



Comhairle Cathrach  
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**Limerick** City  
& County Council

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**To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

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**Re: Disbursement of Council Rural Development Fund.**

In the 2014 Budget the elected members made provision for €2.3 million to support the rural communities of County Limerick. The decision was made at a time when the allocation for the EU Leader Programme 2014-2020 had been significantly reduced for Limerick and the elected members demonstrated their commitment to rural Limerick by this budgetary provision. It was also at a time when the Local Authority was developing stronger working relationships with both West Limerick Resources and Ballyhoura Development Ltd.

This commitment would lead to more balanced approach to supporting rural communities in Limerick and would lend to the development of a more coordinated and strategic approach to support rural communities in various strategic projects such as town and village renewal, removal of dereliction, rural tourism including Greenways.

This approach also meets the requirements of the Limerick Local Development Strategy (Rural Development Strategy) and the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP).

In 2017 the elected members were presented with, and approved the criteria for the disbursement of this fund. This included a 25% allocation to the two Local Development Companies who will support the communities and the Council in the delivery of various projects across the County. It was also to focus on more strategic projects and to be used to leverage funding from other funding streams.

At a Council Workshop held on the 27 June 2018 the members present were informed of projects in the County that had been identified for this funding. The identified projects were circulated to all elected members on the 28 June 2018 and I now attach these for your information.

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**Patricia Liddy**  
Acting Director of Services

**Rural Projects being funded under the Council Rural Development Fund**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding (€)</b>	<b>Project Type</b>
Limerick to Montepellier Greenway	200,000	Greenway Development
Patrickswell Village Renewal	200,000	Village Renewal
Lough Gur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solstice Garden</li> <li>• Bouchiers Castle</li> </ul>	131,000	Tourism Projects
Stone Mansion, Kilmallock	331,625	Refurbishment of stone mansion.
Askeaton Pool and Leisure	92,736	Essential Improvement Works
Askeaton Urban Renewal	200,000	Village Renewal
Great Southern Trail	400,000	Barnagh Tunnel Project/ Greenway Development
Athletics Track , Newcastle West	200,000	Regional Athletics Track