

ARGYLL & THE ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

The following are the funds approved in the month ended JULY 2003. Approval simply means that AIE funds have been made available, but does not guarantee that the project or activity will go ahead. The funds will not be released until the applicant produces evidence that the project has gone ahead.

GROWING BUSINESSES

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME is the financial assistance provided, normally by way of grant, to stimulate new business projects or expansions. 14 businesses which expect to invest a total of £842,500 from their own resources in setting up or expanding their operation had assistance totalling £403,950 with the prospect of 28.75 jobs created or retained. The jobs created or retained figure is forecast, agreed between AIE and the business concerned, of the jobs created or retained as a result of the AIE investment.

Business development	Total cost	Assistance approved
Country Kitchen, Inveraray	£240,000	£70,000
Upgrade café and restaurant (Ref 1540/01)		
Argyll Catering, Dunoon	£28,100	£9,800
New mobile kitchen (Ref 1399/02)		
Bute Corporate Training, Ascog Bay, Bute	£220,000	£46,200
Provision of corporate training centre (Ref 1553/01)		EU HIE Standards £30,800
Hunting Lodge Hotel (Putechan) Ltd,	£130,900	£27,500
Bellochantuy		EU HIE Standards £18,300
Upgrading of hotel (Ref 1558/01)		
Tobermory Chocolate, Isle of Mull	£144,000	£43,200
Relocation of premises (Ref 0718/03)		
Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash, Arran	£50,900	£10,700
Hotel upgrade (Ref 1545/01)		EU HIE Standards £7,100
Cousin & Armour, Campbeltown	£25,600	£6,400
Upgrade facilities to allow more diagnosis and operations to be done locally (Ref 1559/01)		
William MacDonald, Isle of Jura	£7,500	£1,500
Fitting out 4 Star self catering accommodation (Ref 0986/02)		EU HIE Standards £1,000
Sue McGuire, Campbeltown	£9,700	£3,400
Provide training facilities for highland ponies (Ref 1561/01)		
Burns Stewart Distillers, Tobermory Distillery	£18,000	£4,500
Installation of discharge monitoring equipment (Ref 1560/01)		
Mhairi M Killin, Isle of Iona	£57,700	£9,100
Conversion of disused steading to 3 craft workshops (Ref 1557/01)		
Scottish Owl Centre, Campbeltown	£45,000	£9,500
Display owls for entertainment and environmental education (Ref 1565/01)		EU HIE Activity £6,200
J McGilvray Business Services, Bowmore	£16,500	£5,000
Business services expansion (Ref 1564/01)		
Loch Fyne Oysters, Clachan	£374,900	£93,750
Expansion of oyster and mussel farm (Ref 068/10)		
14 cases	Capital Investment programme approvals -	£403,950
	Year to date	£1,433,645
	Private monies raised	£2,087,918
	Jobs created or retained	225.75

HIE STARTS – Programme of assistance to eligible individuals starting a new business. Support is provided in a number of ways including business advice, business planning, business start-up workshops and financial support. In July 13 individuals were awarded fortnightly allowances amounting to a maximum of £3,000 paid over an average period of 48 weeks. Funding is also available to assist with fixed capital expenditure associated with business start-up, up to a maximum of £500. 60% of funding for this programme comes from the AIE budget and 40% from the European Regional Development Fund. Approval of assistance has been given but the business may not yet be in a position to start trading.

Applicant	Business	Total Allowance	Capital Grant
Freya Gaea, Kildonan, Arran	Cameron and Gaea Ceramics	£3,000	£250
Catriona McAlister, Logchilphead	Argyll Print Craft	£3,000	£500
George Simpson, Port Ellen	Farm contractor	£3,000	£500
Iain Reid, Campbeltown	Financial consultant	£3,000	£500
Susan McGuire, Campbeltown	Lagalgarve Highlands, training highland ponies	£1,500	-
Deborah Jackson, Brodick	Kidstuff, children's clothing	£3,000	£500
John McLellan, Whiting Bay	Macmusic, manufacture of stringed instruments	£3,000	£500
Linsey McCuaig, Lochgilphead	Fyneplanters, manufacture of plant containers	£1,500	£250
Brent Gibson, Lochgilphead	Fyneplanters	£1,500	£250
Roderigh Angus, Campbeltown	Scottish Owl Centre	£3,000	-
Ronald Kiley, Lochgilphead	Mid Argyll School of Motoring	£3,000	£500
Kevin McInnes, Dunbeg	K & L Flooring	£3,000	£210
William Charlton, North Connel	Handyman Services	£3,000	£500

RURAL PETROL STATION SCHEME – additional Scottish Executive funds for upgrading / maintaining fuel supplies in rural areas.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Colonsay Community Development Co Ltd		£10,000
Upgrade of Colonsay Fuel Station (Ref 30760)	£146,271	Rural petrol scheme £126,610

GROWING BUSINESS PROJECTS - consultancy and feasibility studies etc.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Arran Bike Club		
Scoping study into options for future development of the Arran Trails Project (Ref 30776)	£11,000	£7,000

ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL – funding to projects which repair or renew the physical environment.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Fyne Homes, Rothesay		
Ladeside environmental enhancements, (Ref 30882)	£473,968	£50,000

PROPERTY – expenditure approved for direct provision of commercial or industrial property.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Argyll and the Islands Enterprise Land acquisition and infrastructure works to establish science park at Dunstaffnage (Ref BFB/17/15)	£1,425,000	£1,425,000

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – assistance to community based projects to develop community strengths, leadership and confidence, enhance the quality of the environment and culture, and promote investment in community services and assets.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Lochgoilhead Village Hall Environmental improvements (Ref 28979)	£6,020	£3,000
Argyll and the Islands Enterprise Argyll Air Services economic impact assessment (Ref 30746)	£15,000	£15,000
Argyll and Bute Council Delivery of Ballochgoy SIP Step Up project (Ref 29867)	£35,000	£3,500
Taynuilt Sports Club All weather sports facility (Ref 30719)	£44,573	£17,271

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - part funded by the European Union under the Highlands & Islands Special Transitional Programme - to enhance community capacity through training and skills which will enable communities to develop and implement their own local priorities

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Dalmally Community Company (Ref 28473)	£2,750	£1,100
Study into operational viability of Dalmally Shop Fyne Homes		EU CED £1,100
Audit of local construction industry, running contractor road-shows and training events (Ref 30789)	£19,606	EU CED £9,803
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Community Partnership		
Implementation of Community Futures programme phase III (Ref 30807)	£32,976	EU CED £14,660
Elemental Arts, Ardfern		£5,500
Ardfern & Craobh Haven Arts Festival (Ref 30700)	£35,107	EU CED £1,955
Commann Eachdraidh Lios Mor (Lismore Historical Society)		
Project development manager for phase II of Port an Carron Heritage Centre (Ref 30501)	£10,000	£3,500 EU CED £3,500

SKILLS & SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS TRAINING GRANTS - discretionary assistance towards training and development of companies to enhance the skill levels of staff, linked to their business objectives.

BUSINESS TRAINING GRANTS (Cont.....)

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Oban Veterinary Surgeons, Oban Pet health counsellor & veterinary nurse	£4,178	£1,253
R M Clunie & Co, Oban General business training to training plan	£14,812	£5,924
Simmers & Co, Oban AAT, ATT, CA, NVQ in accounting	£11,795	£4,718
Oyster Inn, Connel NVQ Levels 2 & 3 in food preparation	£3,750	£1,125
Atlantis Leisure, Oban ISRM Management Cert, Supervisory Cert & pool plant operator	£13,879	£4,164
Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, Gigha Horticultural related training	£12,725	£6,363
The Arran Brewery Co Ltd General business training to training plan	£8,411	£3,364
Premier Homecare, Rothesay SVQ Level 4 Registered manager in health & social care	£1,823	£730
Abbots Brae Hotel, Dunoon Various hospitality training courses	£4,816	£1,926
GT Insulations, Dunoon General business training to training plan	£22,480	£7,500
H.E.L.P. (Argyll & Bute) Ltd, Dunoon General business training to training plan	£15,945	£6,377
The Olympian Café Bar, Dunoon General business/catering training to training plan	£8,320	£3,328
Clyde Cottage Nursery, Dunoon General business training to training plan	£7,013	£2,104
A G Barr Optometrist, Campbeltown General business training to training plan	£2,889	£1,156
Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre, Lochgoilhead General business training to training plan	£30,000	£7,500
Donald McLean, Campbeltown Construction related training	£2,170	£868
Westgas, Rothesay Update of Corgi registration, oil heating qualification	£1,917	£767
Donald Johnstone, Tayinloan CITB qualification	£472	£142
Douglas MacDonald, Ford Artificial insemination course	£472	£142

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - discretionary funds for projects which aim to enhance the training and learning opportunities in the area.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Argyll and the Islands Enterprise Delivery of Level 4 VQ in Registered Manager in Health & Social Care (Ref 29973)	£68,000	£51,000
Vestas Celtic Wind Technology, Machrihanish Training related to the production of V80 turbines (Ref 29711)	£333,800	£83,500

SKILLSEEKERS - School Leavers are issued with Skillseekers bond which they may use to pay for training leading to a recognised vocational qualification (VQs) either within employment or with a training provider. Delays in reporting result in us giving below details of qualifications achieved in June 2003.

Level	Applicant	Qualification
Level 2	Rory Fulton, Tarbert	Using IT
	Emma Cullen, Rothesay	Reception
	Colin Dunlop, Oban	Food and drink manufacture
	Paul Byrne, Oban	Food and drink manufacture
	David Menzies, Oban	Food and drink manufacture

TRAINING FOR WORK (TFW) - training for 18 –64 year olds who have been unemployed for more than 6 months. Delays in reporting result in us giving below details of qualifications achieved in June 2003.

Level	Applicant	Qualification
Level 1	Roberta Stewart, Ardrishaig	European Computer Driving Licence

In addition, we are advised that 10 previous participants on the scheme have obtained jobs.

SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT – assistance for projects, principally in the Tourism, e-Business and Food & Drink sectors.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Argyll and the Islands Enterprise		
West Coast Whisky Trail marketing/business plan (Ref 30778)	£2,370	£1,750
Cowal Walking Festival		
Cowal Walking & Events Festival (Ref 30715)	£15,051	£4,901
Cowal Community Events Association		
Cowal events programme 2003 (Ref 30953)	£28,000	£8,500
Mull of Kintyre Music & Arts Festival		
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival 2003 (Ref 30661)	£33,800	£6,000
Kintyre and Argyll Events Ltd		
Campbeltown Air-show 2003 (Ref 30740)	£33,000	£15,000
Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage		
Eco-system based fisheries management modelling system (Ref 30267)	£66,000	£29,256

EVENTS & FESTIVALS – funding support towards small events and festivals to enhance the attraction of the area to visitors.

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Tiree Agricultural Society		
Tiree Agricultural Show	£6,355	£1,500
Tarbert Loch Fyne Club		
Tarbert Topper Traveller	£6,560	£2,000

HIE e-BUSINESS – programme designed to stimulate the adoption of e-commerce amongst SMEs by providing independent advice and grant assistance and raising the profile of successful e-business adopters in the area. 55% of funding comes from the AIE budget and 45% from the European Regional Development Fund.

HIE e-BUSINESS (Cont...)

Project	Total cost	Assistance approved
Sweeties, Oban E-commerce web site	£7,150	£2,860
Dorinda Johnson Studio, Tiree E-commerce web site	£1,087	£543
Barcaldine Hotel, North Argyll New web site	£1,155	£462

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