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I am writing to invite your authority to submit a bid for funding to help tackle rogue landlords in the private rented sector. Up to £3m is being made available for this purpose.

There is a small minority of rogue landlords in the sector who place tenants in overcrowded or poorly maintained accommodation. As well as the impact that has on tenants, these poor living conditions can have a major impact on the local area.

This Government is determined to crack down on rogue landlords who have no place in the sector. We have been encouraged to see some of the effective enforcement work that has gone on around the country recently, as well as work by local authorities to engage landlords more generally and drive up standards across the board. However, we are aware that in a handful of areas there are particularly acute problems with clusters of very poor quality properties, which are associated with wider problems - illegal working, anti-social behaviour, illegal immigration etc - and we therefore need to take a multi-agency approach to tackle that. We have already had a considerable degree of success using a multi-agency approach to tackle beds in sheds and are keen to apply that approach in other areas with similar acute and complex problems.

We are therefore making some money available this year and next that can be used to fund local authority activity in tackling rogue landlords. That activity is likely to include, but is not limited to, further action on beds in sheds.

I am therefore asking local housing authorities with particularly acute and complex problems related to rogue landlords to submit a bid for this funding. The information that you are asked to provide is attached.

The deadline for applications is Friday 20 September. Bids should be submitted to:  
[roguelandlords@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:roguelandlords@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

My officials will be able to answer any queries that your officers may have. In the first instance, they should contact [jonathan.bramhall@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.bramhall@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

**MARK PRISK MP**

## **Rogue Landlords**

### **Bid Information**

Bidders are asked to provide the following information:

- **Objectives**
  - What are you trying to achieve
  - How will that fit with and complement any other housing and planning activity
  - What is the timetable for delivery
- **Background & Track Record**
  - What evidence base exists for the scale of the problem in the area
  - What has been achieved to date
  - Why is funding over and above existing resource levels being sought
  - What other agencies are you working with
- **How the money will be spent**
  - How much money is being sought
  - Can it be spent within the two set financial years
  - Can a pressing need for the funding be demonstrated
  - How will multi-agency working be enhanced
  - Will the LA match any funding provided by DCLG
- **Benefits & Outputs**
  - What additional value will the extra money achieve
  - What are the outputs that will be delivered with the extra money
  - What benefits / outcomes will be achieved with the extra money
- **Sustainability**
  - In the medium term what will the authority do to put their rogue landlord activity on a sustainable footing
  - What are the long term strategic aims
- **Risks**
  - What are the risks to delivery
- **For London boroughs only**
  - How are you promoting voluntary accreditation
  - What steps are you taking to promote the London Rental Standard