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Obama is thanked by charity

By EMILY MILLER

CHARITY chief Niall Mellon yesterday thanked US President Barack Obama for passing legislation to help his African homeless project.

He told of his joy to be being recommended for the development cash after his army of Irish builders put up 11,000 houses.

Niall, 42, said the extra money would transform many lives, as he handed a family of seven the keys to their new property.

The construction boss added: "This is a historic moment. It's hard to believe we've come this far.

"To think there is now a paragraph in US law that says the Niall Mellon Township Trust should be considered for funding is just incredible."

More than 500 Irish volunteers are currently on a "blitz week" working with Niall's team to build 75 homes in the baking African heat.



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