

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Approvals List April - June 2025

This approvals list for Highlands and Islands Enterprise provides details on financial assistance awarded to businesses, community groups, public sector partners and other organisations to deliver specific projects. The list also provides details on projects that are led and managed by HIE itself, sometimes in partnership with other organisations.

This approvals list is correct at 16th July 2025 any subsequent changes or amendments to projects since this date may not be reflected in this report.

Please note that under the UK's Subsidy Control regime requirements, HIE also reports all subsidy awards made through its *Economic Development Subsidy Scheme* and *Minimal Financial Assistance* that exceed £100,000 in subsidy value through the UK Subsidy Transparency Database. These are registered no later than three months after the date of award. Details can be found at the following link <https://searchforuksubsidies.beis.gov.uk>

Please note that the sums relate to approvals made within the period (or in a previous period which had been previously withheld for reasons of commercial sensitivity), not payments or subsidy. The approval simply shows that funds have been made available, but they will not be released until evidence is received which shows that the project or activity has gone ahead as planned. In addition, draw down of funds will be conditional on appropriate legal terms and conditions being agreed between HIE and the applicant and satisfaction of any pre-payment conditions.

Directorate	Client	Project Title	GIA	Conduit Funding
Argyll & the Islands	Colonsay Community Development Company	Secure provision of fuel supply phase 1	10,500	
Argyll & the Islands	HIE Own Hand	Argyll Business Delivery FY 25/26 & 26/27	14,000	
Argyll & the Islands	Midton Acrylics Ltd	AI feasibility project	5,000	
Argyll & the Islands	Mull and Iona Community Trust	Nonhebel Park Phase 3, Tobermory	16,561	
Caithness & Sutherland	Clyne Heritage Society	Old Clyne School	250,000	
Caithness & Sutherland	Highland Stoneware (Scotland) Ltd	2025 Advice Project	10,000	
Caithness & Sutherland	Treecraft Woodwork Ltd	2025 Treecraft Solar	40,000	

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Enterprise and Community Support	Aquascot Ltd (HQ)	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Harvest cam Innovation Development Project	36,806	
Enterprise and Community Support	Ashers Bakery Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Energy Efficiency Improvements	31,161	31,161
Enterprise and Community Support	Atlantic58 Ltd	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-27	15,600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Beaully Launderette & Dry Cleaners Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Feasibility Study: Heat Pump Integrated System for Energy Savings	7,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	Black Bawks Data Science Limited	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Research and Innovation project	28,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	Burnside Cheese	Young Business Capital Grant	75,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Claire Frances MacNeil	Gaelic Digital Challenge Fund	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Climavore CIC	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Research and Innovation Project tile press development	30,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Collywobbles Ltd	Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Community Development Company of Nesting	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-26	23,530	
Enterprise and Community Support	Drum Hotel Ltd	Green Grant Fund - Energy Efficiency Improvements - Phase 2	28,291	
Enterprise and Community Support	Easter Ross Potatoes	Food and Drink TechHUB Grant - Automation Equipment	74,394	74,394
Enterprise and Community Support	Equal Adventure Registered Charity	Northern Innovation Hub Technology Placement Programme		2,822
Enterprise and Community Support	First Love Music Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - New Product Development	6,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Fleeced Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - R&D Feasibility for Prototype Material	8,225	
Enterprise and Community Support	Great Glen Distillery Limited	Young Business Capital Grant - Clachnaharry Development	57,117	
Enterprise and Community Support	Hebridean Spa Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Protective properties of seaweed	28,824	
Enterprise and Community Support	HIE Own Hand	Scottish Land Fund Operating Budget - Year 5 2025-2026		670,000
Enterprise and Community Support	Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	25,355	
Enterprise and Community Support	John M Munro Limited	Food & Drink TechHub - Capital Grant - Efficiency improving equipment	50,447	50,447
Enterprise and Community Support	KP Technology Ltd	Northern Innovation Hub Technology Placement Programme		3,288
Enterprise and Community Support	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	5,625	

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Enterprise and Community Support	Macfoys Limited	Young Business Capital Grant 2024-2026	75,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Malakoff Limited	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-2027	12,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Middleton Rosefarm	Food and Drink TechHub - Automation Equipment	108,300	108,300
Enterprise and Community Support	Miele's Gelateria Limited	Food & Drink TechHub - Capital Grant - Batch Freezer	10,346	10,346
Enterprise and Community Support	Munro Sawmills Ltd - HQ	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Production efficiency Innovation Project	70,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Nc'nean Distillery Limited	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Research & Development Pilot Batch NPD	10,462	
Enterprise and Community Support	Niamh Mackinnon	Gaelic Digital Challenge Fund	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Norman Macleod	Gaelic Digital Challenge Fund	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Oceanium Limited	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Feasibility for NPD	36,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Orcades Hostel	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund - Bike Storage and Drying Facility	11,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	Orcades Marine Management Consultants Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - R&D Stability calculations app	39,042	
Enterprise and Community Support	Phoenix Instinct Limited	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-27	15,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Portree and Braes Community Trust SCIO	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-26	38,333	
Enterprise and Community Support	Propelus Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Prototype development support	6,600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Ravenscraig Guesthouse	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund	7,063	
Enterprise and Community Support	Regenerate Our Green Space	Support for acquisition fees	1,600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Scalpay Community Association SCIO	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	27,893	
Enterprise and Community Support	Scottish Enterprise - HQ	AI Readiness Programme Costs	17,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Scottish Enterprise - HQ	Scottish Rural Leadership programme 2025-2026	49,910	
Enterprise and Community Support	Scourie Community Development Company Limited	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	19,700	
Enterprise and Community Support	Shetland Arts Development Agency	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-2027	18,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Skyeskyns Limited	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-2027	16,800	
Enterprise and Community Support	Skyeskyns Limited	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Skyeskyns Specialist innovation advice project	6,756	

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Enterprise and Community Support	Sophie Stephenson	Gaelic Digital Challenge Fund	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Sorley Johnston	Gaelic Digital Challenge Fund	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge & Achnacarry SCIO	Legal fees for acquisition	2,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Spey Media Limited	DaTA - Spey - Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	SRUC	Lamb welfare technology	139,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	Stakkadale Ltd	Young Business Capital Grant 2024-2026	54,036	
Enterprise and Community Support	Star Hotel	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund	9,826	
Enterprise and Community Support	Storr Marine Ltd	Young Business Capital Grant 2024-2026	56,705	
Enterprise and Community Support	The Craig Vets	Young Business Capital Grant 2024-2026	75,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Tiree Community Development Trust	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	22,643	
Enterprise and Community Support	Trees for Life	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Commercialisation Support	4,600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Urar LLP	Young Business Capital Grant 2024-2026	50,840	
Enterprise and Community Support	Virtual Learning Academy Ltd	Northern Innovation Hub Technology Placement Programme		11,700
Inner Moray Firth	Cairngorm Canoeing & Sailing School	Consultancy Support	21,600	
Inner Moray Firth	Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association	Community Asset Redevelopment Costs	375,000	
Inner Moray Firth	HIE Own Hand	Business Tourism MICE Research	10,000	
Inner Moray Firth	HIE Own Hand	External Technical, Economic and Market Due Diligence	45,000	
Inner Moray Firth	Laggan Forest Trust	Green Trail Improvements	8,662	
Inner Moray Firth	Lockett Agri-Environmental	River Peffery Restoration - Dochcarty	75,000	
Inner Moray Firth	University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)	Business Case - Regional skills	4,710	
Innse Gall	Comann Dualchas Innse Gall - Outer Hebrides Heritage Forum	Dualchas do Dhaoine - Heritage for People 2024 – 2027	75,000	
Innse Gall	FC Sonas	Cruthachadh Chothroman	400	
Innse Gall	HIE Own Hand	Innse Gall Development Activities 2025-2026	12,300	
Innse Gall	Long Island Retreats & Larder	Cruthachadh Chothroman	600	

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Innse Gall	MacAulay Askernish Ltd	Macaulay Askernish Site Power Transition Project	76,800	
Innse Gall	Sandwick Bay Candles Ltd	Fit-out and refurbishment of new premises	230,144	
Innse Gall	Sophie Stephenson	Cruthachadh Chothroman	400	
Innse Gall	Wee Norrag	Cruthachadh Chothroman	400	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Applecross Community Company	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	17,190	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Ardtornish Estate Company Limited	Capital Investment	32,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Balmacara Community Trust	Balmacara Old Mill Hall Developments	50,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Glencoe Mountain Limited	Capital investment - main access chairlift	121,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	15,120	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Isle of Skye Candle Company Ltd	Flexible theatre space investment	44,916	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Kishorn Port Limited	Upgrade and Expansion of Kishorn Port	24,259,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	21,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Raasay Outdoor Centre Limited	Staff Accommodation	56,727	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Staffin Community Trust Limited	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	35,336	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	The Knoydart Foundation	Delivery Resource Programme 2025-2026	18,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Ullapool Harbour Trust	Pontoon Facilities Development	35,470	
Moray	Down The Rabbit Hole (Scotland) Limited	Capital Investment - New Product Development	52,597	
Moray	Moore Timber Co	Saw & Electric Cabling Purchase	15,000	
Moray	Phoenix Instinct Limited	Phoenix Instinct - Scale-Up Investment	101,475	
Moray	The Moray Council	Moray Tourism Strategy	8,000	
Orkney & Shetland	A J Pottinger Limited	Heat Pump Storage and Demonstration Facilities	49,594	
Orkney & Shetland	Daniel Ritch T/A Brettobreck Farms	Dairy Productivity	54,206	
Orkney & Shetland	GTS Central Ltd	Service Diversification	14,659	
Orkney & Shetland	Orkney Islands Council - HQ	VACMA 2025-28	4,500	
Strategic Projects	Cairngorm Mountain (Scotland) Ltd	CMSL Grant (operating losses) April 2025 - March 2026	1,171,944	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Area Office Improvements - Kirkwall	90,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Cableway Strategic Advice 2025-29	150,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Dilapidations	105,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Horizon Scotland Access Control System	80,000	

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Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	LSIC Upgrade Design Team	50,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Machrihanish Re-structuring Pre-construction Costs	25,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Property Factoring 2025-2026	2,311,011	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Small Business Units Golspie (Construction)	4,100,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Area Office Dilapidations	468,000	

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HIE's Grant in Aid contribution

Conduit Funding

Other funding administered through HIE

Appendix 1 - Other support awarded

This approvals list for Highlands and Islands Enterprise provides details on activity where HIE contracts with a third-party supplier to provide support and advice to businesses, community groups, public sector partners and other organisations. In these cases, although this support comes at a cost to HIE, the payment is not to the client, but to a third-party supplier.

Please note that the indicative costs relate to approvals, and not actual costs incurred. The approval simply shows that support/advice has been made available to a client. Activity will be conditional on appropriate legal terms and conditions being agreed between HIE and the applicant. Actual costs of this will not be known until such stage as the activity is completed.

Support item	Account	Project Title	Indicative cost to HIE
Aqua Nor 2025	AquaFarm Equipment (Scotland) Limited	Aqua Nor 2025 AquaFarm Equipment (Scotland) Limited	3,485
Aqua Nor 2025	Brimmond Ltd	Aqua Nor 2025 Brimmond	3,485
Aqua Nor 2025	GenusWave	Aqua Nor 2025 GenusWave	3,485
Aqua Nor 2025	The Roslin Institute	AquaNor 2025 The Roslin Institute	3,485
Aqua Nor 2025	UK Agri-Tech Centre	Aqua Nor 2025 UK Agri-Tech Centre	3,485
Aqua Nor 2025	Underwater Contracting Ltd (UCO)	Aqua Nor 2025 Underwater Contracting	3,485
Aqua Nor 2025	University of Stirling	AquaNor 2025 Insititue of Aquaculture	3,485
Digital Tourism Advice Service	Cromarty Community Development Trust	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3,500
Digital Tourism Advice Service	James Scott & Co (Fearn)	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3,500
Digital Tourism Advice Service	The White Car Company	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3,500

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Digital Tourism Advice Service	WOW Scotland Tours Ltd	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3,500
Export Advisory Service	Malakoff Limited	EAS - Malakoff Ltd	840
Export Advisory Service	Rescue Winch Limited	EAS - Rescue Winch Limited	840
Export Advisory Service	Spey Media Limited	EAS - Spey Media Limited	840
Food and Drink TechHUB Awareness Raising and Knowledge Exchange	Cruciferous Croft	Food and Drink TechHUB - Network	2,500
Food and Drink TechHUB Awareness Raising and Knowledge Exchange	Dornoch Craft Vinegar Ltd	Food and Drink TechHub - Network	2,500
Food and Drink TechHUB Awareness Raising and Knowledge Exchange	Salt 'N Fire	Food and Drink TechHUB - Network	2,500
Food and Drink TechHUB Net Zero Programme	Ashers Bakery Ltd	Food&Drink TechHUB - Ashers Bakery Ltd	2,000
Food and Drink TechHUB Net Zero Programme	Dunnet Bay Distillers Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Net Zero	2,000
Food and Drink TechHUB Net Zero Programme	Reid's Bakery (Thurso) Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Net Zero	2,000
Food and Drink TechHUB Net Zero Programme	The Ardgay Game Factory Ltd	Food and Drink Tech Hub Net Zero	2,000
Food and Drink TechHUB Net Zero Programme	Urar LLP	Food & Drink TechHub - Net Zero	2,000
Food and Drink TechHUB Specialist Advice	North Coast Distillers Limited	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3,500
Food and Drink TechHUB Specialist Advice	Reid's Bakery (Thurso) Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3,500
Life Sciences Showcase	Atman Health	Life Sciences video showcase	2,777
Life Sciences Showcase	DRUID Ltd	Life Sciences video showcase - DRUiD	2,777
Life Sciences Showcase	ImuLab	Life Sciences video	2,777

Support item	Account	Project Title	Indicative cost to HIE
		showcase - IMULAB	
Life Sciences Showcase	Pioneer Wound Healing and Lymphoedema Care Limited	Life Sciences video showcase - Pioneer Wound	2,777
Life Sciences Showcase	Porex Technologies Ltd	Life Sciences video showcase - POREX	2,777
Life Sciences Showcase	Wristbud.com	Life Sciences video showcase - Wristbud.com	2,777
NIH Learning Journey	CorporateHealth International UK Ltd	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	FC Sonas	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	Highland Print Studio HQ	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	Impact Hub Inverness	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	Interactive Health Limited	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	Isle of Skye Seaweed Company	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	MCR Pathways	NIH learning journey MCR pathways	2,500
NIH Learning Journey	Rethink Carbon Limited	Iceland NIH journey2025	2,500
Support for Communities Framework 2022-26	Linnhe Leisure Limited T/a The Nevis Centre	Strategic and financial review	6,220
Support for Scottish Edge	Cruciferous Croft	Scottish Edge Support R26	1,500
Support for Scottish Edge	The Female Method	Scottish Edge Support Round 26	1,500
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Douglas Johnstone t/a Studio gu Brath	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Studio Gu Brath	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Eilidh Johnson	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Eilidh Johnston	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	FC Sonas	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Calum Ferguson	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Holly Pearson	Cruthachadh Cothroman Holly Pearson	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial	Ionad Thròndairnis (The Trotternish Centre)	Cruthachadh Chothroman -	1,255

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Gaelic		The Trotternish Centre	
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Long Island Retreats & Larder	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Long Island Retreats	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Sophie Stephenson	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Sophie Stevenson	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Wee Norrag	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Angela Macmillan	1,255
Tionnsgalachd Gàidhlig / Entrepreneurial Gaelic	Wester Ross Biosphere Ltd	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Wester Ross Biosphere Ltd	1,255