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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday, December 14, 2015**

**HEADED ITEM NO.18g)**

**HEADED ITEM: A. Mills**

**Application for Financial Assistance under the Capital Assistance Scheme from Focus Ireland in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 for the purchase of 14 Exchange Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.**

**REPLY:**

On 19th March 2015, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government advised all Local Authorities by Circular Housing 15/2015 of its intention to progress a limited programme of acquisitions to be funded from within the overall 2014-2016 capital funding provision for the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS).

 Local Authorities were requested to prioritise those CAS proposals which will:

1. Focus on the provision of accommodation for homeless persons, older people and people with a disability.
2. Focus on ensuring access to an appropriate range of community based housing services, including any necessary supports, with particular regard to the specific needs of people with mental health and intellectual or physical/sensory disability.
3. Be completed, with funding fully drawn or substantially drawn down by November 2017.

In response to the Department's Circular, an application was received from Focus Ireland for a grant in the sum of **€139,341** under the Capital Assistance Scheme in respect of the purchase a property at 14 Exchange Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24. The Association is an approved Voluntary Body under [**Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988.**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1988/en/act/pub/0028/sec0005.html)

The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, by letter dated 31st of July 2015 approved a grant in the sum of **€139,341** to Focus Ireland. The property involved is a one bedroom apartment. The property will be used to accommodate homeless people from South Dublin County Councils housing list allowing them to live independently and receive support from Focus Ireland if required.

Under [**Section 6 (8) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1992/en/act/pub/0018/sec0006.html) the granting of assistance under the Capital Assistance Scheme is a reserved function of the Council and is subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Accordingly, the following motion is required:

“That this Council recommends that the application for a grant in the sum of **€139,341** under the Capital Assistance Scheme to Circle Voluntary Housing Association for the purchase a property at 14 Exchange Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992 be approved”.

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