

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Approvals List January - March 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 24th April 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	Auchrannie Leisure Ltd	New Market Development	46,914	
Argyll & the Islands	Auchrannie Leisure Ltd	Capital Investment - New Market Support	55,055	
Argyll & the Islands	John MacKirdy Ltd	Logistics Hub	207,500	
Argyll & the Islands	Mull Slaughterhouse Ltd	Chiller hub support	5,000	
Argyll & the Islands	Otter Ferry Seafish Ltd	Juvenile Halibut Expansion Phase 1	175,225	
Argyll & the Islands	Professional Diving Academy	Market Appraisal - Saturation Diving Training	5,000	
Argyll & the Islands	SAMS Enterprise	Argyll Shared Prosperity Fund CE Marking Advice For NPD		4,990
Argyll & the Islands	Tiree Music Festival	Tiree Music Festival Infrastructure	80,000	
Caithness & Sutherland	Dunnet Bay Distillers Ltd	2025 Energy savings project - Castletown Mill	257,500	

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Caithness & Sutherland	Melness Crofters Estate Ltd	Feasibility Study for Space Visitor/Education Centre	19,800	
Enterprise & Community Support	A.N. Fraser Joinery & Building Contractor Ltd	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund - Great Glen Hostel	7,860	
Enterprise & Community Support	An Comunn Gaidhealach - Head Office	Northern Innovation Hub – Technology Placement Programme		20,300
Enterprise & Community Support	Angus Davidson Ltd	Northern Innovation Hub – Technology Placement Programme		16,800
Enterprise & Community Support	Caorann Malcolm Ltd	Young Business Capital Grant 2025 Caorann Malcolm	28,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Community Land Scotland	Natural Capital Partnerships	30,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Dufftown and District Community Association	Delivery Resource Programme - Staff Resource 2025-2026	10,333	
Enterprise & Community Support	Eday Partnership	Delivery Resource Programme - Capacity Funding 2025-2026	7,200	
Enterprise & Community Support	Fern Circuits Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer CASiM Prototype development	24,500	
Enterprise & Community Support	HIE Own Hand	Enterprise and Community Support Directorate Memberships 2025-2026	20,650	
Enterprise & Community Support	Highland News and Media Ltd	Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Kilfinan Community Forest Company	Professional Fees - acquisition of access strip	2,500	
Enterprise & Community Support	L & M Engineering	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-2027	11,232	
Enterprise & Community Support	Lossiemouth Community Development Trust	Delivery Resource Programme - Staff Resource 2025-2026	17,600	
Enterprise & Community Support	MacMillan Spirits Ltd T/A The Uist Distilling Company Ltd	Go Global 2024-25 Maltlive Dubia 2025	3,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Miele's Gelateria Limited	Northern Innovation Hub – Technology Placement Programme		14,850
Enterprise & Community Support	Morvern Community Development Company	Community Asset Acquisition - Lochaline Harbour land purchase	22,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Noost Ltd	Young Business Capital Grant 2024-2026	64,950	
Enterprise & Community Support	North Ronaldsay Trust	Delivery Resource Programme- Capacity Funding 2025-2026	9,200	
Enterprise & Community Support	Off Axis Tours CIC	Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Partnerships for Wellbeing	Cycle Tourism Facilities Fund 2023-2025	7,492	
Enterprise & Community Support	Portgordon Community Trust Limited	Delivery Resource Programme - Staff Resource 2025-2026	11,100	
Enterprise & Community Support	Raasay Outdoor Centre Limited	Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Ross County FC and Foundation	Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Shapinsay Development Trust HQ	Delivery Resource Programme - Capacity Funding 2025-2026	8,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Social Enterprise Academy (Scotland)	Northern Innovation Hub – Technology Placement Programme		19,600
Enterprise & Community Support	Stag Bakeries Ltd	Go Global 2024 - 2025 Gulfood Feb 25	1,529	

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Enterprise & Community Support	StrategyStory	Northern Innovation Hub – Technology Placement Programme		14,100
Enterprise & Community Support	The Lovat Loch Ness Limited	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund	9,330	
Enterprise & Community Support	The Three Kings Cullen Association	Delivery Resource Programme - Staff Resource 2025-2026	17,200	
Enterprise & Community Support	Tiny Fish Ltd	Young Business Capital Grant 2024 – 2026 Supporting Increased Productivity and Growth	20,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust	Delivery Resource Programme - Staff Resource 2025-2026	14,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Transition Black Isle	Cycle Tourism Facilities Fund	6,760	
Enterprise & Community Support	Visitor Centres Ltd	Landmark Forest Adventure Park - Green Grant Fund	59,500	
Enterprise & Community Support	Voar Energy Ltd	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-2027	12,000	
Enterprise & Community Support	Wee Studio Records Limited	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-2027	15,007	
Enterprise & Community Support	Zenith Surveying Limited	Northern Innovation Hub – Technology Placement Programme		18,000
Corporate Services	HIE Own Hand	Observatory Hub 2025-2026	2,650	
Inner Moray Firth	Cromarty Courthouse Museum	Cromarty Courthouse Museum Development Feasibility	14,226	
Inner Moray Firth	Culloden House Limited	Upgrade & refurbishment to 5 star	200,000	
Inner Moray Firth	Drink Loch Ness Ltd t/a 126 Water	Sustainable Hydration Solutions	6,620	
Inner Moray Firth	Grantown Initiative	Grantown on Spey Open Studios May 2025	4,954	
Inner Moray Firth	HIE Own Hand	Due Diligence - Financial due Diligence & Human Rights Assessment Ardersier Port (Scotland) Limited.	95,000	
Inner Moray Firth	Nessgro Limited	Purchase of Optical Grader	245,264	
Inner Moray Firth	Porex Technologies Ltd	Laboratory Training Support	2,075	
Inner Moray Firth	Ri Cruden Ltd	Robotic Welder and Process Improvement	77,805	
Inner Moray Firth	The Oxygen Works Ltd	Expansion of The Oxygen Works	41,160	
Inner Moray Firth	Visitor Centres Ltd	Landmark Forest Adventure Park - Toboggan Run	112,500	
Innse Gall	Comann Eachdraidh Eirisgeidh - Eriskay Historical Society	Ionad Eilean na h-Oige – Redevelopment	250,878	
Innse Gall	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar HQ	Tourism Consultation Events in Uist & Barra	2,000	
Innse Gall	Hebridean Mustard Company	Production Expansion	42,278	
Innse Gall	HIE Own Hand	Innse Gall Energy Development Activities	25,000	
Innse Gall	HIE Own Hand	Tionnsgalachd Gaidhlig	5,360	
Innse Gall	HIE Own Hand	Arnish - Legal Costs 2024-2026	60,000	

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Innse Gall	The Wee Cottage Kitchen	Business Expansion	21,500	
Innse Gall	Wee Studio Records Limited	Digital Specialist Advice Programme	4,900	
Innse Gall	Wee Studio Records Limited	Remote audio editing, mixing & mastering	15,200	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	Bakkafrost Scotland Limited	Pyrolysis plant purchase	630,290	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	Bloom and Graze Ltd	Business Growth	40,100	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	HIE Own Hand	LSWR Due Diligence Costs	15,000	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	HIE Own Hand	HIE Due Diligence - Kishorn Port Limited	11,150	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	Hotel in the Skye Ltd	Development of The Flodigarry Hotel 2025	163,100	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	Isle of Skye Ferry CIC	Net Zero Efficiency Improvements	3,451	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust	Plock of Kyle Rangers Facilities	14,085	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	R & B Distillers Limited	Expansion and Net Zero Development	383,500	
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	The Knoydart Foundation	Creation of Construction Compound	75,000	
Moray	AA Carrots Ltd	Capital Investment in Advanced Processing Machinery	60,000	
Moray	Califer Wild Partnership	Califer Wild Partnership - Venison Facilities	24,518	
Moray	Elgin Town Hall for the Community Ltd	Business Transition Enabling Support	25,000	
Moray	James Taylor & Son	Investment in Automated Plant & Machinery	161,446	
Moray	Lecht Ski Company Ltd	Lecht Ski Company - Capital Investment Project	22,762	
Moray	Lecht Ski Company Ltd	Enabling Project	85,000	
Moray	Moray Chamber of Commerce	International Trade and Investment Opportunities	1,130	
Moray	Russell Construction Moray Limited	Energy Efficiency Project – Specialist Timber Division	25,947	
Moray	The Moray Council	Buckie Harbour Feasibility Study	15,000	
Orkney & Shetland	European Marine Energy Centre Ltd	Tidal Array Consenting Support	12,600	
Orkney & Shetland	HIE Orkney	ORIC Investment	867,750	
Orkney & Shetland	HIE Own Hand	ORIC: Professional Fees	50,000	
Orkney & Shetland	HIE Own Hand	Orkney stand management 2025-2026	10,000	66,500
Orkney & Shetland	University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)	Control Environment Agriculture	44,267	
Orkney & Shetland	Island Larder Ltd	Business Development Consultancy Support	5,250	
Orkney & Shetland	Ness Engineering Ltd	New build workshop facility (Sumburgh)	172,234	
Orkney & Shetland	Nordri Limited	Renewable Training Project	13,890	
Orkney & Shetland	SSQC Ltd	Marketing Support	7,042	

Directorate	Client	Project Title	GIA	Conduit Funding
Strategic Projects	Cairngorm Mountain (Scotland) Ltd	CMSL Mountain Toboggan Design Fees	20,240	
Strategic Projects	Global Energy Nigg Ltd	Development of Inner East Quay	10,000,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Pier Infrastructure Design Team Services	170,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Golden Bridge Engineering Services	120,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	HIE Owned Buildings - Net Zero Feasibility Work	25,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Small Business Units Wick Phase 2 (Construction)	2,250,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	An Lochran Building Services Review and Internal Alterations	50,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Hellodigital Kit	50,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Alness Point Flood Study	48,000	
Strategic Projects	Sumitomo Electric UK Power Cables Ltd	Supply Chain Development Events	5,000	
Strategic Projects	Wave Energy Scotland	EuropeWave Project Extension	627,105	
Strategy & Regional Economy	Care and Learning Alliance (CALA)	Childcare in Rural and Island Communities - Evidence base	7,500	
Strategy & Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	Marketing and Communications budget 2024-2027	312,000	
Strategy & Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	Population and Talent Attraction Resource 2025 - 2027	150,000	
Strategy & Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	HIE intranet new platform development	31,000	
Strategy & Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	Data Analytics Platform - Continuous Improvement 2025-2026	110,000	
Wave Energy Scotland	Apollo Engineering Consultants Limited	PALM Quick Connection System: Certification Study	74,796	
Wave Energy Scotland	Blackfish Engineering Design Ltd	Pre-deployment improvement of C-DART buoy	40,480	

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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.

Account	Project Title	Indicative cost to HIE
Directorate – Enterprise & Community Support		
Aberdeen Web Ltd	Aqua Nor 2025 - Aberdeen Web Ltd	3485
Ace Aquatec	Aqua Nor 2025 - Ace Aquatec	3485
AlgiSys UK Limited	Aqua Nor 2025 Algisys UK Ltd	3485
Ardent Sailing Ltd T/A Ardent Training	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Aseptium Limited	Life Sciences video showcase - Aseptium	2777
Badachro Distillery Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3500
Badachro Distillery Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Net Zero	2000
Bannister Personal Training	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Bridge Hotel	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Caledonia Foot Clinic	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Campbell & Son Roofing Ltd	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Candles from the Croft	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Carnegie Cottage & Struie Bothy	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Carstensen Adventures	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Coast by Taylor Ltd	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - Non-HC Area	6500
CorporateHealth International UK Ltd	Life Sciences video showcase - CorporateHealth	2777
Couronne Equestrian	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - Non-HC Area	6500
DMM Timber Services	learning Journey to LIGNA 25 in Germany	1500

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Dornoch Craft Vinegar	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Easy Empty Bag	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Eco Cascade CIC	Life Sciences video showcase - Eco Cascade	2777
Elgin Town Hall for the Community Ltd	Support for Communities Framework - Preparation and Submission of Funding Applications	9475
Elsie Normington Foundation	Support for Communities Framework - Social Impact Measurement	4050
Employability Orkney Supported Employment	Support for Communities Framework - Options for Future Projects	6500
EMT2 Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Ensoscene Limited	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Ethnologic	Iceland Innovation week Learning Journey	2500
Flurag Floral Design	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Focus Consulting	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Fox Mountain Media	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Frontier Science (Scotland) Ltd	Life Sciences Showcase Frontier Science Scotland	2777
Fynewood Limited	Learning Journey to LIGNA25 in Germany	2000
GlenWyvis Distillery Community Benefit Society	Export Advisory Service - GlenWyvis Distillery	840
GlucorX Technologies Limited	Life Sciences video showcase -GlucorX Technologies	2777
Haar Sauna Ltd	Iceland Innovation week Learning Journey	2500
HHVL	Life Sciences Video Showcase- HHVL	2777
High Life Highland	Support for Communities Framework - Social Impact Measurement	8487
Highland Domes Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Highland Fine Cheeses Limited	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3500
Highland Housemaid	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Highlands and Islands Mobile Valet	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
International Big Game & Bird Hunting Ltd	Northern Innovation Hub - Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
Island of Hoy Development Trust	Support for Communities Framework - Island of Hoy Development Plan	5960
Isle of Skye Distillers Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB – Network	2500
Jack Marris Limited	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Lauren Darbyshire Personal Assistant	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Leven Environmental Ltd	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500

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Loch Ness Hub	Northern Innovation Hub - Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
Lochalsh & Skye Swimming Pool Association	Support for Communities Framework - Strategic Plan	5000
Logie Timber	Learning Journey to LIGNA25 in Germany	1500
MacGregor's Hospitality Ltd	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
MacLeod Construction Limited	Learning Journey to LIGNA25 in Germany	1500
MAKAR Ltd	Learning Journey to LIGNA25 in Germany	1500
Miele's Gelateria Limited	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3500
Miele's Gelateria Limited	Food and Drink TechHUB - Net Zero	2000
Moredun Scientific	Aqua Nor 2025 Moredun Scientific Ltd	3485
MoROV Ltd	Aqua Nor 2025 MoROV Ltd	3485
Moving On Employment Project	Support for Communities Framework 2022-2026 Investigating social enterprise opportunity	5800
Nc'nean Distillery Limited	Food and Drink TechHUB - Network	2500
Ness Biosensors Ltd	Life Sciences Video Showcase - Ness Biosensors	2777
Nortenergy Ltd	Export Advisory Service - Nortenergy Ltd	840
Old Croft Number 9	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Ossian Developments Ltd	Northern Innovation Hub - Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
Outdoor Therapy	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Pharmaq Analytiq Limited	Life Sciences Video Showcase - Pharmaq Analytiq	2777
Plockton Oyster Company	Food and Drink TechHUB - Network	2500
Practest Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Pulcea Ltd	Aqua Nor 2025 Pulcea Ltd	8925
Raddery House Ltd	Support for Communities Framework - Development of Funding Applications	8010
Regional Screen Scotland Ltd	Support for Communities Framework - Support for Procurement of Mobile Cinema trailer	6475
Rescue Winch Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Rethink Carbon Limited	Life Sciences Video Showcase - Rethink Carbon	2777
RollerCoast	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 – Non-HC Area	6500
RosehallUK Ltd	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Rosie Ray Photography	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 – Non-HC Area	6500
Roslin Distillers Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Network	2500

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Salmon Scotland	Scottish Pavilion at Aqua Nor- Salmon Scotland	3485
SAMS Enterprise	Aqua Nor 2025 - SAMS Enterprise	8925
Scot Vet Referrals Limited	Life sciences video showcase - Scot Vet Referrals Limited	2777
SÒLAS	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 – Non-HC Area	6500
Spey Bank Studio	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
TESTme Health	Life Sciences video showcase - Testme Health	2777
The Funki Factory	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
The Highland Beekeeper Company Ltd	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
The Highland Cinema Limited	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
The Highland Foot Clinic	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
The Torridon	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
The Uig Seamstress	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 – Non-HC Area	6500
Thistle and Cloth	Scottish Edge Support R25	1500
Tiny Air	Life Sciences video showcase - Tiny Air	2777
Treecraft Woodwork Ltd	Learning Journey to LIGNA25 in Germany	2000
Trees for Life	Northern Innovation Hub - Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
TrustChinese	IMPACT30 - Cohort 15 - HC Area	6500
Urram SCIO	Support for Communities Framework - Urram Childcare Project	7500
West Highland Tea Company	Food and Drink TechHub - Specialist Advice	3500
WoodBlocX Ltd	Learning Journey to LIGNA25 in Germany	5000
Wristbud.com	Support for Scottish Edge R25	1500
Zulu Forest Ltd	Life Sciences Video Showcase - Zulu Forest	2777