equipment.
<b>Strategic Action 1.1.4:</b>	Support the development of new and existing angling facilities (including marketing, fishing festivals and branding.)
<b>Strategic Action 1.1.5:</b>	Support for sustainable tourism accommodation units & facilities.
<b>Strategic Action 1.1.6:</b>	Tourism training initiatives in: ICT, marketing, financial management, E-commerce, tour guides & gillies.

## 1.2 Enterprise Development

<b>Strategic Action 1.2.1:</b>	Capital, marketing and A&D support for start-up or existing enterprise including the purchase of equipment.
<b>Strategic Action 1.2.2:</b>	Provision of Enterprise Space for Business Development.
<b>Strategic Action 1.2.3:</b>	Support for relevant training initiatives in relation to enterprise.

## 1.3 Rural Towns

<b>Strategic Action 1.3.1:</b>	To support the enhancement and sustainable renewal of towns in the County
<b>Strategic Action 1.3.2:</b>	Address training needs for communities specific to Rural Towns.
<b>Strategic Action 1.3.3:</b>	Capital, marketing and analysis and development support for recreational facilities and the purchase of equipment.
<b>Strategic Action 1.3.4:</b>	Development & promotion of unique social events, festivals & activities in rural towns.

## 1.4 Broadband

<b>Strategic Action 1.4.1:</b>	Support for access to reliable and high-speed broadband.
<b>Strategic Action 1.4.2:</b>	Support training programmes in ICT

## Theme 2: Social Inclusion

### 2.1 Provision of basic services targeted at hard to reach communities

<b>Strategic Action 2.1.1:</b>	Construction and upgrading of new and existing community, sporting & recreational facilities.
<b>Strategic Action 2.1.2:</b>	Training initiatives to help remove barriers for those in hard to reach communities.
<b>Strategic Action 2.1.3:</b>	Transport and Access.
<b>Strategic Action 2.1.4:</b>	Rural Services.

### 2.2 Rural Youth

<b>Strategic Action 2.2.1:</b>	Support new & existing community youth sports & recreation facilities including the purchase of new equipment.
<b>Strategic Action 2.2.2:</b>	Youth specific training programmes.
<b>Strategic Action 2.2.3:</b>	Youth Development Initiatives.

## Theme 3: Rural Environment

### 3.1 Protection and sustainable use of water resources

<b>Strategic Action 3.1.1:</b>	Rain water harvesting projects.
<b>Strategic Action 3.1.2:</b>	Water Source Protection Projects.
<b>Strategic Action 3.1.3:</b>	Training in water resource conservation and protection.

### 3.2 Protection and improvement of local biodiversity

<b>Strategic Action 3.2.1:</b>	Support for the creation of biodiversity projects.
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<b>Strategic Action 3.2.2:</b>	Protection and enhancement of natural habitats.
<b>Strategic Action 3.2.3:</b>	Support the development of bio-diversity training initiatives.

### 3.3 Development of renewable energy

<b>Strategic Action 3.3.1:</b>	Support for renewable energy projects.
<b>Strategic Action 3.3.2:</b>	Training in energy awareness and alternative energy methods.

## Expression of Interest Form (EOI)

- The first stage in the LEADER Application Process.
- The EOI is to determine if your proposed project is eligible under the LEADER Operating Rules of Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and complies with the Cavan Local Development Strategy.
- An EOI form is required for each project enquiry.
- EOI Forms must be completed in full, non-compliance may result in delays.
- EOI forms are NOT an Application for funding.

## Ineligible Sectors & Activities (Grant Aid **shall not** be awarded in respect of the following areas):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisheries;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conventional retail operations (excluding community based shops and farm shops selling locally produced produce)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses of instruction or training which form part of the normal education programmes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working capital (including stock)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance for project promoters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horticulture (including bee-keeping)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payments for gifts, donations or personal entertainments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory fines and penalties, criminal fines and damages</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal expenses in respect of litigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs associated with meeting a legislative or statutory requirement</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning application fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reclaimable VAT</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements/refurbishment of private residential property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that already have other EU funding either directly or through a national programme</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conventional motor vehicles, including cars, industrial/farm/construction vehicles, vans and buses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General maintenance works of public bodies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race and sport horse industries (with the exception of ancillary activities for the provision of services to those industries)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greyhound Industry</li> </ul>