



## Targeted Call for LEADER Funding – Broadband - To develop Donegal as a connected place physically and digitally by quality ICT infrastructure

The LEADER Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020 for Inishowen, Co. Donegal are announcing details of the targeted call for **Broadband projects** under the Economic Development, Enterprise Development, Job Creation Theme.

The following Broadband action is currently open for submission of your expression of interest form for LEADER funding with a closure date of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Total budget €103,955.49

	Budget €	Grant Ceiling €
<b>Broadband - To develop Donegal as a connected place physically and digitally by quality ICT infrastructure</b>	<b>103,955.49</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

### Broadband -

Increased access to reliable and high-speed broadband is vital for the economic and social development of rural areas and communities. High-quality broadband enables businesses to set-up or continue to be based in rural areas, by overcoming barriers relating to access to markets and services. There is also a potential to create additional employment as access to broadband can support businesses to grow.

This sub-theme supports local actions that complement national initiatives aimed at developing a comprehensive rural broadband infrastructure. This sub-theme does not cover most broadband infrastructure, as this is covered under the National Broadband Plan. Actions that may be covered include basic ICT training to priority groups, for example, to enable older people and young people to stay connected. Other actions may focus on skills development for installing broadband, feasibility studies in relation to community broadband and funding for small scale equipment (such as boosters) and small scale infrastructure to allow local businesses access broadband. Funding in excess of €10,000 cannot be provided for broadband equipment or infrastructure.

The purpose of the targeted calls for EOIs is to ensure that LEADER funding is targeted where it delivers the most value, is awarded based on a comparative assessment, secures equal opportunities for all potential applicants and ensures funding is available for the duration of the programme.

Further information about other Inishowen Development Partnership LEADER Themes and this time limited call is available from Inishowen Development Partnership. If you have any queries, contact IDP Office Carndonagh on 074 9373083.



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