

Appendix 1 – Getting Building Fund, approved East Sussex projects, July 2020

Charleston Access Road: removing the barrier to growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £89,293 (match funding £310,707, total project cost £400,000) - Project promoter: South Downs National Park - Project location: Charleston, Firle, Lewes
<p>To widen and resurface the access track to Charleston, an artists' house and studio museum of international significance in the heart of the South Downs National Park, home to the renowned Charleston Festival. In 2018 Charleston undertook a £7.5m capital uplift, resulting in a doubling of audience numbers in 2019 and 20% increase in turnover, with a local economic impact of £1.4m. However, the poor condition of the access track is discouraging repeat visitors and is a barrier to growth. By widening the track, this project will also create new dedicated access for cyclists.</p> <p>Outputs include 26 indirect jobs in the local visitor economy created/safeguarded annually by domestic and international tourism to Charleston. The Centenary Project, of which this access lane forms part, has so far created 11 direct gross operational FTEs and 31 indirect gross induced jobs in the visitor economy – these are also safeguarded by maintaining and improving access to the site. The project is focused on The Charleston Trust which is a critical component in the region's visitor economy. The improved access also opens up access to businesses in the village of Tilton (Tilton House, an accommodation and retreat centre, and the foraging and cookery school Hunter Gather Cook's Shepherd Barn.</p>
Creative Hub, 4 Fisher Street, Lewes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £250,000 (match funding £400,000, total project cost £650,000) - Project promoter: Lewes District Council - Project location: Fisher Street, Lewes
<p>Conversion of a vacant building into a new co-working hub and café. The new hub will include touch down, short occupation and longer term leased office space for the fast-growing creative industries in Greater Brighton. Interest has already been received from potential tenants.</p> <p>Outputs include 777sqm of commercial workspace, 35 jobs created plus 9 additional construction jobs.</p>
Fast Track Business Solutions for the Hastings Manufacturing Sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £3,500,000 (match funding £1,000,000, total project cost £4,500,000) - Project promoter: East Sussex Energy Infrastructure & Development Ltd (trading as Sea Change Sussex) - Project location: North Queensway Innovation Park, Queensway, St Leonards on Sea
<p>4,000sqm GIA of Class B1/B2 industrial accommodation designed to be occupied as a whole, or subdivided into units from 150 up to 1,000sqm. Situated in an established industrial location with good transport links. Addresses immediate need for modern manufacturing space due to supply shortage and outdated existing stock. Sustainable growth is at the heart of the build programme and building specification with low and zero carbon technologies and materials to give low maintenance and low energy cost solution.</p> <p>Outputs include 3,995sqm of commercial workspace, 96 jobs created plus 17 additional construction jobs, and 33 jobs safeguarded.</p>
Observer Building, Hastings (Phase 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £1,713,000 (match funding £2,561,000, total project cost £4,274,000) - Project promoter: White Rock Neighbourhood Ventures Ltd - Project location: Cambridge Road, Hastings
<p>After 35 years derelict, this iconic and much-loved local landmark will be brought to life with four floors of leisure, retail, offices, studios and community space. Led by a locally rooted social enterprise developer with a successful track record at Rock House, the project delivers significant workspace and jobs as well as enterprise support and skills development. The grant will also unlock the potential for 15 capped-rent flats and a large public roof terrace. This massive building will be a regeneration catalyst for the whole area and is a key component of the local High Street Heritage Action Zone.</p> <p>Outputs include 2,102sqm of commercial workspace, 66 jobs created plus 14 additional construction jobs, and 4 jobs safeguarded. Further outputs include 15 housing units unlocked, 40 businesses and 80 new learners assisted, and an estimated 81,000kg of CO2 emissions avoided.</p>

Restoring the Glory of the Winter Garden
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £1,600,000 (match funding £2,300,000, total project cost £3,900,000) - Project promoter: Eastbourne Borough Council - Project location: Compton Street, Eastbourne
<p>Restore the Winter Garden, a historic Grade 2 listed Victorian pavilion, to its former glory as a cultural destination of regional importance that supports and enhances Eastbourne's year-round visitor economy, establish new higher value markets and generate an additional £1m uplift to the local economy. This is a vital project as part of Eastbourne's post-Covid economic recovery.</p> <p>Outputs include 50 jobs created plus 53 additional construction jobs, and 10 jobs safeguarded. Additional events will indirectly support a large number of hospitality businesses in Eastbourne (not quantified, but the additional economic impact estimated at £1m per annum).</p>

Riding Sunbeams Solar Railways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £2,527,500 (match funding £2,527,500, total project cost £5,055,000) - Project promoter: Riding Sunbeams - Project location: Chalvington / Berwick, near Polegate
<p>The world's first MW scale solar farm directly powering the DC railways. Delivered in an innovation collaboration between Green Tech company Riding Sunbeams and Network Rail to develop the route to market for direct rail subsidy free renewable energy directly supplying the UK's largest energy user. As outlined in the UK's Rail Decarbonisation Strategy, Riding Sunbeams Solar Railways will bring benefits to the region's energy capacity, carbon saving, costs saving and to our local communities through option for community investment.</p> <p>Outputs include 40 jobs created plus 10 additional construction jobs and 10 jobs safeguarded, plus 800 for the sector when the market opens across the region. 1,041.25 tonnes (1,041,250kg) of CO2 emissions avoided in year one, and 26,031.25 tonnes over 25 years. 30 acres (121,406sqm) of solar farm wild planted and some rewilded. Additional outputs include a 2% social impact benefit for 25-year lifetime of the project, and Green Recovery through opening up a new direct wire renewable energy market at the heart of the south east region (as mentioned in the Tri-LEP Energy Strategy).</p>

Sussex Innovation Falmer: Covid-Secure Adaptions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £200,000 (match funding £100,000, total project cost £300,000) - Project promoter: University of Sussex - Project location: Sussex Innovation Centre, Falmer, Brighton
<p>To refurbish Sussex Innovation Centre (Falmer) to make it a Covid/pandemic-secure work environment. This necessary investment will ensure that the space will be adapted to accommodate social distancing, provide technology to aid remote working and virtual meetings that are required to safeguard businesses and jobs in the centre, and create new jobs to fill the available space. The impact of the pandemic has reduced occupancy levels of the centre to below 60%, therefore this investment is required to increase the occupancy level back to 95%. This is equivalent to 100 jobs or 18 businesses.</p> <p>Outputs include 100 jobs created and 190 jobs safeguarded, plus an expected reduction in CO2 emissions due to investment in green transport (EV charging facilities, additional cycle parking and shower facilities).</p>

UTC Maritime and Sustainable Technology Hub
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBF capital ask: £1,300,000 (match funding £500,000, total project cost £1,800,000) - Project promoter: Lewes District Council - Project location: Railway Quay, Newhaven
<p>Conversion of the former UTC@harbourside building into an education-led skills training centre with commercial workspace for SMEs specialising in the marine sector. The proposals also include new office space for Lewes District Council and partners. Site is one of the most prominent in Newhaven and its regeneration would emphasise the strength of Newhaven's recovery.</p> <p>Outputs include 1,300sqm of commercial workspace, 32 jobs created plus 74 additional construction jobs, and 184 jobs safeguarded. Further outputs include 2,601sqm of new/improved learning & training space and 346 new learners assisted.</p>