



Lochaber Enterprise
Iomairt Lochabair

MONTHLY APPROVALS REPORT
FEBRUARY 2002

The following are funds approved in the month ended February 2002. Please note that the sums referred to relate to approvals not payments. While finance may be approved for a business investment, for example, it does not guarantee that the project will go ahead. The approval simply shows that Lochaber Enterprise funds have been made available, but they will not be released until evidence has been received that the activity or project has gone ahead.

FINANCE FOR BUSINESS

Financial assistance, normally by way of a grant, to stimulate new business projects or expansions. Note that the jobs created and retained figure is an agreed forecast between Lochaber Enterprise and the applicant of the jobs that are likely to be created and / or saved as a result of Lochaber Enterprise investment.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>	<i>Forecast of Jobs Created/Retained (Full Time Equivalents)</i>
Messrs Gillies & MacLeod, West Highland Hotel Mallaig	Upgrade of hotel to improve quality and standards	8,700*	4
D & K Cooper T/a Crafts & Things Glencoe	Upgrade of kitchen to improve quality and standards	2,150	1
Old Pines Ltd Old Pines Spean Bridge	Upgrade of rooms and heating systems to improve quality	3,625*	1.25

* These figures comprise in broadly equal amounts, the allocation of Highlands & Islands Programme Partnership - HIE Standards, HIE Lead or HIE Activities grants and Lochaber Enterprise Building or Development Grant.

Lochaber Enterprise also offers confidential business advisory services, free of charge, through Lochaber Business Development Services and the EU Business Audit Schemes. The number of companies assisted in February totalled 16.

BUSINESS START-UP

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mr Chris Tulloch T/a Proximo 4 Roxburgh Place Fort William	Starting a new business providing a training service in the Lochaber and Highland area.	2,600

BUSINESS ADVISORY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Kinlochleven Land Development Trust, Royal Bank Buildings Leven Road Kinlochleven	Technical advice	8,750

KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Websolutions Scotland Limited 21C2 Ben Nevis Industrial Estate Fort William	Purchase of software and Dell server for demonstration purposes.	903
Nevis Range Torlundy Fort William	Assistance to establish a short messaging service (SMS) snow alert service.	650

NON SECTORAL BUSINESS MARKETING

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Ms Rosalinda Aitken Caledonia Personnel Consultancy Danescroft, Corpach Fort William	Marketing project	56.40

NON SECTORAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Hi-Arts	Assistance towards local costs of pan-highland Stimulating Creativity Project	1000
Mallaig & Morar Community Centre Association	Purchase of Sound Equipment	4316
Acharacle Community Company	Assistance with legal costs for the purchase of Post Office, Shop, café and housing unit in Acharacle	3300

INWARD INVESTMENT

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Kinlochleven Land Development Trust Royal Bank Buildings Leven Road, Kinlochleven	Marketing of Kinlochleven Land Development Trust resources	10,000
Kinlochleven Land Development Trust Royal Bank Buildings Leven Road, Kinlochleven	Adaptation of Small Bunker Building	12,000

ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Invercoe Caravan & Camping Park, Invercoe, Glencoe	Invercoe foreshore assessment	845
Abbeyfield Ballachulish Society Ltd, Abbeyfield House Park Road, Ballachulish	Abbeyfield House site clearance	11,375
Kinlochleven Land Development Trust Royal Bank Buildings Leven Road, Kinlochleven	Hard landscaping to Kinlochleven Business Park	9,000

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Special Skills Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mr Dave Hanna	Yacht Master Instructor Training	171.00
Mr David Buick	Commercial Diver Training	750.00
Mr Alan Kennedy	Universal Survival Course	217.00
Mr Michael Smith	IRATA Level 2 Rope Access Training	510.00

Company Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
NORFAB Products Ltd	Annual Training Plan	4,670.00
Crossroads Lochaber	Moving & Handlers Training	1,607.00

Freedom of the Glen Family of Hotels	Training for new IT System Implementation	4,800.00
Old Pines Restaurant with Rooms	Intermediate Food Hygiene	213.00
Alasdair A Young	Annual Training Plan	1,991.00

TRAINING PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Lochaber Enterprise	MTS Sector Training	2,955.00
Lochaber Enterprise	Business Course Directory 2002	28,340.00
Lochaber Enterprise	HTF Press & Event Promotion for MA's	2,500.00
Lochaber Enterprise	Marketing of Recruitment Website	6,000.00

SKILLSEEKERS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Provider</i>
Mr Ewan Charles Kennedy	Gamekeeping, Level 2	North Highland College
Miss Melissa Donoghue	Initial Training	Nevis Training Centre
Mr Charles Morton	Initial Training	Nevis Training Centre
Miss Donna Marie MacDonald	Initial Training	Nevis Training Centre
Mr Iain Alexander Angus Jackson	Gamekeeping, Level 2	North Highland College
Miss Emma Hall	Administration, Level 3	Microcom Training Ltd
Miss Catherine Weir	Administration, Level 2	Nevisprint Ltd

TRAINING FOR WORK

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Provider</i>
Mr John Lawrence	Level 1	Global Highland Training
Mrs Jacqueline Ross	Level 1	Global Highland Training
Mr Andrew Stewart	Level 1	Global Highland Training
Mr William Ward	Level 1	Global Highland Training

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Feisean nan Gaidheal	Support for the staging of a showcase concert in Fort William	869
Kilchoan Playing Field Development Group	Creation of playing field	15,000

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Economic Development (CED) is a European funded Community Initiative administered by Lochaber Enterprise, on behalf of a multi-agency partnership and representatives of the Lochaber wide community.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mallaig & Morar Community Centre Association	Purchase of Sound Equipment	4315
Feisean nan Gaidheal	Support for the staging of a showcase concert in Fort William	869