



Lochaber Enterprise
Iomairt Lochabair

MONTHLY APPROVALS REPORT
January 2003

The following are funds approved in the month ended January 2003. 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>
Jeffrey Ward 13 Connochie Road, Fort William	Establishment of a sea charter business	13,250*	1.5
Lochaber Frames & Pictures Unit7, Nevis Bank Workshops, Fort William	Expansion and Relocation of an existing business and the development of a ceramic studio.	18,860*	3.5
G & J McMenemy T/a Ben View Hotel Strontian	Installation of spa and sauna at Ben View Hotel	3,100*	3
K & I Kelly T/a The Princes House Hotel Glenfinnan	Upgrade of facilities	7,200*	1.5
AJ & RT Smither Arisaig House Cottages Arisaig	Construction of a tennis court	6,200*	0

* These figures comprise in broadly equal amounts, the allocation of Highlands & Islands Programme Partnership - HIE Standards, HIE Activities, De Minimis 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 January totalled 30.

BUSINESS ADVISORY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
West Highland Museum Fort William	Feasibility Study for Museum Extension	£2,000.00

OTHER SECTOR PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Nevisprint Ltd Unit 3 Caol Ind Est Caol Fort William	Upgrade of Unit	£8,405.00

NON SECTORAL BUSINESS MARKETING

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
West Highland Museum Fort William	Promotion of Museum	£240.00
Lochaber Area Management Committee – HOST Fort William	Promotion of film locations in and around Lochaber	£939.00

NON SECTORAL BUSINESS PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
MacPhee & Partners Airds House An Aird Fort William	E-business Development Grant	£10,042

INNOVATION SUPPORT GRANT

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Corpach Boatbuilding Co Ltd Corpach Fort William	Assisted Consultancy towards development of vessel for the disabled	£3,500.00

NON SECTORAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Forest Enterprise	Morven Woodlands Project Officer	£25,000.00
Camanachd Association	Establishment of Central Offices	£1,375.00
Mallaig & District Canoe Club	Purchase of Sea Kayak and Associated Equipment	£550.00
Spean Bridge Community Centre	Equipment for Events in Hall	£190.00
Treslaig Village Hall	Equipment for Village Hall	£200.00
Proiseact nan Eilean	Launch of 'An Leabhar Mor'	£1,000
Forest Enterprise	Community Conference	£730.00

ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Forest Enterprise	Creation of Cross Country Cycling Trail	£15,000.00
Highland Council	Fort William Waterfront Feasibility Assessment	£6,500.00

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Special Skills Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mr Nick Norris, Ferinish, Drimnin, Argyll, PA34 5XZ	LGV Class II Training	£271.00
Miss Norma Gourley, 23 Blar Mhor Road, Caol, Fort William, PH33 7HN	Advanced Driver Instructor Training	£750.00

Company Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mr Alasdair J Ross, Dalkeith Villa, Belford Road, Fort William, PH33 6BU	Gas Training	£3,170.00

SKILLSEEKERS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Provider</i>
Mr John Paul MacCormick	Vehicle Maintenance, Level 3	Moray Firth Training Group
Mr Martin Alexander Black	Food Preparation, Level 2	North Highland College

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Lochaber Rural Education Trust	Showfield development	£25,000.00

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>
Lochaber Rural Education Trust	Showfield development	£5,000.00