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29th February 2024

Dear Paul Fermer

USVF Road Safety Review: RAF Barford St John Grant Determination (2023/24): No. 31/7101

With reference to the United States Visiting Forces (USVF) Road Safety Review Project and specifically the package of road safety works recommended by the Road Safety Foundation in the vicinity of RAF Barford St John, I am pleased to inform you and confirm in this letter that Ministers have given formal approval to provide funding.

The DfT will provide funding of £1,260,000.00.

This payment will be made to you in March 2024. Your Authority is solely responsible for meeting any expenditure over and above this amount.

Funding will be paid as a grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. I attach the Capital Grant Determination (non-ringfenced) (**Annex A**), a list of funding (**Annex B**) and grant funding terms and conditions (**Annex C**).

Please provide written confirmation that the Council agrees to the terms of this letter, including certification from your Section 151 Office that the Council accepts the terms set out in this letter. A return slip is at **Annex D** which must be returned to david.snelling@dft.gov.uk and sarah.wilks@dft.gov.uk by close of play on **Wednesday 6th March 2024** so that payment can be made.

At this time, we would ask you to not undertake any proactive communications until final allocations are formally announced by Ministers. We will then explore how we can combine this announcement with other upcoming road safety milestones.

We ask that you keep us closely informed of progress as well as expenditure. In addition, it would be helpful to work with DfT in undertaking monitoring and evaluation of the work.

The email address for returning the completed monitoring forms is David.Snelling@dft.gov.uk copied to sarah.wilks@dft.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PAULINE REEVES Deputy Director Road Safety Division

Annex A

(CAPITAL) grant determination (non-ringfenced) 2023-24: No 31/7101

United States Visiting Forces (USVF) Road Safety Review

The Minister of State for Transport (“the Minister of State”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Safer Roads Fund Determination (2023-24) No 31/7101.

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex B.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister of State determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex C

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Transport



Pauline Reeves
Deputy Director, Road Safety Division, Department for Transport

29th February 2024

Annex B
List of Funding

Local Authority to which grant is to be paid	Award of grant to be paid
Oxfordshire County Council	£1,260,000.00
West Northamptonshire Council	£200,000.00

Annex C

Grant Conditions.

1. Grant paid to local authorities under this determination may be used only for the purposes for which a capital receipt may be used in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.
2. The Chief Executive and Chief Internal Auditor of each recipient authority is required to sign and return to david.snelling@dft.gov.uk and sarah.wilks@dft.gov.uk in the Department for Transport a declaration to be received no later than six months after the completion of the project in relation to which the grant is spent, in the following terms:

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Safer Road Fund Grant Determination 2023-24 No: 31/7101 have been complied with.”

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Secretary of State may:
 - a) reduce, suspend or withhold the grant; or
 - b) by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.
4. Any sum notified by the Secretary of State under paragraph 4 (b) shall immediately become repayable to the Secretary of State.

Annex D

Grant Acceptance Slip

I acknowledge receipt of the Safer Roads Fund Phase 3 Fund Award letter under Grant Determination No. 31/7101. I accept the grant offer on behalf of the authority subject to the conditions set out in this letter. I confirm that I am lawfully authorised to do so.

Signed.....

Please print name of officer.....

Position.....

Please return to David Snelling and Sarah Wilks by email to: david.snelling@dft.gov.uk and sarah.wilks@dft.gov.uk by **close of play Wednesday 6th March 2024**

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