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Dear Nickie Aiken,

### **Covid-19 funding for charities in Cities of London and Westminster**

In a year of unprecedented disruption, we have relied upon our charities more than ever.

A crucial part of the Government's response to COVID has been the £750 million support package to ensure voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors across the country can continue their vital work during this difficult period. The scheme is one of the most generous in the world and by far the most generous in Europe for the charity sector.

I am now in a position to update you on exactly how and where this money is being distributed - [including in your constituency.](#)

### **Headline figures**

My department led work to secure this funding and to oversee the overall design of how it has been used, with individual government departments and other bodies distributing it. The emergency package was broken down into a number of specific areas, including:

- An immediate allocation of £200 million to hospices across England;
- £200 million to the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by the National Lottery Community Fund, with a focus on supporting small- and medium-sized charities;
- £160 million to government departments for charities working on the front line of the Covid response, on issues such as tackling domestic violence, supporting the nation's mental health and protecting vulnerable children;
- £37 million to the BBC's Big Night In appeal, matching the generosity of the public in raising funds for Children In Need, Comic Relief and the National Emergencies Trust;

- £85 million through DCMS' Community Match Challenge, which has worked with a range of philanthropists and funders to unlock more than £160m for good causes;
- £60 million to the Devolved Administrations to support charities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;
- £5 million to the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership to support volunteers in local areas.

This package builds on £150 million which we released from the government's Dormant Assets scheme. These funds were lying unused in dormant accounts; they will now support charities, communities and individuals affected by the pandemic. Charities and social enterprises have also used the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to enable them to continue their vital work. This has been a multi-billion pound package of government support for charities.

Over 13,000 charities across the country have received funding to continue their vital work, including household names, such as St John Ambulance, NSPCC, Age UK, Barnardo's, Fareshare, and the British Red Cross, as well as thousands of smaller local charities.

### **Your local area**

This money is helping in your constituency, both through larger charities working to support communities across the country and through charities based in your area.

**From the £200m Coronavirus Community Support Fund alone, 48 charities in your constituency have so far received £2,491,061.** These include:

*Alzheimer's Society (£500,000)*

*Breast Cancer Now (£375,000)*

*The Coroners' Courts Support Service (£118,000)*

You will find a list of all the charities which received funding in your constituency in the annex of this letter. These figures are correct as at 3 November 2020.

This Friday (13 November) we will be celebrating the great work of charities, social enterprises and other community groups. If you would like to be part of the celebration you could:

- Carry out a visit or a virtual visit to a local organisation - please contact my official [aaron.jackson@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:aaron.jackson@dcms.gov.uk) who can connect you to organisations that have been funded in your community.
- If you do visit or meet with an organisation that has received funding in your constituency, please do let us know on social media by using the #CommunitCan hashtag. We recommend sharing photos from your visit and have provided a social media graphic which you can overlay on those photos. We have also provided a social media graphic which you can use if you cannot take photos.

Do get in contact if you have any questions. And if you have any specific feedback about the package and its impact on charities in your constituency, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my colleague Baroness Barran via [DCMSLordsMinister@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:DCMSLordsMinister@dcms.gov.uk), who is the minister responsible for this area.

Please be reassured that we are working at pace to distribute an unprecedented multi-million-pound package of government support for charities, and we are absolutely committed to ensuring taxpayers' money is spent effectively and reaches those who need it most.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP  
**Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**



**ANNEX: Full list of organisations in Cities of London and Westminster that have received funding via the Coronavirus Community Support Fund**

Breast Cancer Now (£375,000)
The Caxton Youth Organisation (£9,500)
Silverfit Ltd (£8,621)
Out & Proud African LGBTI (£9,976)
Central London Samaritans (£10,000)
Cosmetic Toiletry And Perfumery Foundation (£9,728)
Headway West London (£10,000)
The West End Community Trust (£5,998)
Streetwise Opera (£7,900)
Sport4Health Community Interest Company (£9,485)
Bar Pro Bono Unit (£5,000)
COSMIC (£7,500)
Pimlico Musical Foundation (£6,500)
SEWA DAY LIMITED (£10,000)
Notre Dame de France (£9,800)
Chabad Lubavitch Of Bloomsbury - Central London (£9,935)
Westminster Bangladeshi Association (£9,055)
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Our Lady of The Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street (£9,000)
Blind in Business Trust (£9,550)
CCCGB LTD (£9,965)
ADVOCCARE (£8,999)
Give Us Time (£8,124)
Peut-Etre Theatre (£9,947)
Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK (£8,852)
Westminster Befriend a Family (£49,899)
Passage 2000 (£75,000)
Dementia UK (£100,000)
Abbey Community Association Limited (£83,405)
Renaissance Foundation (£39,996)
Cardinal Hume Centre (£85,000)
Endometriosis UK (£58,583)
Pro Bono Community (£46,838)
New Borderline (£33,750)
Working Families (£95,584)

The Coroners' Courts Support Service (£118,000)
Young Westminster Foundation (£57,255)
Sands (Stillbirth and neonatal death society) (£99,700)
Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB) (£49,832)
Re-engage Ltd (£66,621)
Doorstep Library Network (£25,000)
Alzheimer's Society (£500,000)
The Chandran Foundation (£30,014)
Just Like Us (£27,944)
Cystic Fibrosis Trust (£68,057)
LEGS - Local Exercise Groups for Stroke and other neurological conditions) (£24,988)
The Soho Recovery Centre (£16,230)
Premier Christian Media Trust (£103,420)
PEPPY COMMUNITY TASKFORCE CIC (£57,510)

