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Minister Darragh O'Brien T.D.,  
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.

9<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

**Re: Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund**

Dear Minister O'Brien,

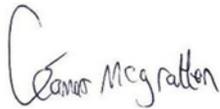
Thank you for your correspondence dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 on the matter of monies needed for the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund, as raised by me in previous correspondence.

The investment by the State in Ballymun, through the Ballymun Regeneration Project, is acknowledged and was a vital catalyst in commencing a programme of change for the area. Your correspondence references that the programme is complete, which I suggest might be more nuanced in that a physical building programme may be complete but the social, community and economic programme continues and requires funding.

The funding provided by then, An Taoiseach Martin, arising from the Ballymun Brighter Future Report is most welcome although my understanding is that your Department has indicated that the €2m committed must be associated to Social or Affordable Housing Projects. It is worth noting that the Ballymun Brighter Future Report highlighted specific recommendations, some of which are similar to programmes or extension to programmes provided under the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund (SRF). This is particularly the case with regard to education and early intervention. The newly committed funding of €2m then, while welcome, will not fund any of the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund projects from 2024 and into the future. As expressed previously, there is considerable risk to the continuing provision of €1.7 million from Dublin City Council owing to budgetary constraints. It must be said that there is universal support for the projects from the North West Area Committee Members and indeed the fund recipients for the programmes and services to continue.

Your correspondence references the building of homes across public and private tenures for 3,350 families. The monies assigned to such a large investment in the built environment require an appropriate investment in the social, community and economic environment so as to enable Ballymun to achieve its full potential as a great neighbourhood and place to live. And so I ask again that you reconsider this matter and provide exchequer funding in the amount of €1.7m from 2024 for the many worthwhile and valuable social and community services currently funded by Dublin City Council through the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Séamas McGrattan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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Cllr Séamas McGrattan,  
Chairperson Finance Strategic Policy Committee  
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