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**Deputy Patricia Ryan, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Ryan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 23366/21:

To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be made available to groups assisting older persons on a multi-annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan

PQ 2336/21:

To ask the Minister for Health if the application process will be simplified for funding to groups assisting older persons for repeat applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan

We assume that the Deputy is referring to National Lottery Grants.

Groups and organisations who provide Health and Personal Social Services can apply for funding. Amounts of between €500 and €10,000 are available for suitable projects.

These grants by their nature are not multi-annual as HSE funding is an annual allocation from Department of Health and we cannot fund projects on a multi annual basis because of this. We use Service Level Agreements to fund groups on an annual basis.

The HSE accepts applications annually as the funding is received by the HSE annually. Applications must be for one-off projects that can be completed within the year of application.

The HSE cannot consider applications that have major on-going revenue implications. These include the employment of staff, capital funding and running costs.



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The HSE cannot consider applications for projects which are already covered by HSE funding. Projects that already have service level agreements or grant aid agreements with the HSE cannot be considered for annual National Lottery Grants.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

Sandra Tuohy,
Assistant National Director - Community Operations,
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