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Department: Housing, Planning and Local Government
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QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government the funding allocation to each local authority for Traveller specific accommodation for 2019; and the spend in each local authority to date.

REPLY

In accordance with the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, housing authorities have statutory responsibility for the assessment of the accommodation needs of Travellers and the preparation, adoption and implementation of multi-annual Traveller Accommodation Programmes (TAPs) in their areas. My Department's role is to ensure that there are adequate structures and supports in place to assist the authorities in providing such accommodation, including a national framework of policy, legislation and funding.

Housing authorities submit funding proposals for individual Traveller-specific projects and developments on an annual basis. These projects are assessed on a case-by-case basis in my Department in advance of allocations being made. In addition, further funding may be considered by my Department throughout the year in the light of progress across the programme generally. There is regular contact between my Department and housing authorities in order to try to ensure maximum progress and drawdown.

The funding allocated in 2019 and drawn down to-date by housing authorities for Traveller-specific accommodation are set out in the table below:

LOCAL AUTHORITY	ALLOCATION 2019 €	Drawdown 2019 €
CARLOW	70,000	-
CAVAN	95,000	-
CLARE	635,000	326,000
CORK CITY	276,000	-
CORK COUNTY	258,000	167,000
DONEGAL	162,000	-
DUBLIN CITY	1,629,000	213,000
DUN LAOGHAIRE-R.DOWN	-	-

FINGAL	-	11,000
SOUTH DUBLIN	131,000	107,000
GALWAY CITY	-	-
GALWAY COUNTY	1,413,000	143,000
KERRY	77,200	-
KILDARE	1,000,000	-
KILKENNY	22,000	171,000
LAOIS	-	-
LEITRIM	178,000	-
LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY	1,015,000	582,000
LONGFORD	3,000	-
LOUTH	133,000	-
MAYO	-	-
MEATH	75,000	92,000
MONAGHAN	100,000	-
OFFALY	815,000	228,000
ROSCOMMON	253,000	-
SLIGO	1,436,000	310,000
TIPPERARY	26,000	-
WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY	170,000	54,000
WESTMEATH	100,000	-
WEXFORD	335,000	-
WICKLOW	105,000	-
TOTAL	10,511,000	2,404,000
RESERVE*	2,489,000	-
BUDGET	13,000,000	2,404,000

* Reserve for emergency replacement mobiles, caravan loan grants and first time buyers grant and new projects that arise throughout the year.