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# Incubator gets \$500,000 from Rohnert Park

ROHNERT PARK – The Sonoma Mountain Business Cluster, a nonprofit business incubator in the former Agilent buildings in Rohnert Park, has received \$500,000 in redevelopment funds from Rohnert Park.

The money will be used to partially fund capital improvements to the incubator facility.

Jerry Gladstone, a former vice president and general manager of Agilent who heads the business cluster, called the funding “an extraordinary step forward for the future of Rohnert Park and all of Sonoma County.”

The money will come as a 10-year loan, forgivable if job creation milestones are met.

“The new business incubator is an exciting project

that promises to benefit the city in myriad ways,” said

Rohnert Park Assistant City Manager Dan Schwartz.

Sonoma Mountain Village is a development project of Coddling Enterprises, envisioned to include business space, the incubator and residences.

The business cluster is targeting startup companies in the sustainable resources and medical technology sectors. It will provide office space, infrastructure and an array of technical and business experts, consultants, student interns and

education programs in conjunction with Sonoma State University.

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