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By Email

To: CFO Phil Garrigan

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GRANT PAYMENT TO MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

I am writing to confirm approval of the Grenfell Infrastructure grant to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority. The grant of one hundred and ninety-three thousand, nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds and sixty-three pence (£193,928.63) is for Grenfell infrastructure improvements (further details below). The funding is provided as per the allocations set out in Annex A.

This is a one-year funding arrangement intended to support Fire and Rescue Services in England in making sustained progress in implementing the recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report and improve resilience to major incidents. The payments will be made in FY20/21.

Payment of these monies is subject to your acceptance of this offer and the standard terms and conditions of the Grant Letter.

Grenfell infrastructure improvements grant

Funding purpose

Funding in Merseyside FRS area towards delivering outcomes against the relevant findings from the Grenfell Phase 1 inquiry and infrastructure operational improvements.

Conditions of expenditure

Expenditure should be incurred for the purposes of:

- Ensuring smoke hoods are appropriately available on front line appliances, where these are not already available.
- Supporting a local Grenfell recommendations co-ordination function where not already in place, so NFCC and FRSs can track and evidence progress being made against the recommendations.
- Other locally determined activity to respond to the Grenfell recommendations and improve resilience to major incidents and

infrastructure. This can include upgrades to control room systems to allow the ability to connect to Multi-Agency Incident Transfer (MAIT) system.

Categories of expenditure are listed at Annex B. Under this grant, pension abatement costs **will not be** deemed acceptable expenditure.

Monitoring and reporting requirements

Financial reporting

- Sign-off of grant expenditure by the S151/S112 officer will be required on a quarterly basis until funds are fully spent.
- The FRS will need to complete the financial return with the type of spend specified (Annex B). The first report to cover spend up to 31st December 2020 will be required by 31st January 2021 (if funds have been spent) and quarterly thereafter until the funds are fully spent.

Monitoring requirements

- The FRS will need to complete the monitoring report using Annex C to confirm how the grant is being used in line with the grant conditions and will need to be signed off by the CFO. The first report will be required by 31 January 2021 and quarterly thereafter until the funds are fully spent.
- For FRS' with a control room, the monitoring requirement includes reporting on the progress of local upgrades to accommodate the implementation of Multi-Agency Incident Transfer (MAIT) and Announcement Talkgroup.

To confirm acceptance of this offer of grant funding, the Grant Letter must be returned with signed approval from your Finance Director in the section below. Please send one copy of the signed Grant Letter to HO NRCEU email hazel.pearce@homeoffice.gov.uk The second copy is for your records. Please be aware that no payments will be released until receipt of the signed documentation.

The Grant Sponsor for the grants will be the Home Office, Fire Resilience Directorate, National Resilience and Critical Events Unit (NRCEU). I would be grateful if you would address future correspondence on these grants to hazel.pearce@homeoffice.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Gawley
Head of National Resilience and Critical and Major Events
Home Office

Finance Director approval

If you agree to the above grant conditions please ask your Finance Director to sign here and return.

“I agree the above grant conditions”

Signed Finance Director.....

Name (printed)

Date:

	Annex A
FRS allocations for Grenfell Infrastructure grant	
FRA	Amount
Avon Fire	£99,229.19
Bedfordshire Fire	£51,166.69
Berkshire Fire	£64,399.61
Buckinghamshire Fire	£46,253.86
Cambridgeshire Fire	£55,182.53
Cheshire Fire	£83,357.89
Cleveland Fire	£90,967.71
Cornwall (includes Isle of Scilly)	£72,619.62
Cumbria	£51,876.23
Derbyshire Fire	£81,885.18
Devon and Somerset Fire	£138,216.31
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire	£88,626.02
Durham Fire	£65,661.08
East Sussex Fire	£67,944.91
Essex Fire	£154,771.63
Gloucestershire	£35,843.91
Greater London Authority	£1,305,618.23
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	£313,285.44
Hampshire Fire	£135,621.82
Hereford and Worcester Fire	£48,034.88
Hertfordshire	£76,779.93
Humberside Fire	£124,606.57
Isle of Wight	£17,009.90
Kent Fire	£132,062.11
Lancashire Fire	£149,892.29
Leicestershire Fire	£82,525.31
Lincolnshire	£60,480.44
Merseyside Fire	£193,928.63
Norfolk	£74,121.32
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	£53,842.90
Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	£47,475.80
Northumberland	£33,831.66
Nottinghamshire Fire	£100,748.71
Oxfordshire	£32,213.72
Shropshire Fire	£32,426.90
South Yorkshire Fire	£149,157.82
Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	£88,987.39
Suffolk	£50,205.62
Surrey	£72,284.21
Tyne and Wear Fire	£151,629.66
Warwickshire	£26,215.29
West Midlands Fire	£327,575.04
West Sussex	£34,299.55
West Yorkshire Fire	£237,136.49
Total	£5,400,000.00

ANNEX B: Quarterly Financial Reporting template for the Grenfell Infrastructure Grant April 2020 to March 2021.

This Quarterly Reporting form should be completed and certified by the Finance Officer and returned to Home Office NRCEU.

The first return is due by 31 January 2021 and quarterly thereafter until funds have been spent.

Please return the completed form to HO NRCEU
haze.pearce@homeoffice.gov.uk

Grant Recipient: Merseyside FRA

Maximum Total Grant Allocation FY20/21	£193,928.63
Expenditure Category:	Actual Resource Expenditure (£)
Staff costs	
Staff recruitment	
Smoke hoods	
Other technical equipment	
Training	
Exercises	
Software & IT	
Expert fees	
Other expenditure as agreed with Home Office	
TOTAL GRANT PROVIDED:	
TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURE	
VARIANCE: total Grant provided minus total resource expenditure	

FINANCE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- a) The information provided is correct; and no other specific Exchequer grants, other grants or contributions have been or will be payable for the expenditure in respect of the Grant Amount being claimed,
- b) The expenditure has been incurred only for the purposes set out in the Grant Agreement for the above Grant stream.

Signature:			
Name (printed):		Date:	
Position:			

Home Office sign off:

Signature:			
Name (printed):		Date:	
Position:			

Annex C

This Quarterly Reporting form should be completed and signed off by the Chief Fire Officer and returned to Home Office, NRCEU

The first return is due by 31 January 2021 and quarterly thereafter until funds have been spent.

Please return completed form to HO NRCEU
hazel.pearce@homeoffice.gov.uk

Grenfell Infrastructure Grant Monitoring form
Merseyside FRS
<p>Return for period covering:</p> <p>When completed return to: hazel.pearce@homeoffice.gov.uk</p>
<p>1. Please confirm if your FRS has smoke hoods in place. [Yes] [No] [In process of being purchased]</p>
<p>2. How many smoke hoods have been purchased with this grant?</p>
<p>3. If any, what other technical equipment has been purchased with the grant?</p>
<p>4. Please confirm the co-ordination function your FRS has in place.</p>
<p>5. As relevant, please provide an overview commentary in the box below to outline other activity that the grant is being used on for the local delivery of the Grenfell recommendations. Please indicate which recommendation(s) the activity is supporting.</p>

For FRS with a control room – please confirm the status on the work of implementing Multi-Agency Incident Transfer (MAIT) and the Announcement Talkgroup.

6. Has a local upgrade been carried out in your control room to accommodate the implementation of MAIT and Announcement Talkgroup?

7. Are MAIT and Announcement Talkgroup operational? If no when are there expected to be in place?

Monitoring form returned by:

Signature:			
Name (printed):		Date:	
Position:			
Contact details			