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Apex Court, City Link,  
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Dear LEP Chief Executive / MCA Chief Executive

**CONFIRMATION OF FUNDING FOR GROWTH HUBS - 2023/2024**

I am pleased that I can now confirm funding for Growth Hubs in 2023/2024. I appreciate the uncertainty and difficulties that the late notification has caused within the network and hope this confirmation is welcome.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your teams for the work that you have done this year. Your ability to provide direct support and respond to the needs of businesses remains valued by Government.

I can confirm that the Secretary of State for Business and Trade has agreed core funding for Growth Hubs of up to £12m for 2023/2024.

Given the important role they provide, I'd also like to confirm that we will continue to provide funding for the Cluster Leads network and Greater Manchester's co-ordinating role will continue to be provided at the current level of £40,000 per annum.

Grant agreements will again be based around conditions of funding, with minimum core provision that we would expect to be delivered under the core funding allocation. There will remain an element of flexibility for LEPs/MCAs in the ways core funding can be used, how it can tailor with local priorities and how it can dovetail with broader services the LEP/MCA seek to provide through its Growth Hub. Once again, we would strongly encourage partnership working within clusters and across the network to both maintain the strength and coherence of the network, and to aid economies of scale. This will be detailed in the grant offer documents.

Where the LEP has integrated its functions into an MCA by April 2023, the relevant MCA will be the recipient of the 2023/2024 core funding.

We will write to you and your Accountable Bodies again as soon as we can setting out individual allocations and to commence the grant awarding process which as in the past will be for one financial year.

If you have any immediate questions, please contact [Growth.hubs@beis.gov.uk](mailto:Growth.hubs@beis.gov.uk).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Limb", with a horizontal line underneath.

Rowena Limb

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