

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005

The following are funds approved in April 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

Enhance the Quality of the Environment and Culture

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Butterfly Conservation Scotland	Training Sessions for Tourism Operators	Cairngorms Area	1000	4
The Crown Estate	Installation of Wood Fuel Heating System	Tomintoul	5000	16

DEVELOPING SKILLS & LEARNING

Narrowing the Gap in Unemployment

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
Alexander Phimister	Buckie	300
Charles Green	Buckie	218
William McKie	Buckie	300
Diane Reid	Buckie	300
Lorna Reid	Buckie	300
David Cormack	Buckie	300
Kara Wilson	Buckie	300
Charles Green	Buckie	286

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Trevor Hay	Buckie	300
Andrew McFarlane	Buckie	300
Brian Reid	Buckie	300
Kimberley Thomson	Buckpool	192
Alister Logan	Elgin	300
Roderick McLean	Forres	300
Marina Davidson	Keith	300
Paul Husband	Lossiemouth	300
Scott Gordon	Lossiemouth	300
David Warren	Mosstodloch	300
TOTAL	18 applications	£5196.00
TOTAL TO DATE	18 applications	£5196.00

GROWING BUSINESSES

Greater Entrepreneurial Dynamism & Creativity

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Cairngorms Chamber of Commerce	Recruitment Drive in the Cairngorms National Park Area	Cairngorms National Park Area	33950	78

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 (£)
Robert Teasdale	Vermin Control	Findochty, Buckie	1040
Robin Lambie	Fast food outlet/shop	Newtonmore	2600
David & Carol Newland **	Wildlife Guide	Glenlivet	832
John Clark	Investigations	Hopeman	416
Alistair Gardiner	Shot Blasting	Findochty	1040
Sean Reed	Ecological Consultancy	Kinloss	1040
Angela Fraser	Pet Grooming	Elgin	1040

** Partnership

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Increased Commercialisation of Research & Innovation

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Equal Adventure Developments Ltd	Graduate Placement, Training and Equipment	Aviemore	12595	20