**Local Growth Fund figures**

Total value of Local Growth Fund programme**: £579m**

Total number of LGF projects: 110

Spend in 2019/20:

£62.8m - LGF spend in 2019/20, excluding Department for Transport (DfT) retained schemes

£96.4m LGF spend to date in 20219/20, including DfT retained schemes

Spend to date (2015/16 – 2019/20)

£340.5 – LGF spend to date, excluding DfT retained schemes

£409.2m – LGF spend to date, including DfT retained schemes

Delivery and outcomes

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|  | 2019/20 | Total to date (2015/16 – 2019/20) |
| Jobs  | 9,013 | 15,596 |
| Houses  | 10,136 | 20,63 |

**Colchester Institute STEM Innovation Campus**

Location – Braintree, Essex

Project completion – January 2020

LGF funding – £2.5m

Total cost - £12.5m

Project outcomes – To create an Centre of Advanced Technology, supporting an additional 325 new learners

STEM based industries have been identified as having significant skills shortages in both the SELEP and Essex Employment and Skills Board Evidence Base. Sectors including construction, engineering, digital, IT, health, logistics care and finance are lacking the skills required for growth.

An earlier phase of the project had already been delivered and was part funded through the SELEP’s Skills Capital, this involved the conversion of the former sports hall at the campus to create a STEM Innovation Centre. Opening in 2017 it further strengthened links between the college and local employers. It is delivering training from levels 2 to 5 in advanced manufacturing, robotics and service engineering alongside brick­work, plumbing and electrical installations to help meet the rapidly growing local demand for construction skills.

The second phase of the project was completed in 2019, to create a Centre of Advanced Technology at the Braintree Campus to help address skills shortages across Essex.

**Chelmsford Station**

Project completion – April 2019

LGF Funding – £3m

Match Funding –

Project outputs – Improved access to Chelmsford Railway Station

Can we not get a photo of the underpass?