

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2004

The following are funds approved in December 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.*

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Enhance the Quality of the Environment and Culture

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Moray Firth Partnership	Nortrail – Moray Firth Trail Prject	Moray	5000	6
Cairngorms National Park	Leader + Administration Contribution 2005	Badenoch & Strathspey	13500	7

DEVELOPING SKILLS & LEARNING

Narrowing the Gap in Unemployment

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
LEAD Scotland	Training for disabled people and their carers	Moray Badenoch & Strathspey	8000	7
Workers Educational Association	Training of unemployed adults	Moray Badenoch & Strathspey	5296	15

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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
James Campbell	Buckie	300
Gordon Duncan	Fochabers	300
Rory McPherson	Lossiemouth	300
Dave Antrobus	Lossiemouth	300
TOTAL	4 applications	£1200.00
TOTAL TO DATE	68 applications	£18521.00

GROWING BUSINESSES

Greater Entrepreneurial Dynamism & Creativity

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Cairngorm Mountain Ltd	Support for consultant input and feasibility study	Aviemore	4125	25
TARGE Group	Business Excellence Conference	Inverness	2500	11

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 (£)
David Robertson	Consultancy	Kingussie	2600
Kenneth Barron	Transportation	Keith	250
Eric Fouldes	Fitness Training	Nethybridge	1040
Graham Vaughan	Photographer	Portknockie	250
Christopher Temple	Diving Service	Buckie	1040
Ian Forsyth	Fork-lift Training	Elgin	1040

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