

Freedom of Information request R260 Annex 1: ERDF Round 3 Grants Awarded

Project name: SIRE

Led by Serco

ERDF committed: £1,278,994

To improve the competitiveness & productivity of the region's businesses and reduce their overall ecological footprint, by encouraging them to adopt sustainable innovation practices by promoting sustainable innovation, establishing additional specialist innovation adviser capacity to identify potential areas of development and diagnose customer needs, support businesses to adopt sustainable innovation practices, establish strong relationships with all the publicly funded innovation support providers, and link businesses to specialist expertise in these organisations.

Project name: Retrofit South East - Phase 2

Led by Radian Housing Group

ERDF committed £267,866

Building on the success of the ERDF funded 'Retrofit South East' project, the aim of this project is to transform the social housing retrofit market by developing a sustainable finance mechanism to the point where it would be ready to pilot a programme of 300 retrofits in the SE region.

Project name: Low Carbon Essentials

Led by Business Support Kent

ERDF committed: £1,000,000

The project will deliver an innovative approach to delivering business resource efficiency savings that also speeds up the transition to a low carbon economy. The project has two essential ingredients, which will work together to create a measurable impact on business carbon reduction, increased competitiveness and market expansion.

Project name: CLT Incubator

Led by Carbon Limiting Technologies Ltd

ERDF committed £485,000

To extend the currently restricted provision of this scheme to provide additional support to incubatees and services to a wider group of companies in the South East developing innovative low carbon products and services. The target market is high growth businesses with scaleable propositions capable of raising funding and generating significant sales and employment. Many are developing technologies in conjunction with research institutes. The offering is intensive support to a small number (10 -15 annually) of potential winners selected using venture capital criteria.

Project name: Flash +

Led by Thames Gateway Institute for Sustainability

ERDF committed £745,000

FLASH+ (Facilitated Learning and Sharing) will help built environment supply chain SME's develop practical, economic solutions for the UK government target of reducing carbon emissions from buildings by 34% by 2020, and 80% by 2050 – and exploit the huge latent demand in the SEEDA region for renewable energy and upgrading over 100,000 low carbon homes and buildings per annum.