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Dear Colleague,

**Towns Fund**

This government is determined to ensure that prosperity and opportunities are available to everyone in this country, not just those in London or our biggest cities. That’s why on 27 July the Prime Minister announced a £3.6 billion Towns Fund to boost local economic growth across our towns.

Today I am announcing the 100 towns which will benefit from new town deals as part of this fund. I want to see these town deals deliver new energy and life to places that have too often felt left behind and overlooked by central government. Through these deals, we will level-up our great towns, raise living standards and ensure they can thrive with transformative investment in infrastructure, technology, skills and culture so they are great places to live, work, and learn.

I know that our towns have unique heritages, unique characters, and unique futures. That is why I will work with local people from the 100 communities announced today to agree proposals to invest of up to £25 million in each town. I want to understand their specific local challenges and opportunities, to tailor our support and ensure we deliver enduring benefits to people living there.

Building on today’s announcement I will shortly publish the Towns Fund prospectus so that, together, we can drive up opportunities across the country and unlock the potential of towns



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