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To ask the Minister for Health the funding made available to an initiative (Community Action on Alcohol**) to date in 2023. - Thomas Gould**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The HSE Health and Wellbeing Alcohol Programme part funds Alcohol Forum Ireland through a Grant Aid Agreement. Alcohol Forum Ireland implement Community Action on Alcohol. The funding provided by HSE Alcohol Programme in 2023 (€118,000) supports one project lead for Community Action on Alcohol and contributes towards the post of the CEO at Alcohol Forum Ireland and some programme costs. HSE Mental Health and Social Inclusion services in Area 1 also fund Alcohol Forum for a range of alcohol and mental health related projects and programmes other than the Community Action on Alcohol programme.

Alcohol Forum Ireland's mission is to work with individuals, families and communities to prevent and reduce the harm caused by alcohol by:

- promoting prevention and facilitating participation and support for children and families impacted by alcohol harm.
- promoting the recognition of and rehabilitation of Alcohol Related Brain Injury in Ireland
- provide alcohol related evidence-based training, education, supports & services to a broad range of stakeholders.
- supporting the ongoing development and expansion of Community Action on Alcohol in Ireland as an effective mechanism for reducing alcohol harm (ICAAN).
- providing progressive leadership, effective management and sustainability to the organisation to enable, support and expand the work of Alcohol Forum Ireland.

Community Action on Alcohol has been successfully confirmed as one of five projects that will receive €300,000 in funding over the next three years as part of the new Drug Education and Prevention scheme funded through the Department of Health.

Yours Sincerely

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