

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION GETTING BUILDING FUND

The Government is making £900 million available through the new Getting Building Fund (GBF) for investment in local, shovel-ready infrastructure projects to stimulate jobs and support economic recovery across the country. The **Liverpool City Region MCA** has been allocated **£26m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In the Liverpool City Region, the Get Building Fund projects are expected to deliver/ future proof jobs and skills, develop an iconic facility for creative industries and contribute to government's net zero pledge and infectious disease control work. The projects align with the Liverpool City Region's economic recovery plan as well as central governments key priorities.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	1709
Construction Jobs Created	390
Jobs Safeguarded	10
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	93,650
New Learning Space Unlocked (sqm)	9,222
New Learners Assisted	1490
R&D Floorspace (sqm)	13,069

Summary of projects

Project	Description
Littlewood Studios	The project, in two phases, is to generate employment in the film and creative industries aligned to associated post 16 and degree level education and training. The project will achieve this through the immediate development of 2 interim sound stages to capitalise on demand from the film industry alongside the redevelopment of the former iconic Littlewoods Pools building in partnership with industry and leading education providers.
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	Liverpool City Region CA is working with local business, higher education providers and the NHS to provide a National Infectious Disease R & D Ecosystem in the North West that builds on the recognised regional strength in this area and provides improved national and international resilience to diagnose, prevent and treat infectious disease. Phase 1 will refurbish existing clinical space to create an internationally significant capacity strengthening unit, covering the whole gamut of infectious diseases, which is also able to rapidly train and strengthen capacity within the UK to handle and undertake R&D on live virus isolates such as COVID-19.
Glass Futures	Glass Futures is an industry backed Research and Technology organisation leading collaboration across the glass industry,

¹ The outputs listed are locally reported and will undergo further quality assurance before being finalised and confirmed in grant offer letters

	academia and government. The project will create one of the world's first openly accessible, commercially available, multi-disciplinary glass melting facility with provision for research and development trials within a safe environment.
Halsmead Employment Site and Garden Village	The Halsmead South logistics development is an extension to the 1500 dwelling Halsmead residential site which is one of 14 national garden villages. This would deliver at least 450 direct net jobs and 80 construction jobs, equating to over £20million per annum GVA benefits.

Liverpool City Region MCA will be expected to deliver the agreed projects but will have flexibility to deliver the greatest economic benefits to the area. Any significant changes to the projects should be discussed with the Government in advance, and all investment decisions must be undertaken in line with locally agreed audit and scrutiny arrangements.