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Dear LRF Chairs,

Firstly, thank you all for your ongoing work to develop Brexit plans and engagement in the renewed preparation of a no-deal Brexit.

Recognising the unique challenges associated with this planning the Secretary of State wrote to you on 6 August announcing the release of £4 million new funding for LRFs. This is in addition to the £1.79m funding provided in January 2019.

Rather than administering this as a fund, which would add to your existing work and potentially delay the allocation of funding we will instead provide £79,100 of funding to 27 LRFs. Ten LRFs (Essex, Greater London, Greater Manchester, Hampshire and IoW, Humberside, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Merseyside, Suffolk and Sussex) will receive £158,200, and Kent LRF will receive £217,300.

The funding should be used to directly support the development of your Brexit plan and continued preparedness activities, our expectation is that most LRFs will use this funding to support additional staffing costs. Our aim is to pay this funding in the week commencing 2 September via a Section 31 grant to a nominated LRF partner who will be the accountable body for the expenditure and will be responsible for ensuring the funding is provided to the LRF. To facilitate this, we ask that you nominate the accountable body by the end of 21 August and email this to REDEUTeam@communities.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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