

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2004

The following are funds approved in November 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

Narrowing the Gap in Unemployment

| Applicant Name | Description | Location | Assistance (£) | % |
|----------------|--|----------|----------------|---|
| TAG NHS | Training and Guidance for people with mental health problems | MBS Area | 3000 | 1 |

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 |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Malcolm Sullivan | Ballindalloch | 300 |
| Malcolm Sullival | Ballindalloch | 118 |
| Allen Henshaw | Ballandalloch | 300 |
| Robin Murray | Buckie | 300 |
| Sean Mitchell | Buckie | 300 |
| Gordon Imlach | Buckie | 299 |
| James Simmers | Elgin | 300 |
| Judith Hampson | Forres | 267 |
| Judith Hampson | Forres | 272 |
| Fraser Baillie | Hopeman | 300 |
| George Campbell | Lossiemouth | 92 |
| TOTAL | 11 applications | £2848.00 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | 64 applications | £17321.00 |

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Improved Demand for High Quality In-Work Training

| Applicant Name | Description | Location | Assistance (£) | % |
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| BSW Timber Plc | Training and Development Programme | Boat of Garten | 2800 | 20 |

GROWING BUSINESSES

Greater Entrepreneurial Dynamism & Creativity

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 (£) |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Jillian Robertson | Ceramics | Kingussie | 2600 |
| Joy Brown | Upholstery | Forres | 1040 |
| Lisa Cumming | Watercolour Paints | Elgin | 1040 |
| Shona Radojkovic | Training Provider | Elgin | 250 |
| Willie Edwards | Painter & Decorator | Keith | 1040 |
| Susan Mackay | Dressmaker | Forres | 1040 |
| Issy Dickson | Catering | Carrbridge | 1040 |

** Partnership

Global Success in Key Sectors

| Applicant Name | Description | Location | Assistance (£) | % |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|----|
| Benriach Distillery Co Ltd | Benriach Distillery Laboratory | Longmorn | 7500 | 19 |

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Increased Involvement in Global Markets

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| The Rotary Spot Cultivation | Attendance at APF International | Forres | 2040 | 20 |
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