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Rural Development funding for local development groups – Kennedy

North Dublin TD Michael Kennedy has called on local rural development agencies to apply for funding under Rural Development Programme for the improvement of rural life in Fingal.

Deputy Kennedy said: “Funding is available to agencies that work on a wide range of rural development projects in rural Dublin. The aim is to fund one agent per region and this agency will then identify projects for funding.”

“Among those projects in receipt of similar funding to date are ICT training, village renewal, cultural heritage initiatives and micro-enterprises.”

“The funding is part of a European-wide initiative which is being jointly managed by the Department of Agriculture and the Department Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”

“This bottom-up approach ensures that local groups with expert knowledge are responsible for determining which projects get funding.”

“Applications should be submitted in the form of a business plan, to the Rural Development Unit, Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Teeling Street, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. The closing date for applications is 5pm, July 7th 2008,” concluded Deputy Kennedy.

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