

LEADER/Rural Development Programme

- ◆ Part of the Common Agricultural Policy – high level themes and subthemes
- ◆ Combination of EU and State funding
- ◆ Tipperary Local Community Development Committee in partnership with South Tipperary Development Co (STDC) and NTDC were invited to develop a strategy to identify needs and priorities
- ◆ That's the focus of this morning's session

Total Budget – LEADER RDP 2023-2027 County Tipperary

€ 7,800,000

Community Led Approach to how
to deliver in Tipperary

LDS Themes/Sub-themes

Economic Development & Job Creation

Sub Themes:

The Green Economy

Agricultural
Diversification

Rural Tourism &
Recreation

Enterprise Development

Rural Food Production

Social Community &
Cooperative Enterprises

Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion

Sub Themes:

Rural Infrastructure

Accessible Services

Optimising Digital
Connectivity

Rural Youth

Sustainable Development Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption

Sub Themes:

Sustainable
Development of Rural
Environment

Climate Change Capacity
Building

Climate change
Mitigation & Adaption

Economic Development and Job Creation

- ◆ **The Green Economy** – potential for rural areas to develop its bio and circular economies
- ◆ **Agricultural Diversification** – entrepreneurial opportunities for farmers and farm families e.g. farm shops, recreational activities
- ◆ **Rural Tourism & Recreation** – including outdoor rural recreation, cultural and heritage initiatives, festivals etc
- ◆ **Enterprise Development** – supports to businesses and individuals looking to develop rural enterprises
- ◆ **Rural Food Production** – investment in artisan and micro, small and medium food producers
- ◆ **Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprises** – important part of local economies in rural areas filling gaps in markets that are not attractive to commercially focused companies

Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion

- ❖ **Rural Infrastructure** – Measures to develop and/or enhance infrastructures, in order to provide an opportunity for more people to live and work in their rural communities.
- ❖ **Accessible Services** – Improve access to services for rural dwellers and increase social inclusion for people living in remote areas and groups who are at risk of social inclusion ie. hard to reach and new communities.
- ❖ **Optimising Digital Connectivity** – Supporting the development of digital skills and digital literacy is essential to enable rural dwellers to maximise the benefits of digitalisation.
- ❖ **Rural Youth:** Gaps exists in the diversity of activities available in rural areas for young people outside of sport – need to encourage rural youth participation in issues that affect their daily lives.

Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigations and Adaptions

- ◆ **Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment** – Support to encourage protection and sustainable use of water resources, protection and improvement of local biodiversity and development of renewable energy.
- ◆ **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption** – Providing support that encourages and complements climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives.
- ◆ **Climate Change Capacity Building** – Create greater awareness and engagement around climate change and foster the development of a greater range of local responses to climate change.

Grants available under LEADER:

- **Capital Grants** (e.g. for construction and equipment)
- **Analysis & Development Grants** (Feasibility studies / community plans)
- **Training Grants**



What is NOT Eligible under LEADER:

- ❑ Primary Agriculture, Horticulture & Fisheries
- ❑ Housing, Healthcare & Education
- ❑ Conventional Retail Operations
- ❑ Running costs / working capital
- ❑ Conventional Motor Vehicles (inc. Farm/Industrial/Construction
- ❑ Improvements/Refurbishments to Private Residential Property
- ❑ Supports for Mainstream Activities of Sporting Organisations



Next
steps –
sharing
ideas
