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Dear Ms. Walsh,

I refer to your correspondence dated 30th June 2023 regarding the Community Involvement Scheme.

The improvement and maintenance of regional and local roads is the statutory responsibility of each local authority, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the Roads Act 1993. Works on those roads are funded from local authorities' own resources supplemented by State road grants. The initial selection and prioritisation of works to be funded is a matter for the local authority.

Based on an overall budget of €30 million for the 2022/2023 Community Involvement Scheme (CIS), local authorities were allocated funding on a pro-rata basis unless an individual authority sought less than the pro-rata amount.

The 2023 CIS funding allocation for Kilkenny County Council reflects this approach. All regional and local road grant funding for 2023 has been allocated.

The purpose of the Community Involvement Scheme is to facilitate local community participation in the repair of local roads. The focus of the programme is on the repair of more lightly trafficked public roads which might not be high on the list of a local authority's annual roadwork programme. It is intended to be an extra option, where suitable, for local authorities and communities to address issues on local roads where needed.

The Department has recently invited local authorities to submit applications for Community Involvement Schemes for another two year programme for the period 2024-2025.

With best wishes,

Eamon Ryan

Minister for Transport

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