

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2005**

The following are funds approved in January 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.*

**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.*

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assistance</b>
Allan McKay	Buckie	300
Gary Robertson	Buckie	300
James Emmett	Buckie	165
Derek Smith	Buckie	300
Kevin Addison	Buckie	188
Gavin McQuillan	Forres	300
Daniel Earl	Garmouth	300
John Muir	Hopeman	300
Leonard Hookey	Keith	300
Brian Mitchell	Lossiemouth	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10 applications</b>	<b>£2753.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>78 applications</b>	<b>£21274.00</b>

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**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 (£)
Laura Wilson	Woodcraft	Keith	416
Jo Maunder	Childcare	Elgin	2600
Peter Upton	Electrician	Forres	1040
James Calder	Aerial Maintenance	Findochty	1040
Vicci Chelton	Climbing Instructor	Feshiebridge	1040
Russell & Sheila Stuart **	Sandwich Shop	Elgin	2600
Carmen Weaver	Personell Consultancy	Findhorn	416
Mary Whitaker	Training	Lhanbryde	1040
Ronald Smith	Consultancy	Keith	1040
Andrew Potter	Tree Surgery	Boat of Garten	1040
Michael O'Donnell**	Plumber	Elgin	1040
Angus Grant	Jewellery Designer	Grantown on Spey	2600
Craig Smith	Martial Arts	Elgin	416
Callum McCutcheon	Tree Surgery	Fochabers	1040
David Currie	Outdoor Activities	Aviemore	2600
Garry McIvor	Forestry Contracting	Duffus	1040
Stuart Paterson	Ski Guide/Gardener	Nethybridge	1040

\*\* Partnership

**Global Success in Key Sectors**

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
My Course	Marketing Grant	Elgin	1128	50