

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2004

The following are funds approved in June 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 a project will go ahead. The approval simply shows that Moray Badenoch & Strathspey Enterprise (MBSE) 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.*

DEVELOPING SKILLS & LEARNING

Skills Training Grants

MBSE aims to enhance the employment prospects of unemployed people by assisting with the costs of vocational training courses. MBSE 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
Ronald Walker	Carrbridge	300
Robert Clark	Findochty	260
Carl Thorpe	Portknockie	300
Douglas Stephen	Portknockie	300
TOTAL	4 applications	£1160.00
TOTAL TO DATE	29 applications	£7588.00

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GROWING BUSINESSES

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 (£)
Mark Edwards	Vintage Aircraft	Glenlivet	2600
Frazer Mackintosh	Bespoke Furniture	Newtonmore	2600
Katrina Crosby	Secretarial Services	Grantown on Spey	1040
Geraldine Smith	Bridal Bouquets	Fochabers	2600
Paul Roberts	Garden Maintenance	Lossiemouth	416
Iain Macrae	Osteopathic Practice	Forres	1040
Alison Woosnam	Tea Rooms	Dufftown	2600
Pauline Watt	Fish Retail	Elgin	1040
Lisa Macarthur	Curtain Manufacturer	Elgin	1040
Carl Thorpe	Handyman	Portknockie	1040
Richard & Charlottes Smith **	IT Solutions	Garmouth	2600
Alanda Streames	Artist	Elgin	1040
Robert Sheach	Restaurant	Duffus	2600
Willie Thomson	Catering	Kingussie	2600
Tracey Carpenter	Worm Farming	Rafford	1040
Christopher Thornton & Barry Snow **	Graphic Design	Buckie	1040

** Partnership

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

More People Choosing to Live & Work

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
James Jones & Sons Ltd	Expansion through building and equipment		47644	7.5