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Sent by email ([REDACTED])

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Grant Award Letter – Drug Testing on Arrest

Grant Reference: Drug Testing on Arrest 181

Dear Mike, Benjamin,

Following Year 1 of the Drug Testing on Arrest expansion project, I am writing to confirm approval of the Drug Testing on Arrest grant offer for Essex Police of **£70,000** for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

To build upon the successes of Year 1, and to continue to encourage the use of DToA across all police forces in England and Wales, the Home Office is offering £70,000 to Essex Police to support your DToA programme in this financial year. Whether you are a force which currently undertakes DToA or not, this funding could enable you to expand your capacity for drug testing, increase the volume of testing undertaken and build DToA into the core capabilities of custody suites. The funding can be used for the purchasing of additional equipment to allow you to test from additional locations, increasing the volume of tests conducted, to pay for training for staff in use of the technology or to expand testing to non-trigger offences using an Inspector's Authority.

Additional funding may be available for police forces to support with DToA activity this financial year as well. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss this offer.

Condition of grant:

The funding can only be used to support the DToA programme, it cannot be used for any other purpose. More details of what is in scope of the funding are outlined below.

Within scope:

- This grant can be used for the set up or continued delivery of DToA.
- This grant can be used for the expansion into non-trigger offences through the use of Inspector's Authority, within the boundaries of the legislation.

- This grant can be used to fund police staff roles to support the delivery of DToA.
- This grant can be used to fund police overtime.

Out of scope:

- This grant cannot be used to fund police officer roles.
- This grant cannot be used to fund any activity outside of the DToA legislative boundaries.

This grant award is being offered as payment in arrears and should be managed in-year within the HMT financial rules. You will be asked to confirm your anticipation to accept the grant award no later than within 6 weeks of this letter being circulated. You should be aware that all Home Office Grant Funding is subject to the normal conditions of grant funding as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

Prior to returning the Grant Award Letter, forces are to engage with their own commercial and finance teams and to seek agreement of accepting the funds. Forces are also encouraged to engage with your Police and Crime Commissioner's office, and with local drug treatment and support service providers on plans for Drug Testing on Arrest.

As you returned a signed Grant Award Letter for the previous financial year, a Multi-Year Grant Agreement for FY23-24 and FY24-25 is attached with this Award Letter. We hope that this will support the continued planning for and delivery of DToA.

Forces are asked to return Grant Agreement Annexes to the Home Office on a quarterly basis. These Annexes are your way of invoicing us for costs incurred.

Project Reporting to Home Office

The Home Office will continue to evaluate the DToA expansion programme. To enable this to take place, we require a monthly return of monitoring data on DToA tests conducted by your force, as outlined in Schedule 3 of the attached Grant Agreement. This monthly return of data should be submitted to the Home Office DToA data collection mailbox at DTOA.datacollection@homeoffice.gov.uk

We expect forces to collaborate with the Home Office during the evaluation at the end of the financial year to provide valuable insights to support the shaping of future policy.

Next Steps

I would be grateful if you could confirm your intention to take up the offer of the £70,000 this financial year by signing the section below within 6 weeks of receipt.

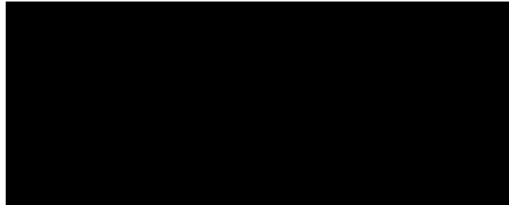
The Grant Agreement sets out specific conditions for the grant and includes relevant annexes for completion. Please note that we will not reimburse any expenditure incurred should you fail to sign a finalised Grant Agreement. Payment of these monies is subject to your acceptance of this offer and the standard terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

To confirm acceptance of this offer of grant funding, please sign and return the Grant Award Letter to the above email address. Please be aware that no payments will be released until receipt of the counter-signed documentation.

The Grant Manager for the Drug Testing on Arrest Project will be Helena Thompson, who will be responsible for monitoring delivery. Please address future correspondence to DTOA.PolicyTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk


We look forward to working with you over the coming years and continuing to build upon the early successes of the project.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Starling
Deputy Director, Drug Misuse Unit
Public Safety Group
Home Office

Confirmation of receipt

On behalf of Essex Police, I accept the funding offer to expand Drug Testing on Arrest outlined above:	
Signature:	
Name (printed):	Simon Anslow
Position:	Chief Superintendent, Head of Operational Policing Command, Essex Police