



Lochaber Enterprise

Iomairt Lochabair

MONTHLY APPROVALS REPORT December 2003

The following are funds approved in the month ended January 2004. 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>
Cranolla Ltd Home Farm, Clovullin Ardgour	Radio broadcasting base at Ardgour	£3,375*	0.50
Anna Skea Rhubana Cottage, Morar	Business relocation	£550	1.5
Donna Macculloch Tighard, Isle of Eigg	Expansion of business	£1,000	1
Alexander L MacDonald Ardslignish, Glenborrodale	Purchase of equipment	£3,980	
The National Trust for Scotland Balnain House Inverness	Creation of accommodation and preservation of Canna collections	£75,650*	0.25
T & E Macphie Arranmore, Mallaig Veag, Mallaig	Upgrade to accommodation including access	£6,200	1
The Ice Factor Ltd 69 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh	The Ice Factor in Kinlochleven	£63,000	9.5
J & I Henderson Creag Mhor Lodge Onich, Fort William	Upgrade of Creag Mhor Lodge	£21,200	2.75
Margaret Sampson	Creation of Sand school	£2,600	.75

Airish Bheag, Morvern			
Kentallen Leisure Ltd The Holly Tree Kentallen	Upgrade of hotel	£4,600	1.0
June & Ken Chandler Fern Villa Guest House Loanfern Ballachulish	Upgrade of Fern Villa Guest House	£4,000	0

* These figures comprise in broadly equal amounts, the allocation of Highlands & Islands Programme Partnership - HIE Standards, HIE Efficiency, HIE Activities grants or 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 December totalled 32.

BUSINESS ADVISORY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Ft Wm & Lochaber Building Preservation Trust Ltd Per M MacLean Loch Morar House, Morar	Project development for Old Senior School	£2,000

NON SECTORAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Lochaber Music School An Drochaid Claggan, Fort William	Participation in Northern Periphery Programme	£18,885
Forest Enterprise	Artists in the Oakwoods	£7,000

ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
B Kearney & S Donald c/o Kearney Donald Partnership 101 High Street, Fort William	Refurbishment and redevelopment of redundant building	£12,950

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Special Skills Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Mungo Watson	Yachtmasters certificate	£278.00
Norma Gregory	LGV Driver Training	£635.00
Robert Oddy	Welding Course	£230.00

Company Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Corpach Boatbuilding	Annual Training Plan	£1,645.00
GCF Joiners	Training Plan	£399.00
Gibson Electrical Engineering	Training Plan	£747.00

TRAINING PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Lochaber College	Practical Food Preparation Training	£25,000
National Trust for Scotland	Footpath Skills Training	£3,182
Lochaber College	Tourism Management Development	£21,500

SKILLSEEKERS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Provider</i>
Karena Hutton	Administration Level 3	Lochaber College

TRAINING FOR WORK

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Provider</i>
Eric Wilson	European Computer Driving Licence	Global Highland

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>
Highland Wood Energy Unit 2 Mart Industrial Estate Corpach, Fort William	Build capacity amongst woodfuel users and suppliers	£6,000