

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS
(awarded September 2007)**

BUILDING ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES

This award was to support creative and innovative ideas that develop local talents, assets and resources for community benefit.

Project	Award	Purpose
The Melting Pot Edinburgh	£50,800.00	Towards the costs of developing and staffing a resourced, flexible meeting place for social entrepreneurs in the centre of Edinburgh.
Edinburgh Community Backgreen Association Edinburgh	£49,514.00*	Towards the cost of creating a full-time community liaison officer post for two years to support the development of the Community Backgreen initiative in Edinburgh, and the Green Caretakers' social enterprise.
Rag Tag N Textile Collective Highland	£47,147.50*	Towards the cost of establishing a social firm which is a textile recycling workshop providing employment for people recovering from mental health problems.
Sikh Sanjog Edinburgh	£50,506.00	Towards the cost of starting up a community enterprise café and catering company called Punjabi Rasoi.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS

Helping people develop sustainable relationships that span generations, enabling all age groups to participate in and contribute to community life.

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Helmsdale Heritage Society Highland	£48,167.10*	Towards the cost of employing a part-time Project Worker for two years, associated overheads and project costs to engage the local community in an intergenerational exploration and documentation of sites of historical interest in the East Sutherland area.
Radio Fyneside Argyll & Bute	£49,962.00	Towards the costs of recruiting and training 60 volunteers from across Argyll and Bute to train them in teamwork and radio programme making skills with the aim of producing a series of programmes on local communities.

BUILDING ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES AND REPOSITIONING ORGANISATIONS

Assisting established organisation to evolve in order to best reflect the changing needs of their communities.

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Wester Ross Alliance Highland	£49,120.00	To employ a development worker, to provide the costs for professional fees and other associated costs to help the organisation develop a new organisational structure for the Wester Ross area.
Loganlea Miners Welfare Charitable Society West Lothian	£47,951.00*	Towards the cost of employing a part-time development worker and administrative support to develop the Coalfield Social Enterprise Network, with Loganlea Miners Welfare Charitable Society as the lead partner.

* Grants marked with an asterisk have been supported with funds from the Essentia Foundation.

The Essentia Foundation is a new charitable trust established to promote the health and social welfare of children and young people, and to encourage urban and rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation in Scotland.

The Essentia Foundation is particularly interested in funding projects which will advance education, training and retraining of unemployed people, and encouraging the development of business advice and assistance to help people establish their own businesses. The Scottish Community Foundation is delighted to be working with the Essentia Foundation to increase investment in Scotland's communities through this programme.