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Local Strategic Partnership Chairs
for upper-tier local authority areas
(*via email*)

Dear LSP Chair,

Inspiring Communities Grant Programme

I am writing to draw your attention to a new central government programme which may be of interest to you. You may wish to pass this information on to members of your area's LSP, and, where these exist, to strategic partnerships operating at more local levels.

The new Inspiring Communities programme will support neighbourhood partnerships (including schools, councils, parents, charities and young people) to design and deliver a programme of activities to raise the aspirations and educational attainment of young people in deprived neighbourhoods. Central government intends initially to support 15 neighbourhoods through this programme, each receiving up to £450,000 core funding plus expert help over the next two years.

The programme has now been opened to applications from neighbourhood partnerships within a limited number of local authority areas in England (listed below, but this message should have only gone directly to LSP chairs in eligible areas) – participating neighbourhoods will be selected through an open, competitive application process. Where practicable, applicant partnerships are asked to seek LSP endorsement, so you may be approached at a later stage by local partners to consider this.

I attach the information pack for applicants which provides further details on the programme. This is also available at: www.communities.gov.uk/communities/neighbourhoodrenewal/inspiringcommunities. The deadline for applications is 3 June 2009.

Yours faithfully,

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Deprived neighbourhoods within the following upper-tier local authority areas are eligible for the Inspiring Communities programme:

- Barking and Dagenham
- Barnsley
- Birmingham
- Blackburn with Darwen
- Blackpool
- Bolton
- Bradford
- Bristol, City of
- Calderdale
- Coventry
- Cumbria
- Darlington
- Derby
- Doncaster
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Greenwich
- Hackney
- Halton
- Haringey
- Hartlepool
- Islington
- Kent
- Kingston upon Hull, City of
- Kirklees
- Knowsley
- Lambeth
- Lancashire
- Leeds
- Leicester
- Liverpool
- Manchester
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle upon Tyne
- Newham
- Norfolk
- North East Lincolnshire
- Nottingham
- Nottinghamshire
- Oldham
- Peterborough
- Plymouth
- Redcar and Cleveland
- Rochdale
- Rotherham
- Salford
- Sandwell
- Sefton
- Sheffield
- South Tyneside
- St. Helens
- Stockton-on-Tees
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Sunderland
- Tameside
- Torbay
- Tower Hamlets
- Wakefield
- Walsall
- Waltham Forest
- Westminster
- Wigan
- Wirral
- Wolverhampton

NB. Eligible upper-tier local authorities are where 10 per cent or more of the Lower Super Output Areas (statistical units of average 1,500 population) in a local authority area are in the most deprived 10 per cent in England on the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 or 20 or more Lower Super Output Areas within the local authority area are in the most deprived 10 per cent in England on the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007.