

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2004**

The following are funds approved in September 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 (£)	%
Highland Food & Drink Ltd	Highland Food and Drink Festival 2004	Promotion of Events in MBSE Area	5000	3.5
Buckie Shipyard Ltd	Environmental Improvements	Buckie	3750	15

**DEVELOPING SKILLS & LEARNING**

**Narrowing the Gap in Unemployment**

Applicant Name	Description	Location	Assistance (£)	%
Shirlie Project	Supported Employment Project	Inverness	8000	2
TAG NHS	Training for people recovering from mental health problems	Inverness	3000	1

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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.*

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assistance</b>
Jason Sinclair	Elgin	300
David Lumsden	Elgin	199
Fiona MacKenzie	Findhorn	300
Garry Riddoch	Keith	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 applications</b>	<b>£1099.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>49 applications</b>	<b>£13277.00</b>

**Improved Demand for High Quality In-Work Training**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assistance (£)</b>	<b>%</b>
Johnstons Of Elgin	Graduate Placement	Elgin	5000	30
Moray Council	ESF Access Project	Elgin	7200	1.5

**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.*

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<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Nature of Business</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assistance (£)</b>
Colin Matthew	Sign Manufacturer	Grantown on Spey	1040
Diane Robinson	Childminder	Elgin	1040
Carol Ferguson	Complimentary Therapy	Dufftown	1040
Christopher Henderson	Distributor of Thermal Paint	Roths	2600
Fiona Robertson	Public House	Birnie, Elgin	1040
Christina Higgins	Mobile Burger Van	Roths	1040
Andrew McIntosh	Craft Manufacturer (greeting cards)	Grantown on Spey	2600
Michael Dziennik	Internet Retailer	Kingussie	250
Gary Smith	Computer Services	Elgin	250
Keith Plant	Gardening Services	Archiestown	250

\*\* Partnership

**Increased Commercialisation of Research & Innovation**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assistance (£)</b>	<b>%</b>
Scotland Electronics International Ltd	R&D to Develop New Motor Drive	Forres	12000	20
Aberdeen & Grampian Tourist Board	Tourism Award for Moray 2004	Moray	1500	17

**GLOBAL CONNECTIONS**

**More People Choosing to Live & Work**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assistance (£)</b>	<b>%</b>
MacNaughton Holdings	Purchase of Specialist Machinery	Keith	27000	15