

Five Roscommon projects benefit from flood funding

Five projects from County Roscommon are to benefit from the first phase of OPW funding for flooding works, a fact welcomed this week by Senator Terry Leyden.

“The areas to benefit are Moneymore, Knockcroghery (€40,500); Highbog, Rahara (€31,500); Taughboy, Ballyforan (€18,900); Killukin River, Carrowreagh (€7,000) and Ballyglass, Dysart (€7,000). The majority of projects will deal with improving existing drainage systems, whilst two projects will be in respect of an assessment of future works.

“Minister Martin Mansergh has indicated that it is open to local authorities to submit further applications under this scheme during the year, and all applications that meet the relevant eligibility criteria would be considered having regard to the overall resources available.

Senator Leyden has wel-

comed the announcement, which represents a total of €104,900 for the five projects. “This is only the first phase. I will continue to support the applications made by various groups and projects around the county. The damage and devastation caused by the flooding in 2009 must not be repeated and I am in contact with Minister Mansergh’s office to ensure that other affected townlands in Roscommon

are not exposed to damage in the coming years.”

“The Department of Finance has made an application to the EU Commission in January for further funding based on estimates of damage received from Departments and local authorities. Even though the eligibility criteria are different from the OPW funding, I would hope that Roscommon would benefit from this source also.”



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