

Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014-2020

Open for Applications

The Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014-2020 aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of the rural economy.

Limerick Local and Community Development Committee (LCDC) is the Local Action Group (LAG) for County Limerick and is responsible for the management of the LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) in the county. Ballyhoura Development and West Limerick Resources are its implementation partners and will deliver the majority of project and animation related actions associated with the implementation of the LDS including managing calls for proposals. Limerick City and County Council are the financial partner and secretariat.

The RDP 2014-2020 will operate on the basis of two types of Calls:

- **Targeted Calls for EOIs:** Funding is targeted where it most delivers value, is awarded based on comparative assessment and secures equal opportunities for potential applicants.
- **Rolling Calls for EOIs:** Funding awarded on a “first come, first served” basis.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) is the first step of this two-step LEADER application process. Only those projects that successfully complete Stage 1 Expression of Interest will be allowed to proceed to Stage 2 Full Application.

For further information on the programme and the calls now open see:

<http://www.ballyhouradevelopment.com/leader-programme>

or

<http://www.wlr.ie/rural-development-leader-programme-2014-2/>