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Dear Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 26 May regarding levelling up funding programmes across government. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I welcome the Committee's interest in the progress in the Government's levelling up agenda and the various funding programmes driving it forward. I am pleased to attach a document setting out the information you have requested, including a table of funding allocations for each local authority (or other relevant authority) for the funding streams listed in your letter. I am also attaching a summary table listing the sub-totals for all four nations of the UK and regions within England. As you will see, this highlights the breadth and scale of projects that are currently delivering across the United Kingdom.

You have also asked for information on unsuccessful bids submitted by local authorities for the funds included in your letter. As indicated in the attached, any cells in the table marked £0 indicate either an unsuccessful bid to a competitive process, or that the place was not allocated funding in an allocative process. Several of the funds listed in your letter were not competitive, including Town Deals, UKSPF, Local Growth Fund and Getting Building Fund; funding was awarded directly using agreed allocation methodologies. Full details of both successful and unsuccessful applications to many of our funds, as well as information on allocation methodologies, can be found on GOV.UK.

Furthermore, as the Committee has recognised, every department across government is playing a role in levelling up communities and local areas across the United Kingdom. Work is well underway to map the totality of funding pots which are, or will soon be, building on the ambitious aims of the Levelling Up White Paper and contributing to this agenda. Officials will endeavour to share a list of all levelling up funding programmes across government with you in due course.

I also note your interest in the new funds to be administered by the British Business Bank (BBB). These are allocated to each region and nation as shown below. In common with existing BBB funds in the North, Midlands and Cornwall, there will be allocations to fund managers providing debt and equity finance, decided with local partners. Some capacity is likely to be kept in reserve, to be allocated flexibly during the life of the fund.

Area covered	Allocation (£m)
Midlands (East and West)	450
North of England	660
South West of England	200
Scotland	150
Wales	130
Northern Ireland	70
<i>Total for all funds</i>	<i>1,660</i>

The amount invested in a particular Local Authority area will depend on demand for finance from businesses in that area. This market-led approach ensures that decisions are made based on each company's commercial prospects and ability to repay, rather than seeking to fill a geographical allocation. Information on the distribution of funding at Local Authority level is shared with LEPs and Combined Authorities on a six-monthly basis. Whilst there are no sub-LEP targets, if it became clear that finance advanced in a sub-region was significantly less than the business population would warrant, then the fund manager responsible would be expected to take remedial action, such as raising awareness of the fund among businesses in that area.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to me about this important issue. Please do not hesitate to write again should the committee require any further information.



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