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**Deputy Jackie Cahill** 8-9 Parnell St., Thurles. Co. Tipperary.

Re:. PO 55358/21 "To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be made available for a group (Tipperary Arthritis Group) to assist in its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Cahill,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question regarding the above.

I can advise that the HSE distributes National Lottery funding to community groups and voluntary organisations and the funding is provided under the Respite Care Grant Scheme and the National Lottery Grant Scheme. Groups and organisations who provide Health & Personal Social Services can apply to their local CHO area for funding under these schemes.

The application form can be downloaded from the HSE website when it becomes available and submitted to the local CHO area with the necessary documentation before the closing date. I can advise that the closing date for the 2021 applications was 16th April, 2021.

Can I suggest, that the group you are representing keep an eye on local and national media and also the HSE website if they wish to apply for funding under the National Lottery funding schemes in 2022.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Costelle

Head of Service

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