

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005

The following are funds approved in February 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 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.*

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Promote Investment in Community Assets and Services

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Aviemore Highland Resort	Temporary Ice Facility	Aviemore	25000	26

Enhance the Quality of the Environment and Culture

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society	Develop the Ice House into a tourist attraction	Spey Bay	4000	10
Moray Tourism Forum	Spirit of Speyside Festival 2005	Moray	4000	12

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DEVELOPING SKILLS & LEARNING

Narrowing the Gap in Unemployment

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Moray Firth Media Trust	Radio Broadcasting & Contemporary Media Training	MBS Area	3500	2.5

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
Kevin Alexander	Elgin	300
David MacKay	Elgin	300
James Simmers	Elgin	265
Allan Hepburn	Elgin	300
David Dunbar	Keith	251
Raymond Mearns	Keith	300
Paul Gilbert	Lhanbryde	300
Rodney Badenoch	Lossiemouth	300
Alexander Mair	Portknockie	300
TOTAL	9 applications	£2616.00
TOTAL TO DATE	87 applications	£23890.00

Improved Demand for High Quality In-Work Training

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Forestry Contracting Association	ESF HI Forestry Futures Training Programme 2001-04	MBS Area	10000	100
Cairngorms National Park	Land Based Business Training	Cairngorms National Park Area	5801	10

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GROWING BUSINESSES

Greater Entrepreneurial Dynamism & Creativity

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Mains House Ltd	Installation of Biomass heating system in a new care home	Newtonmore	17875	27.5

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 (£)
Gary McIvor	Forestry Contracting	Duffus	1040
Stuart Paterson	Ski Guide/Gardener	Nethybridge	1040
Duncan Cartwright	Marketing	Urquhart	1040
Jamie McKissock	Outdoor Services	Forres	1040
Kirsten Gilmour	Café	Grantown on Spey	2600
Marlene Butler	Develop Essences	Findhorn	250

** Partnership

Increased Commercialisation of Research & Innovation

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
INE – Ki Work Ltd	Distance Working Pilot Programme	MBS Area	5000	25
Hi5 Living	Hi5 Living Prefab Housing Prototype	MBS Area	16220	35

Global Success in Key Sectors

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Speyfruit Ltd	Specialised Equipment	Elgin	6150	15

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Increased Involvement in Global Markets

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
MacLeans Bakery	Trade Mission to International Food Fair	Forres	1152	50

Globally Attractive Location

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Highland Rail Partnership	Contribution to Highland Rail Partnerships costs	MBS Area	10000	16.5
Seapark Filling Station, Kinloss	LPG for Seapark Filling Station	Kinloss	8750	50