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Dear Yvette,

SAFER STREETS FUND

The Government remains committed to delivering the people's priorities to cut crime and deliver the safer streets the public wants; empowering communities and reducing the strain on police. As you will be aware, the Safer Streets Fund was a commitment in this Government's 2019 general election manifesto designed to help achieve this.

This is why we launched the first round of the Safer Streets Fund on 26 January 2020, providing £25 million for the 2020/21 financial year to support 52 areas across England and Wales disproportionately affected by neighbourhood and acquisitive crimes, like burglary, robbery, and theft, which are invasive and very distressing for victims.

The funding was designed to prevent these types of crimes from happening in the first place and keep our streets safer. The money has been used to invest in well evidenced, physical crime prevention measures, such as improved street lighting, CCTV coverage, and home security; empowering and supporting communities and businesses in making their areas less likely to be targeted by criminals.

All the projects were regularly monitored and are being carefully evaluated and we believe they will bring real and lasting benefits to their communities, as well as adding to the evidence base of best practices in crime prevention.

On 28 January 2021, we launched a second £20 million round of the Safer Streets Fund, for the 2021/22 financial year. This round enabled Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Local Authorities, to bid for investments into similar preventative measures in a now wider range of areas, such as disparate rural communities, residential suburbs, busy city centres and commercial zones.

We are today confirming that 50 bids have been successful covering 41 police force areas. The funding allocations are set out in the Annex of this letter.

Among the range of situational prevention interventions we will be funding are better home security or crime prevention advice for residents and businesses; measures to increase the chance of getting caught, including additional and enhanced CCTV and lighting; and training, support and mentoring of community organisers/groups to undertake and organise action on local priorities and crime prevention activity.

Work to deliver successful bids will begin immediately and we are confident proposals, which demonstrated an impressive understanding of the problem in their chosen area, will contribute to the Government's intention to tackle and prevent neighbourhood crime as well as delivering broader crime benefits, including tackling serious violence and anti-social behaviour.

The tragic killing of Sarah Everard on 3 March 2021, brought to the forefront concerns about women and girls' safety in public places. To provide reassurance to women and girls in particular and ensure the safety of public spaces, we announced, on 15 March, an additional £25 million to run a third round of Safer Streets Funding, with a primary focus on improving the safety of public spaces for women and girls.

Bidding for the third round of funding opens today. This third round seeks to expand the evidence base on the situational prevention of violence against women and girls, aiming to prevent these crimes before they can occur, whilst simultaneously increasing feelings and perceptions of public safety in problem areas.

Whilst interventions could include the more traditional situational, physical crime prevention measures such as improved street lighting and increased CCTV coverage, prospective bidders will be strongly encouraged and supported to devise creative ways to help combat violence against women and girls, reduce fears around these types of crimes occurring and increase personal safety in local areas – for example, education products and awareness raising programmes and guardian schemes.

Round three of the Safer Streets Fund will run alongside the second round of the Fund over the 2021/22 financial year. This third round of funding will again be available to PCCs and Local Authorities across England and Wales, and the British Transport Police. The maximum bid will be £550,000.

It is imperative the voice of local people, particularly women and girls, is heard in determining which areas should be prioritised for funding. In developing proposals, bidders will be required to consult local or national stakeholders, as well as those organisations with an invested interest in keeping women and girls safe, such as schools, universities or local businesses.

We will also be launching our "Safer Streets – Your Voice" pilot in the coming weeks. The tool will allow members of the public to pindrop on our online map where they feel unsafe and why. This information will be readily available to our Police and Crime Commissioners, to help map where environmental interventions may be

needed. We will monitor the usage of the tool throughout the piloting period and see what lessons can be learned from the data gathered.

I remain determined to drive down crime, preventing it from happening in the first place, and combat violence against women and girls, making our streets and neighbourhoods safer for all.

I am arranging for a copy of this letter to be placed in the libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Victoria Atkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and the surname "Atkins" clearly legible.

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Annex – Round 2 Safer Streets Fund – successful bids

PCC or Local Authority	Location and focus (Residential/Commercial/Rural)	Grant funding
Bedfordshire PCC	Manshead. Residential.	£432,000
Birmingham City Council	Stockland Green, Birmingham (West Midlands PCC). Residential.	£432,000
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Whalley Banks (Lancashire PCC). Residential and Commercial.	£432,000
Bristol City Council	Portland Square, Bristol (Avon & Somerset PCC). Residential.	£398,000
Cambridge and Peterborough PCC	Peterborough City Centre. Commercial.	£430,000
Cheshire PCC	Chester City Centre. Residential and Commercial.	£432,000
Chesterfield Borough Council	Chesterfield Town Centre (Derbyshire PCC). Residential and Commercial.	£432,000
Cleveland PCC	Stockton Town Centre. Residential and Commercial.	£366,289
Cumbria PCC	Workington St Michael's. Residential.	£311,358
Durham PCC	Easington. Rural.	£404,234
Durham PCC	Darlington. Residential and Commercial.	£266,630
Dyfed Powys PCC	Llanelli. Residential and Commercial.	£87,338
Essex PFCC	Grays, Thurrock. Commercial.	£432,000
Exeter City Council	Exeter City Centre (Devon & Cornwall PCC). Commercial.	£432,000
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston (Norfolk PCC). Residential.	£96,000
Gwent PCC	Pillgwenlly. Residential.	£399,787
Gwent PCC	Moriah, Pontlottyn, Twyn Carno. Residential and Commercial.	£299,777
Hampshire PCC	Portsmouth Town Centre & Landport. Residential and Commercial.	£423,851
Hampshire PCC	Eastrop, Basingstoke Residential and Commercial.	£275,179
Hertsmere Borough Council	Borehamwood (Hertfordshire PCC). Residential.	£116,000
Humberside PCC	West Marsh. Residential.	£431,564
Ipswich Borough Council	Gipping & Westgate (Suffolk PCC). Residential.	£422,200
Kent PCC	Central Harbour and Eastcliff, Ramsgate. Residential and Commercial.	£387,078
Kent PCC	Westgate, Canterbury. Residential.	£382,358

Leicestershire PCC	Leicestershire Town Centres. Commercial with minor Residential.	£432,000
Lincolnshire PCC	Ingoldmells. Residential and Commercial.	£244,801
Manchester City Council	Moss Side and Rusholme (Greater Manchester Combined Authority). Residential.	£432,000
Merseyside PCC	Flower Streets, Kirkdale. Residential.	£387,532
Merseyside PCC	Birkenhead. Residential.	£432,000
MOPAC	Noel Park, Haringey. Residential.	£301,579
MOPAC	Hackney. Residential.	£424,417
Newcastle City Council	Byker (Northumbria PCC). Residential.	£431,967
Northamptonshire PCC	Northampton. Residential.	£432,000
North Wales PCC	Deiniol, Hirael Garth, Bangor, Gwynedd. Residential and Commercial.	£238,913
North Wales PCC	Glyn and Rhiw, Conwy. Residential and Commercial.	£246,622
North Yorkshire OFPCC	South Selby Rural Borderland Parishes. Rural.	£429,986
Nottinghamshire PCC	Nottingham City Centre. Residential.	£432,000
Nottinghamshire PCC	Mansfield. Residential and Commercial.	£432,000
South Wales PCC	Grangetown and Butetown, Cardiff. Residential.	£432,000
South Yorkshire PCC	Sharrow, Sheffield. Residential.	£432,000
South Yorkshire PCC	Dearne Valley. Residential.	£418,000
Staffordshire OPFCC	Hanley. Commercial.	£432,000
Surrey PCC	Godstone and Bletchingley. Rural.	£310,227
Thames Valley PCC	Oxford Road East & Coley, Reading. Residential and Commercial.	£401,950
Wealden District Council	Wealden (Sussex PCC). Residential and Commercial.	£309,453
West Mercia PCC	Greenlands, Redditch. Residential.	£431,185
West Mercia PCC	Sutton Hill. Residential.	£432,000
West Yorkshire PCC	Armytage Lane, Calderdale, Carr Wood Road Industrial Estate, Wakefield and Dewsbury Town Centre/The Flatts. Residential and Commercial.	£306,317
Wiltshire PCC	Swindon town centre. Residential with minor Commercial.	£432,000
Wolverhampton City Council	Bilston (West Midlands PCC). Residential and Commercial.	£247,602