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Dear John

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES' HARDSHIP SUPPORT FUNDING 2024/25

Thank you for your letter of 19 July 2024 enquiring about the Department's intention to bring forward a hardship grant for 2024/25 and seeking views on exploring the potential to create a recurrent funding model.

The funding available for the Department was set within the context of a very constrained financial position for 2024/25, and the overall Departmental budget position was considered against competing priorities.



In this challenging context the Department is currently unable to provide any hardship funding for 2024/25, and it would not be possible to consider a recurrent funding model at this time.

Yours sincerely

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