



Lochaber Enterprise
Iomairt Lochabair

MONTHLY APPROVALS REPORT
July 2003

The following are funds approved in the month ended July 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.

INITIAL INVESTMENT AND JOB CREATION

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>
Foster Yeoman Limited Kingairloch, Ardgour	Establishment of Deer Larder & Processing Facility	16,625*	1
Thomas Gibson Weir Fisher's Brook, Morar	Purchase of fishing vessel	31,600	3
Ferguson Transport Tigh -Aran, Spean Bridge	Purchase of specialist equipment	75,400*	6
Tom & Gillian McClean T/a Tom McClean Enterprise Invermorar House Morar	Establishment of a Mussel Farm on Loch Nevis, Mallaig	12,800	.25
Mark Rogers Inverie, Knoydart	Establishment of a charter boat business	12,100*	1
Kilchoan House Hotel Property Partnership Kilchoan	Installation of central Heating and Double-Glazing and purchase of equipment	12,150*	0
Inverlochy Castle Ltd Torlundy, Fort William	Upgrade of kitchen equipment and washpot area	7,170*	0
Ian D Shaw Beinn Bhan West Laroach, Ballachulish	Purchase of specialist trailer	6,761	0

* These figures comprise in broadly equal amounts, the allocation of Highlands & Islands Programme Partnership - HIE Standards, HIE Efficiency 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 totalled

BUSINESS START-UP

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mark St John Rogers Inverie, Knoydart	Charter boat business	£ 2,600.00
Mary Hay T/a Wicked Wax Works Rowan Cottage Newton of Ardtoe, Acharacle	Production of hand made candles	£ 2,290.00
Derek Thomson Stalkers Bothy Kinloch, Isle of Rum	Deer management & stalking services	£ 2,450.00

BUSINESS ADVISORY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Morvern Community Development Company Morven	Assistance towards cost of feasibility study	£ 2,900.00

TOURISM PROJECTS

Finance to enable those companies / individuals / associates to fulfil the marketing of their particular product / service; to attract more tourists to Lochaber; to assist Village Halls to be used to promote tourist related activities.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Highland Council Mamore House, Fort William	Feasibility study into “Outdoor Capital of the UK” concept	£ 3,000.00

KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
West Coast Mountain Guides, Calluna, Heathercroft, Fort William, PH33 6RE	E-Commerce Website	£ 960.00.00
Retreat Tapestries, Achadrom, South Laggan, by Spean Bridge, PH34 4EA	E-Commerce Website	£ 556.00

OTHER SECTOR PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
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Corpach Boatbuilding Co Ltd Corpach Fort William	Construction of third slipway – feasibility study	£3,300.00
Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust 28 Main Street Tobermory Isle of Mull	Ardnamurchan Point Sightings & Educational Project	£1,315.00
Voluntary Action Lochaber An Drochaid Claggan Fort William	Initiative at the Edge Project Officer post	£16,536.00
Lochaber Music School An Drochaid Claggan Fort William	Production of business plan	£12,200.00
Feis Nan Chriochan Grianan Glenfinnan	Purchase of instruments	£2,230.00.00

NON SECTORAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Glenfinnan Gun Club C/o Donald Robertson, Pier Road, Glenfinnan	Purchase of automatic trap	£810.00
Caol in Bloom 33 Kilmallie Road Caol Fort William	Caol in Bloom Canal Bank project.	£375.00

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Special Skills Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mr Mark Connelly, The Moorings, Garbhein Road, Kinlochleven, PH50 4SE	Telecom Rigging Training	£506.00
Ms Philippa Squires, Arianach, Upper Inverroy, Roy Bridge, PH31 4AQ	SVQ Assessor Award Training	£186.25
Mr Allan MacPherson, 2 Roxburgh Place, Loch View Crescent, Fort William, PH33 6UJ	Track Machine Training	£243.94

Company Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Abbeyfield House, Park Road, Ballachulish, PH49 4JS	Annual Training Plan	£4,000.00

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 Unit 7, Rural Complex, Torlundy, Fort William	Administrator/Facilitator for Phase II of Lochaber Rural Complex	£9,500.00
The Highland Council	Mountain Bike Leader Training	£660.00
Nevis Radio	Training 2003	£1,431.00
The Highland Council	Training of youth workers	£555.00