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To Chief Officers, recipient list attached.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS GRANT AWARDS;
TRAFFIC SIGNAL OBSOLESCENCE GRANT
GREEN LIGHT FUND
INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FUND

I am delighted to inform you of our intention to award £70m funding for the period 2024/25 to 2025/26 to English local transport authorities with responsibility for traffic signal maintenance and upgrading. Three funds have been established;

- £30m Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant (TSOG), from the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) Specific Grant Determination for 2023/24
- £20m Green Light Fund (GLF)
- £20m Intelligent Traffic Management Fund (ITMF)

We will automatically allocate £10m of TSOG funding to eligible local authorities currently in receipt of Highways Maintenance Block (HMB) and / or Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding based on the transport metrics within the ITB formula mechanism. For the remaining £20m of TSOG and all of GLF, we will award additional funding in blocks of £500,000 to around 80 local authorities based on the demonstration of appropriate policies and procedures through a challenge process as outlined in Annex A of the General Guidance referred to below.

For TSOG and GLF, we will be working with the Local Council Roads Innovation Group (LCRIG) to collect evidence in response to the challenges set out in Annex A of the General Guidance. The process for making responses is via a secure, authority specific questionnaire hosted on the TTF website.

General Guidance for all three grant funds has been issued and is available at this address.

https://ttf.uk.net/traffic-signals-funding/.

This address also permits access to the individual authority questionnaire pages to be used for responses. Unique login details for each authority will be made available by LCRIG in the coming days.

The application process for TSOG and GLF is open now, and will close at 1200 on the 22nd December 2023.

The application process for ITMF will open in April 2024 and further information will be provided nearer the time.

TSOG and GLF funding is being allocated specifically to address the backlog in obsolescence related or general traffic signal maintenance and upgrading works in English local authorities. It cannot be used to replace existing allocated resource but is funding for new work or additional 'top up' to existing programmes. Only one bid per highway authority area will be considered, so in areas where lead authority arrangements exist, or where traffic signals responsibility is shared, coordination of bidding will be required. The General Guidance sets out specific procedures for bids from Combined Authorities. Funding will be awarded based responses to the online questionnaire that demonstrate need and evidence an authority's understanding of their estate, maintenance priorities and policy vision. Detailed requirements for bids for ITMF will be published in January 2024.

Please note the Department intends to undertake out-turn monitoring of scheme delivery and outcome evaluation of scheme effectiveness and will require authorities to provide information for this purpose as required. We may also publish authorities' results on the Department's website or the website of the Transport Technology Forum.

For further details or if you have any queries about the grant process, please contact Darren Capes (<u>Darren.capes@dft.gov.uk</u>). For support with accessing the website and General Guidance, or for any questions relating to the completion of the questionnaires, please contact (<u>signals_maintenance@lcrig.org.uk</u>).

Yours sincerely

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Enclosed:

Annex A – Grant conditions Annex B – List of recipients

ANNEX A - GRANT CONDITIONS

- 1. Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- 2. A statement of grant usage for Local Authorities will be required. If the amount of grant paid to the authority in the year is more than £50,000, the authority must prepare, as soon as possible after all grant has been paid, a statement of grant usage giving details of eligible payments and sources of funding for work carried out on the submitted project or projects, in the years spanning 01April 2024 to 31 March 2026. The statement must be signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

For grants of £100,000 and above, the authority must submit the statement of grant usage to its external auditor, together with a request that the external auditor should certify whether the entries on the statement are fairly stated in accordance with the grant terms and conditions.

Once these statements of grant usage have been prepared by the authority and certified as required by the Chief Financial Officer and the external auditor, they must be submitted to DfT as soon as possible.

- 3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Minister may
 - a) reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or
 - a) 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 Minister under paragraph 3(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.

ANNEX B - LIST OF RECIPIENTS

Council	Job Title
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Bath and North East Somerset Council	Chief Executive
BCP Council	Chief Executive
Bedford Council	Chief Executive
Birmingham City Council	Chief Executive
Blackburn with Darwen Council	Chief Executive
Blackpool Council	Chief Executive
Bolton Council	Chief Executive
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	Chief Executive
Brighton and Hove City Council	Chief Executive
Bristol Council	Chief Executive
Buckinghamshire County Council	Chief Executive
Bury Council	Deputy Chief Executive
Calderdale Council	Chief Executive
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	Chief Executive
Cambridgeshire County Council	Chief Executive
Central Bedfordshire Council	Chief Executive
Cheshire East Council	Chief Executive
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Deputy Chief Executive
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	Chief Executive
City of Doncaster Council	Chief Executive
City of York Council	Chief Executive
Cornwall County Council	Chief Executive
Coventry City Council	Chief Executive
Cumberland Council	Chief Executive
Darlington Borough Council	Chief Executive
Derby City Council	Chief Executive
Derbyshire County Council	Chief Executive
Devon County Council	Chief Executive
Dorset County Council	Chief Executive
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Durham County Council	Chief Executive
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Chief Executive

East Sussex County Council	Chief Executive
Essex County Council	Chief Executive
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Gloucestershire County Council	Chief Executive
Halton Borough Council	Chief Executive
Hampshire County Council	Chief Executive
Hartlepool Borough Council	Chief Executive
Herefordshire County Council	Chief Executive
Hertfordshire County Council	Chief Executive
Hull City Council	Chief Executive
Isle of Wight Council	Chief Executive
Kent County Council	Chief Executive
Kirklees Council	Chief Executive
Knowsley Council	Chief Executive
Lancashire County Council	Chief Executive and Director of Resources
Leeds City Council	Chief Executive
Leicester City Council	Chief Operating Officer
Leicestershire County Council	Chief Executive
Lincolnshire County Council	Chief Executive
Liverpool City Council	Chief Executive
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	Chief Executive
Luton Borough Council	Chief Executive
Manchester City Council	Chief Executive
Medway Council	Chief Executive
Middlesbrough Council	Chief Executive
Milton Keynes Council	Chief Executive
Newcastle City Council	Chief Executive
Norfolk County Council	Chief Executive
North East Combined Authority	Chief Executive
North East Lincolnshire Council	Chief Executive
North Lincolnshire Council	Chief Executive
North Northamptonshire Council	Chief Executive
North Somerset Council	Chief Executive
North Tyneside Council	Chief Executive
North Yorkshire County Council	Chief Executive
Northumberland County Council	Chief Executive

Nottingham City Council	Chief Executive
Nottinghamshire County Council	Chief Executive
Oldham Council	Chief Executive
Oxfordshire County Council	Chief Executive
Peterborough City Council	Chief Executive
Plymouth Council	Chief Executive
Portsmouth City Council	Chief Executive
Reading Council	Chief Executive
Redcar and Cleveland Council	Chief Executive
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Council	Chief Executive
Rutland Council	Interim Chief Executive
Salford City Council	Chief Executive
Sandwell Metropolitan Council	Chief Executive
Sefton Council	Chief Executive
Sheffield City Council	Chief Executive
Shropshire Council	Chief Executive
Slough Council	Chief Executive
Solihull Council	Chief Executive
Somerset County Council	Chief Executive
South Gloucestershire Council	Chief Executive
South Tyneside Council	Chief Executive
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	Chief Executive
Southampton City Council	Chief Executive
Southend-on-Sea City Council	Chief Executive
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Staffordshire County Council	Leader
Stockport Council	Chief Executive
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Chief Executive
Stoke-on-Trent Council	City Director
Suffolk County Council	Chief Executive
Sunderland City Council	Chief Executive
Surrey County Council	Chief Executive
Swindon Borough Council	Chief Executive
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive

Tees Valley Combined Authority	Chief Executive
Telford & Wrekin Council	Chief Executive
Thurrock Council	Managing Director
Torbay Council	Interim Chief Executive
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Transport for Greater Manchester (Combined Authority)	Chief Executive
Transport for West Midlands	Chief Executive
Wakefield Council	Chief Executive
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	Chief Executive
Warrington Borough Council	Chief Executive
Warwickshire County Council	Chief Executive
West Berkshire Council	Chief Executive
West Northamptonshire Council	Chief Executive
West of England Combined Authority	Chief Executive
West Sussex County Council	Chief Executive
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Chief Executive
Westmorland and Furness Council	Chief Executive
Wigan Council	Chief Executive
Wiltshire Council	Chief Executive
Wirral Council	Chief Executive
Wokingham Borough Council	Chief Executive
Wolverhampton City Council	Chief Executive
Worcestershire County Council	Chief Executive