**Evaluation Criteria for WCCC 2024 Community Recognition Fund:**

**Relevance and Impact:** The project aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities that benefit the entire community.

* Located in **one of the identified areas as outlined on the associate map – towns of Lismore, Dungarvan, Tramore, Waterford City Centre and the North West Suburbs.**
* **The project will be of benefit to the full community.**
* **Evidence of inclusiveness and** intergenerational involvement i.e., project suitable for all ages and abilities.
* Aligns with goals set out in Local Economic & Community Plan 2023 - 2029

**Value for money**: The costs applied for are reasonable, represent an efficient use of resources and are commensurate with the quality and nature of the activities proposed. Realistic, specific and relevant outputs and outcomes are identified, which are commensurate with the level of investment.

* Investment vs project output.
* Evidence of value for money (adequate quotations submitted/ rationale for choosing suppliers).
* Evidence of match funding.

**Achievability, Governance and Partnership Approach:** The organisation/partnership has the appropriate expertise to deliver the proposed project. The proposal is clear and coherent and is deliverable within the required timeframe. Key milestones are specified with an explanation of how these will be monitored.

* Quality of delivery plan / milestones.
* Project monitoring.
* Stakeholders’ roles clearly outlined.

**Governance arrangements:** Any necessary governance, planning, procurement and financial management systems, controls and processes are in place to meet the requirements of the programme. Where applicable, evidence of tax compliance and registration with relevant bodies is supplied. Details of track record in managing other State funding and large scale projects is supplied.

* Clear governance structure in place generally within the group.
* Management for the project clearly outlined - project management subcommittee listed.
* Track record with other projects.

**Environmental impact**

* Consideration for the climate and environmental impact of projects and where possible ensure they are low carbon and sustainable e.g., reusing materials, energy saving, Active Travel incorporated.

**Promotion of the project**

* Evidence of marketing communications plan to raise awareness and promotion of the project.
* Evidence of how Waterford City & County Council and the Department of Rural & Community Development will be acknowledged e.g., social media posts, media coverage of project, signage, official opening etc.