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| Total Value of Sector Support Fund  £1,500,000 |
| Total number of SSF projects:  12 |

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| Spend in 2019/20  £467,266 |

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| Spend to date:  £889,266 |

**Case study** – Kent Medical Campus Enterprise Zone – Innovation Centre Design Work

Location – Maidstone Kent

Project Completion – initial works (SSF spend) March 2020, Build Programme Mid 2021

SSF Funding £156,000

Total Cost circa 311million

Project Outputs – Provide an environment focussed on life-science, healthcare and med-tech activities.

Background

The SSF bid was to support design stage costs for the development of an Innovation Centre at Kent Medical Campus in Maidstone. The project was also looking to secure a further circa £5m from European Regional Development Funding, which was successful. Total project costs are circa £11million.

The initial works, funded by SSF and Maidstone Council commenced in early 2019, completing in February 2020 ready for the main build to commence.

The 2,787sqm (30,000 sqft) Innovation Centre will offer SME’s focused on life science, healthcare and med-tech activities access to a combination of high-grade office accommodation and business support providing a nurturing environment for start -ups and growing business. It will address a significant under provision by the private sector. Also available will be meeting space to assist in the formation of a ‘research hotel’ where businesses, academics and medical professionals can collaborate to enable new ideas to be developed and introduce new products to the market.

Benefits

As well as the delivery of 2,787sqm (30,000sqft) of usable workspace it will support around 270 jobs generating £120million for the economy over the next decade.

Image from - <https://www.pbctoday.co.uk/news/planning-construction-news/kent-innovation-centre-contract/69635/>

