

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2005

The following are funds approved in December 2005. 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 a project will go ahead. The approval simply shows that HIE Moray (HIEM) funds have been made available, but they will not be released until evidence that the project has gone ahead is received.

** denotes projects where Directors or staff are directly or indirectly connected. Please note that in such cases these persons are excluded from the processing or approval of such projects.*

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Promote Investment in Community Assets and Services

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Moray Inshore Rescue Service	Rescue Service for Findhorn Bay	Findhorn	10000 (CED)	33
Cromdale Hall Association	Renovation of Cromdale Hall	Cromdale	5000 (CED)	27

DEVELOPING SKILLS & LEARNING

Narrowing the Gap in Unemployment

Skills Training Grants

HIE Moray aims to enhance the employment prospects of unemployed people by assisting with the costs of vocational training courses. HIE Moray offers grants of up to 50% towards course fees, up to a maximum of £300. Certain restrictions apply in line with market opportunities and level of available skills in the local labour market.

Recipient	Location	Assistance
Neale Clark	Buckie	300
Colin Cowie	Buckie	300
Wesley Mundie	Buckie	300
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Ian Sutherland	Burghead	300
Graeme Jack	Hopeman	300
Jonathan Presley	Lossiemouth	300
Derek Raybould	Lossiemouth	300
Neil Taylor	Portknockie	300
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TOTAL	10 applications	£3000.00
TOTAL TO DATE	155 applications	£46362.00

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GROWING BUSINESSES

Greater Entrepreneurial Dynamism & Creativity

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Tio Ltd	Automation of packing line and upgrade of second line	Forres	11416	5
A4 Design & Print Ltd	Purchase of equipment to allow access to digital print markets	Elgin	1666	20
Cluny Fish Supplies	Building adaptation and purchase of machinery for the processing of a new product	Buckie	16232	20

HIE Starts

HIE STARTS is designed to support new business ventures by providing information and guidance to individuals interested in running their own business. Help is available for business planning and implementation. Limited funding may be available to help clients over an initial trading period. The following businesses are actual starts during the month which may have been approved in a previous period.

Applicant Name	Nature of Business	Location	Assistance (£)
Alan McKenzie	Alloy Wheel Repair	Elgin	1040
Ben Clinch	Forestry & Rural Services	Darnaway	2600
Elaine Smith	Artist	Elgin	1040
Emma Arthur	Artist	Kinloss	1040
Arlene Bain	Health & Beauty	Buckie	250
Caroline Walker	Life Coach	Mundole	1040
Michael Donaghie	Comic Book Publishing	Lhanbryde	2600
Evelyn Lawson	Childminding	Cullen	250
Angela Griffiths	Podiatrist	Elgin	1040
Sian Macdonald	Counsellor	Elgin	416
Lee Noble & Mathew Charlesworth **	Retail Facility	Aberlour	1040
Joanna McKnockiter & Julie George **	Retail	Elgin	1040

** Partnership

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Increased Involvement in Global Markets

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Highland Spirit Ltd	Attendance at Trade Fairs	Mosstowie	3040	100