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KNIFE CRIME COMMUNITY FUND 2018-19

I am writing to advise you of the outcome of the Home Office invitation to community and voluntary sector organisations to bid for funding from the 2018/19 anti-knife crime Community Fund.

Earlier this year I announced a second year of funding for voluntary and community sector projects to help local communities respond to knife crime. The fund, of up to £1million in total, was announced as part of a wider package of measures to tackle knife crime.

The Community Fund was launched in May and bids were invited for funding up to a maximum of £30,000 for individual projects. Due to the number of high quality bids, I am delighted that we were able to increase the funding available in 2018/19 to £1.5 million. We received a high volume of bids from a wide range of charities working in the field of anti-knife crime education and early intervention, and from local community groups established to provide diversionary activities and education for children and young people. We have now completed our assessment of the bids and the successful organisations have been informed and we are now about to make grant payments to the successful projects.

The list of successful projects has been placed in the House library and can also be found attached to this letter at Annex A.

I am sure that you will be interested to see the list of successful projects.

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