

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Approvals List July - September 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.

We have noted in appendix 1 details of approvals which had been withheld from previously published approvals reports.

This approvals list is correct at 02/10/2025 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*, *Community Empowerment Subsidy Scheme* and *Minimal Financial Assistance* that exceed £100,000 in subsidy value plus any standalone award of any value through the UK Subsidy Transparency Database. 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 2	85,000	
Argyll & the Islands	Tiree Community Development Trust	Scarinish Design Fees	150,000	
Argyll & the Islands	TSL Contractors Ltd	Energy Efficiency Improvements	18,250	

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Business Improvement & IA	HIE Own Hand	Legal Services 2025-26	250,000	
Caithness & Sutherland	HIE Own Hand	Focus North Independent Chair	22,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	AES Limited	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme – Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	An Lanntair	Attendance at Cruthachadh Chothroman	600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Assynt Development Trust	Delivery Resource 2025-2026	26,668	
Enterprise and Community Support	Bute Community Land Company	Delivery Resource 2025-2026	16,800	
Enterprise and Community Support	C Nicol Ltd	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme - Digital Specialist Advice	4,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Carrbridge Hotel	HIE Green Grant Fund	86,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Coigach Community Development Company	Community Assets Knowledge Exchange	560	
Enterprise and Community Support	Cumbrae Community Development Company Ltd	Delivery Resource FY 2026	16,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Deerness Distillery Ltd	Graduate Placement Programme 2024-27	16,800	
Enterprise and Community Support	Douglas Johnston t/a Studio gu Brath	Attendance at Cruthachadh Chothroman	400	
Enterprise and Community Support	Dunvegan Community Trust SCIO	Community Acquisition of Orkney Farmhouse, Cruachan Wood and Cnoc nan Craobh	95,000	

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Enterprise and Community Support	Eilidh Johnson	Attendance at Cruthachadh Cothroman	600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Elgol and Strathaird Development Trust	Community Right to Buy - Support with Mapping	3,600	
Enterprise and Community Support	Go Golspie	Delivery Resource 2025-2026	40,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Golspie Golf Club	Green Grant Fund	37,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	HIE Own Hand	Robots in Agriculture Workshop	10,400	
Enterprise and Community Support	Ionad Thròndairnis (The Trotternish Centre)	Attendance at Cruthachadh Chothroman	300	
Enterprise and Community Support	Isle of Luing Community Trust	Delivery Resource FY 2026	21,600	
Enterprise and Community Support	J Scott and Partners Ltd	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund	10,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	KFRBS	Young Business Capital Grant	40,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Maorach Beag Scottish Shellfish (Charron Ltd)	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - A semi-intensive method for spat production of the European flat oyster	7,700	
Enterprise and Community Support	Margery Bray	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme - Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Moray Waste Busters Ltd	Strathconna House - Community Assets Acquisition	308,500	

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Enterprise and Community Support	Off Axis Tours CIC	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Automation and Digitisation project	40,134	
Enterprise and Community Support	Phoenix Instinct Limited	Go Global Programme 2024-2027	3,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Rescue Winch Limited	Go Global Programme 2024-2027	2,428	
Enterprise and Community Support	Ross County FC and Foundation	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme - Digital Specialist Advice	5,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	Scottish Enterprise - HQ	HIE Access to SE Pathways to Scale (PtS) 2025-26	50,800	
Enterprise and Community Support	South Ronaldsay and Burray Development Trust	Delivery Resource	33,990	
Enterprise and Community Support	Spey Media Limited	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme - Digital Specialist Advice	4,000	
Enterprise and Community Support 27	Spey Media Limited	Go Global Programme 2024-2027	1,126	
Enterprise and Community Support	Speyside Labs Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - R&D Software Development	54,000	
Enterprise and Community Support	StrategyStory	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme - Digital Specialist Advice	4,000	
Enterprise and Community Support 30	TESTme Health Ltd	Innovation Knowledge Transfer - Health intervention app pilot	14,070	
Enterprise and Community Support	The Highland Coffee Academy	Young Business Capital Grant	25,500	

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Enterprise and Community Support	The Highland Haven Ltd	Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund	12,500	
Enterprise and Community Support	The Tobermory Fish Company Ltd	Green Grant Fund - Solar battery project	23,457	
Enterprise and Community Support	Wester Ross Biosphere Ltd	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Wester Ross Biosphere	300	
Enterprise and Community Support	WW Martin & Son Potatoes Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB Grant - Automation Equipment	143,332	75,000
Inner Moray Firth	Feis Rois Ltd	Development of Robertson House	12,000	
Inner Moray Firth	HIE Own Hand	Business Engagement and Marketing 2025 - 2027	48,000	
Inner Moray Firth	Highlands & Islands Skills CIC	Business planning and consultant support	25,000	
Inner Moray Firth	Scot Live Shellfish Limited	New Processing Facility	225,000	
Inner Moray Firth	Strathpeffer Residents Association	Bikezone Pump Track Creation	10,096	
Inner Moray Firth	The Old High Inverness SCIO	Old High Church feasibility study	4,960	
Inner Moray Firth	WoodBlocX Ltd	Production facility expansion	140,000	
Innse Gall	Clachan Sands Campsite Ltd	Clachan Sands Ltd Campsite Development	152,500	
Innse Gall	Garadh a Bhagh a Tuath	Capacity Building	42,500	
Innse Gall	HIE Own Hand	Economic Impact Assessments	50,000	
Innse Gall	Lochboisdale Community Council	Hallan Road Upgrade	37,621	
Innse Gall	North Uist Distillery Ltd	Development of on-island malting facility	366,047	
Innse Gall	Scalpay Community Association SCIO	Scalpay Community and Heritage Centre Redevelopment	220,000	
Innse Gall	Uist Council of Voluntary Organisations	New Premises Acquisition	130,000	

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Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Applecross Community Company	Sustainable living in Applecross	50,000	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Badachro Distillery Ltd	Badachro Distillery Expansion	105,215	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Bloom and Graze Ltd	Strategic Review	3,125	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	HIE Own Hand	HIE Project Management Costs - KPL	34,650	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Isle of Skye Sea Salt Company Ltd	Increased Capacity & Growth Investment 2025/26	11,920	
Lochaber Skye and Wester Ross	Sabhal Mor Ostaig	FAS Development MEP assurance	17,500	
Moray	HIE Own Hand	Moray Area Office - Business Support Activities 2025-2027	15,000	
Moray	James Jones & Sons Ltd	Advanced Manufacturing Secondary Processing Facility Construction	315,000	
Moray	Lecht Ski Company Ltd	Enabling Project - 2	96,500	
Moray	Lecht Ski Company Ltd	Lecht Capital Investment 2025	1,545,000	
Moray	Pinefield Glass Limited	Advanced Manufacturing Equipment	44,875	
Moray	Portgordon Community Trust Limited	Portgordon Harbour Business Justification Case	17,000	
Moray	Speymalt Whisky Distributors Ltd t/a Gordon & Macphail	Green Capital Investment – Heat Recovery System - Benromach Distillery	62,500	
Orkney & Shetland	Papay Development Trust	Papay Development Trust CDO Costs 2025-26	13,848	
Orkney & Shetland	Shapinsay Development Trust HQ	Balfour Cottage Site Clearance and Infrastructure	15,000	
Orkney & Shetland	South Ronaldsay and Burray Development Trust	Tomb of the Eagles Refurbishment	96,036	
Orkney & Shetland	SSQC Ltd	Transition to an Employee Ownership Trust	18,000	
Orkney & Shetland	Stronsay Development Trust - HQ	Delivery resource 2025-26	12,601	
Strategic Projects	Cairngorm Mountain (Scotland) Ltd	CMSL Capital Investment Programme 2025-26	324,500	

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Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Arnish - GI Contractor	75,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Arnish Pre-construction Design Fees - Archaeology, Ecology and Transport Planner	100,000	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Pre-contract Design Fees - Navantia	28,500	
Strategic Projects	HIE Own Hand	Small business units Inverness Campus	170,000	
Strategic Projects	Ocean Kinetics Limited	Digital and Technology Adoption Programme - Digital Specialist Advice	63,772	
Strategy and Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	HIE Sponsorship of European Rural Parliament	10,000	
Strategy and Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	HIE Sponsorship of Prosper's Aviemore Summit on Scotland's Green Industrial Future	3,500	
Strategy & Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	HIE 60th Anniversary Tartan Creative Competition	3,400	
Strategy and Regional Economy	HIE Own Hand	Science Skills Academy Operations for academic year 25-26		672,140

GIA

HIE's Grant in Aid contribution

Conduit Funding

Other funding administered through HIE

Appendix1–We are now providing details of the following approvals, which had been withheld in a previous period.

Directorate	Period approved	Client	Project Title	GIA
Caithness & Sutherland	January – March 2025	Ashley Ann (HQ)	Energy Reduction project	£100,000
Orkney & Shetland	April – June 2025	Lerwick Port Authority	Islands Deal – Ultra Deep Water	£1,175,000

Appendix 2 - Other support awarded

This approvals list for Highlands and Islands Enterprise provides details of 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.

Parent Account	Project Title	Indicative cost to HIE
Aquatera Ltd	National Robotarium visit	700
Ardent Sailing Ltd t/a Ardent Training	AI Readiness	350
Arran Gourmet Tinned Fish Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge Round 26	1500
Atlantic58 Ltd	Prague Innovation week	2000
Badachro Distillery Ltd	AI Readiness	350
Bumpy App	Scottish Edge Support Round 26	1500
C and C Hospitality Ltd	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
Care and Learning Alliance (CALA)	AI Readiness	350
Carrie Forbes t/a Carrie's Voice	AI Readiness - Highland Voiceover Studio	350
C-MONSTA Limited	AI Readiness	350
DogTok.AI Ltd	Scottish Edge Support Round 26	1500
Dornoch Craft Vinegar Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3500
Dornoch Craft Vinegar Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge Round 26	1500
European Marine Energy Centre Ltd	National Robotarium - Learning Journey	700

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G2 Adventure Hub	Prague innovation week	2000
Glen Mhor Hotel	Prague Innovation Week	2000
Green Marine (UK) Ltd	Prague Learning Journey	2000
Greenspace Live	National Robotarium learning journey	700
Greenspace Live	Prague Innovation week - Learning Journey	2000
Hannah MacFarlane trading as Thistle and Cloth	Scottish Edge Support Round 26	1500
Highland Tour Company	Support for Scottish Edge Round 26	1500
HighlandHearts HomeCare Ltd	AI Readiness	350
Immerse Hebrides	Prague learning journey	2000
Ionad Thròndairnis (The Trotternish Centre)	Strategic Review and Action Plan	10000
Leask Marine Ltd	Robotarium Learning Journey - Leask Marine	700
Leven Environmental Ltd	AI Readiness	350
McGregor Transport & Strategy Solutions	AI Readiness	350
Mckenzie Mountaineering - Guided Walking Adventures	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	1575
Messers Lamont T/A Mackays Hotel	NIH Digital Tourism Specialist Advice	3500
Moray Waste Busters Ltd	Development of Funding Applications	9200
Muaitheabhal Community Wind Farm Trust	AI Readiness	350
Ocean Kinetics Limited	Aqua Nor 2025	3485
Ortak Ltd	AI Readiness	350
RosehallUK Ltd	Food and Drink TechHUB - Specialist Advice	3500
Sandwick Bay Candles Ltd	AI Readiness	350
Sandwick Bay Candles Ltd	Prague learning journey	2000

Parent Account	Project Title	Indicative cost to HIE
Scrabster Harbour Trust	AI Readiness	350
Seed2Plate Highland Ltd	Support for Scottish Edge Round 26	1500
Sheila Fleet Jewellery	AI Readiness	350
Shetland Arts Development Agency	AI Readiness	350
Shetland Jewellery	National Robotarium learning journey	700
Stakkadale Ltd	AI Readiness	350
StrategyStory	AI Readiness	350
TESTme Health Ltd	Scottish Edge Support Round 26	1500
The African Cart	Support for Scottish Edge R26	1500
Trees for Life	Support for Communities Framework - Baseline, Community Consultation and Social Impact Measurement	9800
Wyvex Media Limited	Display materials at Scottish Pavilion at Aqua Nor 2025	2900
An Lanntair	Cruthachadh Chothroman	1255
Choirstaidh Iona	Cruthachadh Chothroman	1300
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar HQ	Cruthachadh Chothroman - Library	1255