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Sent: 26 November 2018 00:00
To: Freedom of Information Request
Subject: FOI / AIE request on "Ross finds extra funding for Waterford Greenway"

FOI Unit Use
Reference: FOI2018258
Received: 26.11.2018
For AIE Request see AIE2018012

Hello,

I'm requesting the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, and under the Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) regulations, S.I. No. 133 of 2007:

On Friday 09 November 2018 the Department of Transport issued a press released titled "Ross finds extra funding for Waterford Greenway".

- (1) Any records which outlines the following:
- (a) how much funding was found
 - (b) where this funding was found, and
 - (c) on what exactly was the funding spent on

Please note: As per the High Court ruling, *Westwood Club -v- Information Commissioner & anor* [2014] IEHC 375 (15 July 2014), if you are planning on refusing this request you must give reasoning why you are doing so. Copying the exemptions listed in act does not amount of giving your reasoning – you must explain how your refusal is covered by one or more of the listed exemptions in the act.

It is my preference that the request is fulfilled by email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to clarify any aspect of this request.

Regards,

Cian Ginty

Waterford Greenway

2018 Funding Application



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council



Project Title: Waterford Greenway

Document Title: Funding Application 2018

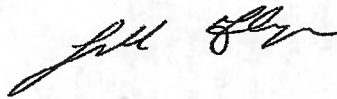
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INTRODUCTION

The Waterford Greenway opened on the 26th March 2017. The greenway is a 46km off road cycling and walking trail along the old railway line between Dungarvan and Waterford City.

The following statistics have been established from a survey commissioned by Waterford City and County Council in 2017 and demonstrate the success of the scheme.

Headline statistics:

- 94% of those surveyed said their overall perception of the Greenway was excellent or good
- 78% rated safety as excellent or good
- 66% rated the conduct of other users as excellent or good
- 68% of people said that the Waterford Greenway was the main motivator for their trip to Waterford.
- 80% of visitors from outside Waterford were in paid accommodation and 45% who stayed overnight, stayed in Dungarvan
- 35% of visitors stayed one night; 32% two nights; 12% three nights and 17% four or more nights
- Of those who were in paid accommodation, 41% stayed in hotels and their average spend on accommodation was €109.50 per night
- 49% of those surveyed were on foot; 51% were cyclists
- It was a first ever visit for 26% surveyed; 15% use it daily 27% use it weekly and 16% use it monthly
- Asked what they liked most about the Greenway, 70% liked the scenery and nature along the route; 51% liked being away from traffic; 36% said it was peaceful and quiet; 21% were interested in its features, i.e. tunnels etc; 18% said the friendliness of the people was its best quality
- 41% of those surveyed said they could think of nothing they disliked

(Source: AECOM Waterford Greenway Intercept Survey November 2017)

Waterford City and County Council have invested approximately €20m into the project to date. The Waterford Greenway is currently used as a pilot scheme for other authorities in the developmental stages of delivering greenways. We have hosted visits and consultations with Kerry, Cork, Sligo, Kilkenny, Wexford, Westmeath local authorities and consultations with the TII to assist and share our experience.

The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport have contributed the following during the construction of the project:

DTTS Waterford Greenway Funding to Date	
Schemes	Amount
Clonea to Durrow NCN Funding Scheme 2014-2016	€897,739
Kilmeaden to Bilberry Stimulus Funding 2014-2015	€1,100,000
<i>National Cycle Network (NCN) funding programme 2017-2018</i>	€1,600,000
Total	€3,597,739.00
DTTS Waterford Greenway Funding Requested 2018	
WCCC Funding Request 2018	€1,455,000.00

Following our claim of €1.6m in 2017-2018 we have accrued an additional €850k on agresso due to contractual commitments with landowners and contractors. We have an additional €600k committed to close out the construction phase of the Greenway.

The funding required will contribute to works completed as part of the Waterford Greenway project and in particular will cover the committed funds on the following items:

Description	% of Funding
Retentions for construction contracts that were substantially complete in late 2016 or 2017	34%
Accommodation works that were agreed during the construction phase	21%
Bricks fell from the roof of the Ballyvoyle tunnel in December 2017, crash decks were installed to allow the continued use of the Tunnel following a brief closure and repair works are to be carried out this summer.	4%
Professional Fees required for land acquisition and landowner representation, Aecom Survey	5%
Bilberry Road Improvements	3%
Plant Hire and Contract Works	13%
Carparking	8%
Waymarking	9%
Surfacing	3%
Total	€1,455,000

Appendix A gives a breakdown of the expenditure required to close out the contractual commitments agreed during the construction of the Waterford Greenway.

CONCLUSION

The Waterford Greenway has transformed the county of Waterford for visitors and locals and contributes to the health of the nation.

The development of the Greenway is in line with the objectives of Waterford City and County Council and the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

Waterford City and County Council request additional funding of €1,455,000.00 for the Waterford Greenway Project.

APPENDIX A

Summary of Claim

2018 Funding Application

Fencing	Actual
Parapets at Railway Bridges	€10,782.50
Safety Fencing on High embankments & Accommodation Works	€39,629.49
Sleepers	€4,752.72
Tea Pot Lane Privacy Fencing	€25,000.00
P Cronin Accommodation Works	€15,000.00
Red Chicane gates from Clonea to Dungarvan Town Centre	€21,610.40
Miscellaneous Accommodation Works	€4,835.89
Rainbow Hall link	€5,675.00
Total	€127,286.00
Accommodation Works	
Electric gates as part of Arbitration	€14,407.98
Hassets	€38,620.35
Boundary Wall Dunnes	€27,876.87
Landscaping	€7,027.45
P Casey	€10,000.00
Boundary Walls to railway Cottages	€77,756.01
Total	€175,688.66
Way Marking	
Installation of Emergency Access Numbers every 100m	€18,841.00
Promotion	€4,992.85
Signage & Lining	
Miscellaneous Warning & Information Signage	€25,186.00
Lining at all Public Crossings following application of contrast colour	€16,494.51
Signage for Code of Conduct	€60,000.00
Total	€125,514.36
Bilberry Road	
Traffic Lights	€40,367.43
Raising Ironworks following surfacing of greenway path	€6,995.01
Total	€47,362.44

Retention	
Retention & Final Account For Stephen Byrne Plant Hire - Installed boardwalk and steel bridges on Kilmeaden to Bilberry Section	€185,168.54
Roadstone Pavement Contracts	€50,635.92
SIAC - Supply and Installation of N25 Bridge	€41,094.14
Jons - Supply and Installation of N25 Underpasses.	€211,026.32
Total	€487,924.92
Plant Hire & Contract Works	
Gold Coast Road Crossing	€38,920.29
Plant Hire works to regrade verges following surfacing & Accommodation Works	€105,835.86
Infill Railway Line for Emergency access	€18,568.89
Install Ducting for pedestrian Crossing	€8,626.00
Plant hire works from construction phase paid late 2017	€17,940.47
Total	€189,891.51
Greenway Surfacing	
Plant Hire - Buff Coloured surfacing at Crossings	€30,772.00
Supply of Buff coloured chips	€4,559.00
Materials -Bitumen, PPE	€9,956.28
Total	€45,287.28
Bally Voyle Tunnel	
Trial of Improved lighting in Ballyvoyle Tunnel	€681.00
Crash Decks to reopen after brick fall in Dec 2017	€20,071.23
Repair works to Ballyvoyle Tunnel	€20,000.00
Investigative Work	€15,000.00
Total	€55,752.23
Carparks	
Acquisition of Mount Congreve Carpark	€33,221.68
Surfacing	€80,000.00
Signage	€5,000.00
Total	€118,221.68
Professional Services	
Legal Fees	€7,615.25
Aecom Survey	€19,121.58
Consultants Fees, PSDP, Design, Assessments	€32,685.48
Landowners Engineers & Valuers	€7,380.00
Survey	€615.00
Other Professional Services	€3,770.58
Archaeological testing and reporting for the National Monument Kilmeden to Bilberry	€10,883.04
Total	€82,070.93
Total Inc VAT	€1,455,000.00

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Waterford Greenway

The total amount requested in the application is €1,455,000

€127,286 has been requested to cover Fencing

Highest cost within this is 'Safety Fencing on High embankments & Accommodation works' at **€39,629.49**

€175,688.66 has been requested to cover Accommodation Works

Highest cost within this is 'Boundary Walls to railway Cottages' at **€77,756.01**

€125,514.36 has been requested for Way Marking

Highest cost within this is 'Signage for Code of Conduct' at **€60,000**

€47,367.43 has been requested for works at Bilberry Road

These include Traffic Lights (**€40,367.43**) and Raising ironworks following surfacing of greenway path (**€6,995.01**)

€487,924 has been requested to cover Retention

The highest costs are 'Retention & Final Account for Stephen Byrne Plant Hire – Installed boardwalk and steel bridges on Kilmeaden to Bilberry Section' (**€185,168.54**) and 'Jons – Supply and Installation of N25 Underpasses' (**€211,026.32**)

€189,891.51 has been requested for Plant Hire & Contract Works

Highest cost is 'Plant Hire works to regrade verges following surfacing & Accommodation works' (**€105,835.86**)

€45,287.28 has been requested for Greenway Surfacing

Highest cost is 'Plant Hire – Buff Coloured surfacing at Crossing' (**€30,772**)

€55,752.23 has been requested for the Bally Voyle Tunnel

€118,221.68 has been requested for Carparks

Highest cost is Surfacing at **€80,000**

€82,070.93 has been requested for Professional Services

Highest cost is 'Consultants Fees, PSDP, Design, Assessments' at **€32,685.48**



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Tourism and Sport

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Submitted By	O'NEILL Derek
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Attachments

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Attached Files

[e7041-2018_09_20 Recommendation on Re-allocation of funds.docx](#)

Additional Related Documents

Submission

Summary of Recommendations

1. Background - references difficulties with draw down of funding in 2018 due to lower than expected expenditure in Kerry and Galway with a delay in some expenditure in Kildare.
2. Waterford Greenway - expenditure on this Greenway has been mostly met by WCCC themselves and additional costs have now arisen. Given high standard of acility put in place in Waterford, the frealtively low initial allocation to the project allied to the underspend on Greenways in other areas, it is recommended an allocation be made.
4. Recommendation - additional expenditure is approved for Waterford in full

Discussion

Number of comments

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KELLY John
23/10/2018
12:57:05

Derek, as discussed could you redraft the submission to clarify the case for proposed allocations to [redacted] and Waterford? Thanks John

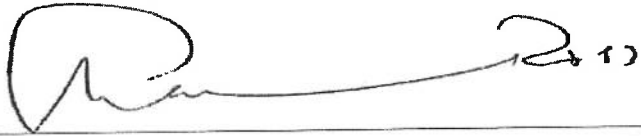
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Shane Ross

Comments

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Re-allocation of Funding 2018 to Waterford and Tipperary County Councils

1. Background

1.1 The drawdown of funding under E7 - Greenways has been lower than expected. This is partially due to a section of the Galway to Dublin Greenway requiring planning permission following issues necessitating a switch of canal bank. There was also very limited drawdown of funding by Galway County Council and lower than expected drawdown by Kerry County Council.


1.2 We now have greater clarity on the likely levels of drawdown for the remainder of 2018 and have detailed funding applications from both [REDACTED] and Waterford City & County Councils. Having reviewed their submissions we are recommending making an allocation.

2. Waterford

2.1 It should be noted from the outset that WCCC have funded the vast majority of the total (€20m) cost of the expenditure to date on the Greenway. Funding of €2m was initially awarded by the Department to small sections at either end (Dungarvan and Waterford City) of the Greenway under the NCN and Stimulus programmes in 2014. A further allocation of €1.6m was awarded in 2017.

2.2 Waterford have recently sent in a submission and have set out that since their claim in 2017, they have accrued an additional €850k due to contractual commitments with landowners and contractors as well as an additional €600k committed to close out the construction phase of the Greenway. These additional costs have been clearly itemised in the application and are in line with previous costs incurred on the construction.



2.3 The Department is not obliged to fund these costs incurred by Waterford, however given the low initial allocation to the project allied to the underspend on Greenways in other areas, it is recommended to make this allocation to assist the Council. The Waterford Greenway is also quite rightly held up as an example of best practise in Greenway construction and accommodation works for local landowners. Accordingly, we recommend that an allocation of €1.45m be provided to Waterford County Council in 2018 with the proviso that Waterford are informed that this final allocation by the Department to the project.





4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Minister allocate funding of €1,455,000 to Waterford City and County Council for draw-down in 2018.



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MORRISSEY Michael

From: O'NEILL Derek
Sent: 08 November 2018 14:52
To: HUNT Carol
Cc: DUNNE Aisling; Press Office - Department of Transport; KELLY John; CREED Ross; MORRISSEY Michael
Subject: FW: 2018_11_08 Press Release Funding Reallocation Waterford
Attachments: 2018_11_08 Press Release Funding Reallocation Waterford.docx

Carol,

Here you go.

Regards,

Derek

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Subject: 2018_11_08 Press Release Funding Reallocation Waterford

Correct version!

Minister Ross awards additional funding to Waterford Greenway

The Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport – Shane Ross T.D. – today announced additional funding for the Waterford Greenway.

He stated – “I’m delighted to be in a position to award additional funding to the Waterford Greenway for improvement and remedial works. We have been highlighting the success of the Waterford Greenway since it opened in March 2017. The numbers using it and spending time and money in Dungarvan and Kilmacthomas has been phenomenal and has provided proof of the economic benefits that arise from Greenways and reflects the focus of Government on revitalising our smaller towns and villages.”

He continued – “The accommodation works carried out on the Waterford Greenway have set the standard for others to follow and show how important it is to mitigate the impact on adjacent landowners by respecting their right to continue to make a living from the land and to consult with them as early as possible. Under our “Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways” we are emphasising the need for a collaborative process that respects the needs of all - particularly landowners and potential greenway users. Waterford have led the way in this regard.”

“I look forward to receiving many high quality applications for funding under our new Strategy funding call which closes on November 30th. We are looking to fund projects that have planning permission in place already or that will have permission in place shortly, we are also looking to fund projects with clear access to land and that provide plenty of access to our wonderful scenery and things to see and do along the route. I would advise all those seeking to make an application to visit the Waterford Greenway and to learn from them.”

ENDS

Note for Editors:

Funding of €1.4m has been allocated to Waterford City and County Council for works on the Waterford Greenway. These range from accommodation works to remedial works on the iconic Ballyvoyle Tunnel.

Waterford Greenway had over 250,000 visitors in the first 9 months of operation from March to December 2017.

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MORRISSEY Michael

From: CREED Ross
Sent: 09 November 2018 12:49
To: John Brunnock
Cc: O'NEILL Derek; KELLY John
Subject: Funding for Waterford Greenway
Attachments: 2018_11_09 Waterford T&Cs.docx; Waterford Approval Letter.docx

Hi Johnny,

Please see attached the approval letter and T&Cs for further funding for the Waterford Greenway.

Please note that the deadline for the receipt of invoices for payment in 2018 is 5th December.

If you could forward this on to the relevant colleague of yours it would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Ross Creed
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Mr. Michael Walsh,
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Funding for Waterford Greenway

Dear Mr. Walsh,

The Department is pleased to inform you that further additional funding is being made available to Waterford City and County Council to complete the outstanding works on the Waterford Greenway. The funding of these works is approved up to a maximum grant amount of €1.455m as set out in the details of outstanding works supplied by you which is attached at Appendix 1. This funding must be drawn down in 2018.

It is essential that projects funded under the *National Cycle Network (NCN)* funding programme are delivered to a very high standard in terms of design and construction. Where proposals involve on road routes the guidance in the National Transport Authority's on-line National Cycle Manual (www.cyclemanual.ie) should be observed and in particular, the principles underpinning this guidance. Reference should also be made to the guidance set out in Transport Infrastructure Ireland's Rural Cycle Scheme Design.

Where deviations and/or relaxations cannot be avoided a case will have to be made to the Department setting out the reasons for same. No contracts or tenders are to be awarded where there are deviations or cost increases without prior Departmental approval. The Department contribution is limited to the amount specified above and no increase will be approved.

Adequately justified claims for eligible expenditure, certified by an officer holding a rank not less than Director of Services, are to be made to the Tourism Development Division, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Claims must be accompanied by photographic or other appropriate evidence, as may be specified by the Department. As claims may be subject to detailed audit and evaluation by the Department or representatives of the Department, Local Authorities must retain all appropriate documentation relating to project delivery.

On completion of the project the National Trails Office may assess the work completed. The cost of this review and any remedial works required as a result of the review will be met from Waterford City and County Council's funds.

Finally, I would bring your attention to the attached terms and conditions that apply to the grant funding being made available. You are requested to sign these indicating your agreement to them and return one copy to the Department.



Yours sincerely

John Kelly

Principal

Tourism Development Division

Project name: Outstanding Works, Waterford Greenway, Co Waterford

Specific NCN Terms and conditions:

1. Funded local authorities are responsible for future maintenance of any funded route, and must ensure that the route quality, standard and integrity are fully maintained.
2. All projects must include provision for automated counters on the route. Annual updates of the number of users on the routes must be made to the Department, and data from counters made available to Department, or a third party, as requested.
3. If suitable, and as decided by the Department, routes must be branded as part of a National Cycle Network or any other branding that the Department deems appropriate.

General Terms and Conditions:

The grantee is responsible for management and implementation of the project. A designated project manager will manage the project. This person will be the contact point for all matters relating to the project.

Payment of the Grant:

The grantee is responsible for ensuring that accurate accounts of all expenditure are maintained, including relevant invoices, and that any appropriate documentation, as may be specified by the Department or requested from time to time, is provided to the Department without undue delay.

Grants will be made in the form of reimbursement of eligible expenditure, where this expenditure has been adequately justified by the grantee.

Adequately justified claims, certified by an officer holding a rank not less than Director of Services, must be made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on completion of the projects. The claims must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, as may be specified by the Department, to support the claims (and must also be accompanied by a report as outlined in the next section).

For the purposes of this condition, "adequately justified" means (in addition to the material referred to under "Reporting Obligations" below) –

- A detailed description of the work to which the claim relates, photographic evidence of completion of the carrying out of the grant aided work and certification that the recoupment claimed is eligible under the terms of the grant and that all conditions of the grant are being complied with,
- Where services are provided by third parties or the project involves purchase of goods, duplicates of relevant receipts to which the claim relates, and
- Certification that no other funding has been or will be claimed or paid by any other State agency in respect of the work to which the claim relates.

Payment of grants is also subject to compliance by the grantee with the reporting obligations set out in the following section.

All accounts and financial/project management systems may be subject to examination and audit by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and/or appointed representatives of the Department and the grantee will afford timely and unimpaired access to any record relevant to the project.

The grantee is required to report in its financial statement, where such a statement is produced, that a grant has been received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Smarter Travel Programme; the amount and term /period of the total grant and the amount accounted for in the financial statements (if less than the entire amount); where relevant, the amount of capital provided and the reporting policies being used in relation to present and future instalments; and whether and how the use of the grant is restricted (i.e. for the particular project).

Reporting obligations

The grantee is obliged to report on progress with the project to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on request.

On completion of the project, the grantee must submit to a final report to the Department. The final report must quantitatively and critically evaluate the project achievements, with reference to the project deliverables and targets. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport will be free to circulate the interim and final reports freely, subject to acknowledgement of the grantee as author.

All reports may be published on the Department's websites. Where interim or final reports contain information of a confidential nature, the grantee must also provide a report suitable for publication.

Dissemination and Communication & Publicity

The grantee must ensure that all activities, publicity, and promotional events associated with the project make reference to the funding received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and publicise the *SmarterTravel* logo. This condition will apply should the Department re-title the Fund and amend the logo.

In the case of delivery of physical/infrastructural projects on the ground, the grantee is required to erect a Smarter Travel plaque or any other signage provided by the Department.

The grantee may, from time to time, be required to participate in meetings hosted by the Department to share knowledge and information on progress with the project.

The grantee is encouraged to publicise the project and raise public awareness of sustainable transport, and the Smarter Travel policy or any subsequent sustainable travel and transport policy, wherever possible. Where possible the Department should be notified in advance of any plans including any presentations, publicity, conferences, media releases etc. Reference to this aspect of work should also be made in reports to the Department.

Evaluation of Projects

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, or its representatives, may wish to carry out independent evaluation of the projects at any stage of the project, or indeed beyond the lifetime of the project and prompt access to material related to the project must be afforded by the grantee.

Liability

The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport and his Department shall not be liable for any claims arising from the project. The grantee shall indemnify the Minister and his Department for and in respect of all and any losses, claims, demands, damages, or expenses suffered by the Minister arising from any cause whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, the terms of this condition shall survive termination of this agreement for any reason.

Deviations from the original proposal

Any proposals for deviations from the agreed project must be notified in advance, and agreed with the Department. The Department will consider such proposals, including any funding or other implications, on a case-by-case basis and reserves the right to discontinue funding.

Grant termination

Funding is provided by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on a discretionary basis to the grantee and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport reserves the right, in the case of non-compliance by the grantee with these terms and conditions, to discontinue funding with one month's notice to the grantee without liability for the full grant.

Withdrawal from project by grantee

Should a grantee withdraw from a project in advance of completion, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport reserves the right to seek repayment in part or in full of any grant paid to the grantee.

General Additional Undertaking

The grantee undertakes to adhere to all relevant obligations (e.g. regarding procurement, employment law, usage of grant funding only for the purposes agreed to, Capital Appraisal Guidelines, relevant circulars etc.) which apply to the carrying out of the project.

Signed: _____

John Kelly
Principal
Tourism Development Division
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport

Date: November, 2018

Signed: _____

Michael Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Waterford City and County Council

Date: November, 2018

