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Dear Mr Cowlshaw

**ALLOCATIONS OF SPECIFIED CAPITAL GRANT FOR 2005/06 TO
SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE ON MANDATORY
DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT**

I am writing to let you know that ODPM Ministers have now approved these allocations and that your authority will be able to claim in 2005/06 up to a maximum of £422,000 specified capital grant.

Please note that the arrangements for supporting local authority expenditure on mandatory disabled facilities grant changed from April 2004 following the introduction of the new prudential borrowing system for local authorities.

The arrangements are as set out in the attached Housing Renewal Grants (Exchequer Contributions)(England) Determination 2004. The principal features of this arrangement are as follows:

- Specific Credit Approvals ceased to have any effect from April 2004.
- Grant may be claimed from ODPM to cover 60% of relevant local authority expenditure on mandatory DFG as set out in paragraph 3 of the determination.
- Total grant payments made in the year 2005/06 to your authority will be limited to the amount set out in the first paragraph of this letter.
- Paragraph 4 states that the grant will be paid in 4 instalments throughout the year. The payments dates will be quarterly from 16 May 2005.

If you have any queries about the allocation of DFG specified capital grant for 2005/06 please contact Matthew Yeomans (myeomans.goem@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk) on 0115 971 2679 at this Government Office.

If you have any queries about the system for claiming specified capital grant through the LOGASnet system please contact Wendy Prest (Wendy.Prest@odpm.gsi.gov.uk) on 020 7944 3444 or Jeff Hollingworth (Jeff.Hollingworth@odpm.gsi.gov.uk) on 020 7944 3447 at ODPM.

Additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the attention of your Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Officer responsible for the administration of Disabled Facilities Grant. I should be grateful if you would arrange for them to be passed on as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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