



## Lochaber Enterprise

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### MONTHLY APPROVALS REPORT November 2003

The following are funds approved in the month ended November 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<br/>£</i> | <i>Forecast of Jobs<br/>Created/Retained<br/>(Full Time Equivalents)</i> |
|---|--|---------------------|--|
| Bruce Watt Sea Cruises<br>Western Isles<br>Mallaig                                | Upgrade of Equipment   | 2,000*              | .5   |
| Jane MacFarlane Glasow,<br>T/A Glenfinnan House Hotel<br>Glenfinnan, Fort William | Upgrade of Hotel   | 7,000               | 2.75   |
| Peter Watt<br>Riverside House<br>East Larach, Ballachulish                        | Purchase of additional<br>equipment cost and vehicle<br>conversion costs | 850                 | 1  |
| E & M Cameron<br>Strone Farm<br>Strone, Fort William                              | Upgrade of self catering<br>accommodation                                | 1,650               | 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 November totalled 24.

## **KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECTS**

| <i><b>Applicant</b></i> | <i><b>Type</b></i>   | <i><b>Amount £</b></i> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Redcat Scotland Limited | To provide Internet/Computer Health check to 10 companies within Lochaber Enterprise area/ | 1,200                  |

## **NON SECTORAL BUSINESS MARKETING**

| <i><b>Applicant</b></i>                  | <i><b>Type</b></i>   | <i><b>Amount £</b></i> |
|--|--|------------------------|
| C & A MacDougall<br>T/A Caledonian Bears | Assistance towards attending the Festive Gift Fair in Birmingham | 385                    |
| Alan Boyd, T/A ACB Gym                   | Assistance towards costs of producing promotion leaflet          | 480                    |

## **NON SECTORAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

| <i><b>Applicant</b></i>      | <i><b>Type</b></i>   | <i><b>Amount £</b></i> |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Isle of Eigg History Society | Assistance towards members going on a fact funding visit to similar projects | 65.00                  |
| Voluntary Action Lochaber    | Community Enterprise Conference 2003   | 1142                   |
| Feisean nan Gaidheal         | Assistance to run a teenage workshop weekend in Glenfinnan                   | 920                    |

## **TRAINING DEVELOPMENT**

### *Special Skills Training*

| <i><b>Applicant</b></i> | <i><b>Type</b></i>              | <i><b>Amount £</b></i> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ian Jenner              | Tree Climbing / Chainsaw Course | £201.50                |
| Dave Mundy              | 4x4 Instructor Course           | £344.37                |

### *Company Training*

| <i><b>Applicant</b></i>  | <i><b>Type</b></i>   | <i><b>Amount £</b></i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Russel Hire Ltd          | HGV                  | £465.85                |
| Duncan Gillies Décor Ltd | Annual Training Plan | £3,500.00              |

## **SKILLSEEKERS**

| <i><b>Applicant</b></i> | <i><b>Type</b></i> | <i><b>Provider</b></i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Aimee Gow               | SVQ Level 2        | Lochaber College       |
| Ann Marie MacLennan     | SVQ Level 2        | Goal Training          |
| Carol Anne Lawrie       | SVQ Level 2        | Goal Training          |
| Fiona MacBain           | Modern Apprentice  | Goal Training          |
| Catherine Hutton        | SVQ Level 2        | Goal Training          |
| Pauline Khul            | Modern Apprentice  | Goal Training          |

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Peter Dillon      | Modern Apprentice | Goal Training                  |
| Callum MacLeod    | Modern Apprentice | SFMTA (Food Training Services) |
| Tracie Ann Lawrie | GRfW              | Nevis Training                 |
| Arran Hunter      | GRfW              | Nevis Training                 |
| Alice Cameron     | Modern Apprentice | Lochaber College               |
| Paula MacDonald   | SVQ Level 2       | Lochaber College               |
| Sheree Stewart    | SVQ Level 2       | Lochaber College               |

## **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.

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|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Isle of Eigg History Society | Assistance towards members going on a fact funding visit to similar projects | 65.00                  |
| Forest Enterprise            | Conversion of office at Clunes into a multi-use environment facility         | 2625                   |
| Voluntary Action Lochaber    | Community Enterprise Conference 2003   | 1142                   |