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Funding could be a lifeline for elderly people living in their homes - Kennedy

DUBLIN NORTH'S Fianna Fail TD Deputy Michael Kennedy has welcomed today's announcement from the Department of Environment that over €7m has been allocated to the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme, and called on elderly people in North County Dublin to avail of the funding.

Deputy Kennedy said: "This is the second allocation of funding to come from the Department to the Housing Aid for the Elderly, where funding is made available for essential repairs to houses occupied by elderly persons living on their own."

"Not only will this funding give elderly people the opportunity to live in better conditions, but it will also allow them to live as long as possible in their own home, independently and in great comfort."

"There are a great many elderly people living in their own homes in my constituency of North Dublin and I am calling on all of them to contact their local HSE office, where the scheme is being administered, to find out if they are eligible for the funding."

"So far, 76,000 homes in Ireland have benefited from this scheme, with up to 3,700 households being assisted in the first half of this year alone," Deputy Kennedy concluded.