

CORRESPONDENCE
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
15TH JULY, 2024

- Email dated 21st May, 2024 from the Office of the Minister for Rural and Community Development in reply to Notice of Motion from Members to write to relevant Ministers for an urgent appeal for funding for Bedford Row family project.
- Email dated 6th June, 2024 from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to the following Notice of Motion from Members:
"I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council considers making available loan facilities to people who wish to refurbish a house as their own residence under the Vacant Home Refurbishment Scheme.
Members agreed to also request the Minister to progress the extension of the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme as soon as possible".

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Our Ref: DRCD-MO-00313-2024

Dear Ms. Flannery

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to funding for the Bedford Row Project.

The funding for this project is not within this Department's remit, it is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). I have been informed that DHLGH has allocated €4 million in 2024 to facilitate the Council in transitioning previously funded groups to other sources.

This Department however, is responsible for the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), our country's primary social inclusion intervention. This is a national programme that is delivered in both rural and urban areas by Local Development Companies (LDCs) to help those in the greatest need.

It targets and supports those who are disadvantaged in Irish society and less likely to use mainstream services. SICAP workers have extensive local connections and in-depth knowledge of available resources and supports in their area and work to ensure the emerging needs of their locality are responded to. I would recommend that you make contact with the SICAP Programme Implementer, Paul Partnership Limerick who can advise you of any supports that are available.

The Department of Social Protection administers the Community Employment Scheme which has provisions for those who have been in prison. Further information regarding this can be found on the Departments website:<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-social-protection/>

I would also recommend for you to contact the Department of Justice to assess if they have any future or existing funding streams that may be of benefit to this project.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Office of the Minister

6th June 2024

RE: HPLG-MOBO-01600-2024

Dear Mr. Leahy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of correspondence dated 25th April 2024 from the Meetings Administrator in Limerick City and County Council informing this Department of the following resolution "that Limerick City and County Council considers making available loan facilities to people who wish to refurbish a house as their own residence under the Vacant Home Refurbishment Scheme".

I wish to reply and advise the members that a comprehensive review and evaluation of the schemes under the Croí Conaithe Towns Fund which includes the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is being undertaken at present and is expected to be completed in mid-2024.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary.