



Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020

Theme: Rural Environment

LEADER closed call for Sub Theme 3:

Development of Renewable Energy

Introduction:

Mayo Local Action Group for LEADER invites Expression of Interest (EOI) under Local Objective 9 of the Local Development Strategy to support the Development of Renewable Energy Projects in County Mayo.

The sub-theme focuses on investment initiatives/technologies which mitigate against the impact of climate change, reduce carbon emissions and enhance local energy independence.

It also recognises the need to promote the use of micro renewables such as solar thermal, photovoltaic, heat pumps and storage systems.

Overall budget:

€231,649

What can be funded?

- Support for installation of Solar Thermal, Solar Electric (Photovoltaic), and Heat Pumps in community buildings and enterprises.
- Support for **Feasibility Studies** in relation to renewable energy technologies for community buildings and enterprises.
- **Energy Audits** for community groups and enterprises.

What can't be funded?

- Projects with other sources of available funding, such as SEAI.
- Work that falls under the remit of Mayo County Council.

Who can be funded?

- Community and Voluntary Groups.
- Eligible Businesses (≤ 20 employees and $\leq \text{€}4$ million annual turnover).

Levels of funding:

Application Type	Applicant Type	Grant Rate	Maximum Funding
Capital Investment (Mainland Based)	Private Business	50%	€20,000
	Community/Voluntary Organisation	75%	€20,000
Capital Investment (Island Based)	Island Business	50%	€22,000
	Island Community/Voluntary Organisation	75%	€22,000
Energy Audit	Private Business	75%	€5,000
	Community/Voluntary Organisation	90%	€5,000
Feasibility Study	Private Business	75%	€15,000
	Community/Voluntary Organisation	90%	€15,000

Application process: There is a two stage process:

Stage 1: Complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form to find out if your proposal meets the objectives of County Mayo's Local Development Strategy and complies with the LEADER programme guidelines.

Stage 2: EOIs that are successful at Stage 1 will be invited to submit a full application with the required supporting documents. Invitation to application stage does not mean that you will be awarded grant aid as this is a competitive process with limited funding.

Proposed timeline: **EOI Stage 1** The call opens on **Thursday, 1st November 2018**
You must submit your EOI on or before **Friday, 30th November 2018**

If you submit an EOI, you will get a letter or an email with details of the outcome of your EOI.

Application Stage 2

If you are successful at Stage 1, you must submit your application form and all supporting documents on or before **Thursday, 28th February 2019**.

How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be scored on the following criteria:

Assessment Criteria		Weighting
1	Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	20
2	Promoter Capacity	10
3	Financial Viability/Sustainability	15
4	Need and requirement for project	15
5	Innovative, environment and & climate change elements	10
6	Social/Cultural/Economic/ Environmental Impacts	20
7	Priority Area/Area of Disadvantage	10
Total Score		100

Who do I contact?

If you are interested in applying for this funding, we strongly encourage you to contact your local LEADER Implementing or Animating Partner to have an informal chat about your project. However, this is optional and you can submit an Expression of Interest without contacting us first.

Contact Details:

Company Name	Email	Phone
South West Mayo Development Company	info@southmayo.com	098 419 50
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