

WEST YORSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY 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 **West Yorkshire Combined Authority** has been allocated **£52.6m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the funded projects are expected to deliver growth for the local economy and support green recovery including expansion of a capital grants programme to support growing businesses to create jobs and boost productivity, and assist them with post-pandemic adaptation and recovery. They include proposals to drive economic regeneration in the centres of Bradford and Leeds, and deliver new city centre green spaces; to modernise and revitalise the town centres of Dewsbury and Huddersfield with cultural and heritage assets including the new home for the National Rugby League Museum. There are improvements to road, bridge and cycleway infrastructure that will better connect residential and employment zones and reduce carbon emissions; a range of energy efficiency measures to address fuel poverty in low income households; and a centralised skills, business and services facility in Knottingley town, that will support skills and employment.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	1,850
Construction Jobs Created	440
Jobs Safeguarded	500
Houses Unlocked	1,800
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	14,500
New Learning Space Unlocked (sqm)	142
New Learners Assisted	200
Businesses Assisted	270
Roads/Cycle Lanes/Walkways Unlocked	4.83km
Public Realm/ Green Space Created (sqm)	6,800
New superfast broadband connections	145
CO2 emissions saved (kg)	79,000

Summary of projects

Project	Description
Business Growth Programme, West Yorkshire	This programme will provide capital investment grants of between £5k and £500k for businesses that can deliver jobs growth and safeguarding. The grants will be focussed on boosting productivity, innovation and resource efficiency, and can assist with the cost of new equipment / machinery (including software when accompanying physical investment) and the fit-out, renovation or expansion of premises. Grants will also be used to

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

	support new start enterprises and support business to recover and adapt following the Covid-19 lockdown
Huddersfield George Hotel Redevelopment	Redevelopment of The George Hotel, a prominent Grade 2 listed building closed since 2013. Essential remedial works for the Hotel will provide an investment opportunity to deliver new and improved Grade A office space and leisure facilities, and act as a catalyst for the wider regeneration of the town centre as well as create the home for the new National Rugby League Museum.
Enterprise Zone Expansions: Parry Lane, Bradford and Langthwaite, Wakefield	<p>Parry Lane – A range of de-risking, infrastructure and enabling works to unlock an ex-mining, brownfield site for the future development of modern industrial accommodation to meet market demand.</p> <p>Langthwaite - Delivering an extension to the existing industrial estate by providing enabling infrastructure including an access road to open up the site for further development. The project will also prepare the site for industrial development by undertaking de-risking works including early site infrastructure to create development platforms.</p>
Brighouse A6025 Reconstruction	Reconstruction of the A6025 Park Road, which was closed due to a landslip caused by flooding. The route provides a direct link between Calderdale's primary employment and housing areas in Halifax, Elland and Brighouse and will advance delivery of sustainable travel measures being developed to access the proposed Elland Rail Station.
Leeds City Centre 'Grey to Green' economic infrastructure and public realm	<p>A package of economic infrastructure works comprising four linked projects to improve connectivity and boost the growth of Leeds City Centre. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new river crossing linking Leeds station and the HS2 development zone; - Provision of new green space to unlock a new city centre park; - Redevelopment of City Boulevard unlocking further phases of major residential development of the former Tetley Brewery site; - New public transport interchange and cycle hub facilities at the Corn Exchange.
Bradford One City Park	The One City Park scheme will provide 5,000m2 of much-needed high quality, flexible, Grade A office space to the city centre which is key to securing new businesses and corporate investment into Bradford. It will provide the centre with a commercial offer / office space that meets the needs and aspirations of the business sector and matches other regional urban centres and at the same time. It will provide a customer base for retail, leisure and expanding cultural offer within the city.
Holbeck, Leeds Phase 2 Victorian Terrace Retrofit	Delivery of Phase 2 of a neighbourhood renewal scheme to deliver holistic energy efficiency improvements, including external wall and roof insulation, increasing the energy rating of properties and reducing household fuel bills.
Beech Hill Phase 2, Halifax – Multi-tenure housing group repair scheme	An energy efficiency led group repair programme to provide insulated pitched roofs, new rainwater goods and new doors and windows to 70 mixed tenure homes. These works will reduce CO2 emissions and bring health and financial benefits to the residents and property owners including taking low income households out of fuel poverty.

Wakefield Warm Homes Fund – energy efficient heating solutions	To provide support for 271 vulnerable, low income, fuel poor homeowners to switch from inefficient solid fuel or electric heating to gas central heating for the first time or to improve their heating system to more efficient models. It also provides loft and cavity wall insulation where applicable to provide a 'whole house' solution.
Dewsbury Arcade	The project involves the repair, refurbishment and reconfiguration of the vacant Grade 2 listed Victorian Arcade, the project will create 21 new flexible retail, leisure and business units suitable for occupation by local independent businesses.
Bradford 'City Village' Phase 1 - accelerating city centre regeneration	Replacement of an existing outdated market hall and unlock a mixed used development opportunity, repurposing and revitalising a failing area of the city centre. The project will also deliver environmental highway improvements and an area of high quality public realm for events and other commercial and leisure activities.
Leeds Liverpool Canal Towpath /Cycleway	This scheme will support completion of the remaining 2km of canal towpath on the Leeds Liverpool Canal that will provide a continuous walking and cycling route from Leeds City Centre through Bradford towards the Yorkshire Dales providing an all-weather route that will help boost tourism and leisure throughout the year providing support to the local economy all year round, as well as providing a sustainable, low-cost, travel link to access local employment and skills opportunities.
Temple Green, Leeds Park & Ride Expansion	Expansion of an existing operational park and ride facility within the Aire Valley Enterprise Zone by an additional 400 spaces. It has reached full capacity of 1,000 spaces within 2 years of opening. This project is important to support recovery from the Covid-19 lockdown through ensuring the accessibility of the City Centre. The facility serves the eastern part of the city intercepting car journeys from the M1, providing a high frequency 10 minute bus journey to the city centre.
Wakefield Business Gigabit Voucher Scheme	A voucher scheme to promote the installation of high-speed broadband connectivity into businesses and communities. Activities include connection vouchers for businesses and installation of local wireless and 4G/5G networks at up to 20 locations.
Knottingley Skills, Business and Services Hub	The creation of a centralised Skills, Business and Services Hub in Knottingley through the redevelopment of the Kellingley Club. The facility will provide a nucleus for driving up economic growth in the area through provision of skills, employability and enterprise support, including a base from which effective business networks can be developed.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority 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.