



Lochaber Enterprise
Iomairt Lochabair

MONTHLY APPROVALS REPORT
March 2004

The following are funds approved in the month ended March 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>
Sunbeam Aquaculture Ltd Per Andrew MacLean Cragg, Lochailort, Inverness-shire	Upgrade of Kinlochmoidart Hatchery	50,000	4
Highland Smoked Salmon Scotland Ltd Unit 1 – 4 Blar Mhor Industrial Estate Fort William	Purchase of equipment.	19,100*	16.5
A & E Munro The Centre, Strontian	Upgrade of kitchen	1,050	1.5
Genuine Games Limited Unit 2, Ben Nevis Industrial Estate, Fort William	Purchase of Gamebyro Software and development equipment	23,900	10
Mr & Mrs Sutherland The Steadings, Roy Roy Road, Kinlochleven	Conversion of property to self catering	10,650	0.5
Mr & Mrs Richardson Mansfield Guest House, Corpach, Fort William	Upgrade of guest house	2,800	0
Denholm Fishselling 12 Timber Bush, Edinburgh	Installation of Ice Slurry tank at Mallaig	11,880	0
P & J Wilson,	Upgrade of accommodation	4,400	2.25

t/a Tirindrish Holidays Tirindrish, Spean Bridge	and facilities		
J & E Dinnes Natural History Centre Glenmore, Acharacle	Upgrade of History Centre	2,100	0.25

* These figures comprise in broadly equal amounts, the allocation of European funding - HIE Standards, or HIE Activities grants and Lochaber Enterprise Building, Development or Deminimis Grants.

BUSINESS START-UP

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Kshema Cooper	To establish an Art Space Studio	2,450
William Porter	To support the operation of Roy Bridge Stores and Post Office	1,950
Bruno Berardelli	To establish Highland Wood Energy Limited	2,450
Oliver De Chesnes	To establish Highland Wood Energy Limited	2,450
Lynn Waddell	To establish Smudan Pottery	2,450
Michael Dempsey	To establish a part time business pressure washing roofs	1,950

BUSINESS ADVISORY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Crannog Concept Ltd Blar Mhor Ind Estate Fort William	Business Advisory Support	5,000

CROSS SECTOR MARKETING

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Rennie McVicar	Exhibition attendance at the VisitScotland Expo 2004	265
Sco Fro (Lochaber) Ltd Annat Industrial Estate, Fort William	Attendance at European Seafood Exhibition in Brussels	700

NON SECTORAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Glencoe Mountain Rescue c/o 40 Old Town Onich, Fort William	Purchase of search lights	1,318

TRAINING PROJECTS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
West Highland Wheelers	First Aid Training	430

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Special Skills Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Pip Squires	MBTI Training	418
George Coull	EDH Deckhand Trg and Survival Craft Trg	259
David Spiers	Diving Training	750
Graham Moss	Mountain Leader Training	365
Steven Grindrod	Survival & Diver medic Course	750

Company Training

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Marine Harvest	Assistance to help deliver VQ's	1,950
Direct Pet Supplies	Sage Training	482
The Ben Nevis Inn	Annual Training Plan	942

SKILLSEEKERS

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Provider</i>
Ross Sutherland	Food Preparation & Cooking	The North Highland College
Alexander Gordon Young	Food Preparation & Cooking	The North Highland College
Nathan Bedford	Food Preparation & Cooking	The North Highland College
Steve Milne	Food Preparation & Cooking	The North Highland College
David Harkins	GRfW	Inverness College
Christina Calder	GRfW	Inverness College
Arran Hunter	GRfW	Inverness College
Iona MacDonald	Hairdressing	Inverness College