

What is the Meath County Enterprise Board?

The Meath County Enterprise Board Ltd. was established in November 1993 with the goal of assisting enterprise development in the county through the creation of an enterprise culture, the provision of advice and support and the granting of financial aid. The Board members are drawn from a wide spectrum of industrial, commercial, public and social life in County Meath.

Who can be assisted?

The Board can assist in the establishment and growth of eligible new and existing small businesses in County Meath on a multi-sectoral basis.



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Chairman's Address

Since its establishment in 1993 the Meath County Enterprise Board has enjoyed thirteen years of achievement. It has had a substantial brief and has kept itself occupied through a broad spectrum of initiatives. In effect, it has contributed greatly towards developing and assisting the micro-enterprise sector in the county. The Meath County Enterprise Board has proved to be a success in the area of job creation. Over the past fourteen years it has helped to create in excess of **1373 jobs**.

The Board responds positively to the challenge of assisting small start-up, existing sustainable and expanding businesses create employment and develop. It achieves this through grant assistance and a range of initiatives designed to help the entrepreneurs help themselves. In 2008 the Board continued its policy of offering refundable grant aid to its clients.

In 2008, the Board approved grant assistance amounting to €376,640 for twenty six different projects with potential to create sixty-two full-time and five part-time jobs.

The Board has continued to expand and develop its role in the creation of an enterprise culture in the county. It offers supports in the areas of schools enterprise, advice, counselling, and management development to an increasing number of entrepreneurs.

The Board acts as a signpost to clients, making them aware of the wide range of supports existing, not only from itself, but also the other state agencies and the Government.

Over the fourteen years, the Board has shown itself to be pro-active. It has continuously monitored and analysed the business environment which in turn has allowed it introduce the right kind of initiatives. One example of the Board's foresight is the development of the 'workinmeath.com' website.

I wish to acknowledge the support of the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Department's and Central Co-Ordination Unit officials and the E.U. I would like to thank my fellow Board members who have given so unselfishly of their time with dedication and commitment. Thanks must also go to the Evaluation Committee for its efficiency in project evaluation.

Finally, I thank the Chief Executive Officer and his staff for their effort and enthusiasm.

Tom Dowling,
CHAIRMAN.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

The past year has been one of the most successful and rewarding in the history of our board. Meath County Enterprise Board is now a multi-faceted local statutory enterprise development agency which combines and partners with an array of organisations in promoting enterprise and economic development throughout the county.

A high priority is attached by the Board to the provision of enterprise space for micro/small enterprises in County Meath.

Meath continues to depend heavily on indigenous growth and job creation. In this context, I applaud all the local entrepreneurs who have taken the risk to establish private enterprises across all sectors of the economy. We also work hard to support as many of these people as possible through the provision of business advice, counselling, mentoring and specially tailored training programmes. The board also collaborates with the second level schools in developing enterprise awareness among the students. We were delighted that 326 students attended a special Student Enterprise Day held on September 22nd September, 2008.

In concluding, I wish to express gratitude to the Chairman, members of the Board and Evaluation Committee for their encouragement, guidance and support throughout the year. I also wish to say thank you to the Local Enterprise Section of the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment as well as the many government departments, state agencies, EU and international bodies with whom we interacted throughout the year and who continue to support our endeavours.

A special thank you, to the elected members and executive of Meath County Council, for its co-operation throughout the year. Finally, I want to say thank you to all members of our highly committed staff, who often contribute well beyond the call of duty.

SIGNED:

Hugh Reilly
Chief Executive Officer

Measure 1

SELECTIVE FINANCIAL INTERVENTION

A full list of projects approved for assistance by the Board is provided in Appendix 4.

Profile of Applicants

85% per cent of successful applicants during 2008 were male, with 11% being female and 4% being male/female combinations. (Figure 4). At the time of submission of their applications, 5 % of the promoters were employed while 88% were self-employed and 7% were unemployed.

Application Process

The process involved in making a grant application continues to be as simple as the Board can make it. See Appendix 3 for the Application and Approval process. Once approved, applicants are given assistance to implement their projects - including part payment for phased developments. The Board continues to provide

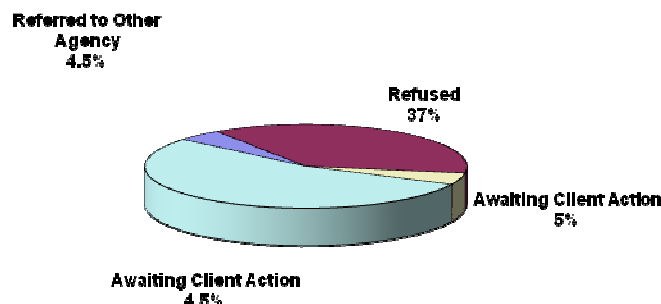
the services of a Business Adviser who is available on an ongoing basis in order to assist the entrepreneurs and ensure the success of the projects assisted.

The following are the statistics in relation to applications received and processed during the period 1st January, 2008 to 31st December, 2008.

Figure 1 - Details of Applications Received 2008

Details of Approvals	No.
Applications approved by Board	26
Applications refused by Board	18
Applications awaiting client action	2
Applications referred to other agency	2
Total Applications Received	48

Figure 1 – Details of Applications Received 2008



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Figure 2 - Breakdown of Commitments by Grant Type

Grant Type	Amount of Funding	No. of projects	
Capital (Non-Refundable)	€149,720	Capital	13
Capital (Refundable)	€148,720	Employment	6
Employment (Non-Refundable)	€33,000	Feasibility Study/ Technical Assistance	7
Employment (Refundable)	€20,000		
Feasibility Study/Technical Assistance	<u>€22,700</u>		
Total Approved Grants	€374,140		26

Figure 3 - Details of Projects Approved for Funding on a Sectoral Basis

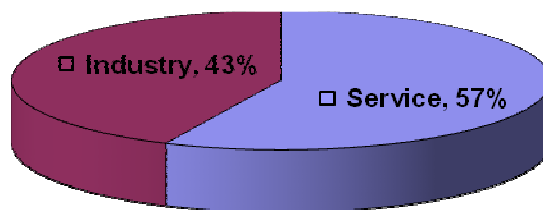


Figure 4 - Project Promoters Profile

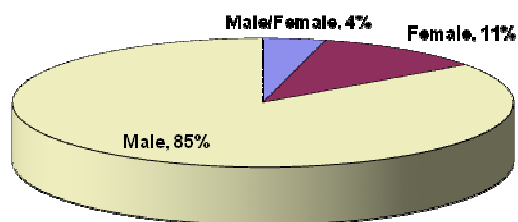


Figure 5 - Status of Project Promoters at Time of Application Submission

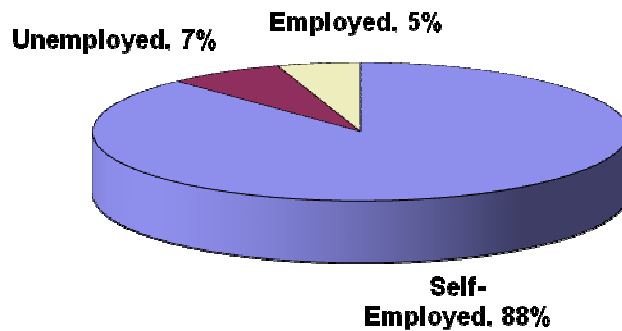


Figure 6 - Project Type

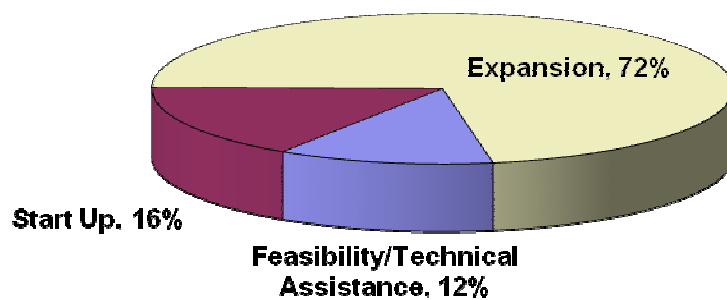


Figure 6 shows the breakdown of project type. 16% of the projects approved were wholly new business ventures, with, 12% being Feasibility Studies/Technical Assistance grants and 72% being a form of expansion or development of an existing enterprise.

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Approved Grant Support

Approved	Grants		Job Potential	
Capital (Refundable/Non-Refundable)	€298,440	13 projects	55 full-time	5 part-time
Employment (Refundable/Non Refundable)	€53,000	6 projects	7 full-time	0 part-time
Feasibility Studies/Technical Assistance (Refundable/Non-Refundable)	€22,700	7 projects		
Total Approved Grants	€374,140	26 projects	62 full-time	5 part-time
De-committed Grant Approvals*	€85,325	4 projects	10 full-time	0 part-time
Grant Commitments	€288,815	21 projects	52 full-time	0 part-time

* Please note that the figures given for the enterprise grants approvals are based upon the number of applicants approved assistance and grant commitments are based on projects actually progressing at the end of 2008. A total of €85,325 was de-committed, leaving a total figure of €288,815 for grant commitments.

GRANT PAYMENTS

Grant Payments

Up to 31st December, 2008

Capital Grants

Isobel Berry, Ratoath	IR£448.00
Island Casuals, Ratoath	IR£632.00
Hawthorn Publishing, Navan	IR£870.00
Slane Community Enterprises, Slane	IR£930.00
Matthew Cargill Stout, Julianstown	IR£995.00
Michael Clancy, Dunshaughlin	IR£1,104.00
Maximum Impact Displays, Kells	IR£1,451.00
Trim UDC, Trim	IR£1,675.00
Paddy McManus, Kells	IR£1,837.00
Gordon Hugh, Oldcastle	IR£2,000.00
Meath Heritage Centre, Trim	IR£2,250.00
Atsics Products, Kells,	IR£2,323.00
Royal Security Fencing, Athboy,	IR£2,400.00
Vincent McKeivitt, Bettystown	IR£2,406.00
Cornerstone, Kilcock	IR£2,417.00
E. & G. Manly Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£2,610.00
Meath Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£2,919.00
Irish Farm Computers Ltd., Kells	IR£3,001.00
OMC Publications, Trim	IR£3,019.00
Teddy O'Reilly Showjumping Equipment, Garristown	IR£3,311.00
Springvalley Engineering Products Ltd., Summerhill	IR£3,553.00
Qualitifeeds Ltd., Donnybrook	IR£4,527.00
Sonairte, Laytown	IR£4,734.00
PD Engineering, Drogheda	IR£4,904.00
Sirius Video Productions Ltd., Navan	IR£4,937.00
Ballivor Historical Society, Ballivor	IR£5,250.00
Dungan Bros. Ltd., Navan	IR£5,369.00
Brochure Broker, Dunshaughlin	IR£5,407.00
Riteweigh Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£5,482.00
PCG Technical Ltd., Cavan	IR£7,049.00
Bachelor's Lodge Stud, Navan	IR£7,350.00
INSTEKO Ltd., Slane	IR£7,500.00
South Hill Enterprises, Athboy,	IR£8,599.00
Bernard Mullen, Trim	IR£10,000.00
Blank Tape Technology Manufacturing Ltd., Navan	IR£10,000.00
Colin & Anne Finnegan, Trim	IR£10,050.00
Meath & District Farm Relief Services Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£11,931.00
Euro Towers, Ashbourne	IR£12,295.00
Tara Stainless & Engineering Ltd., Navan	IR£13,750.00
Grange Equestrian Centre, Kells	IR£14,102.00

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Amarcrest Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£15,000.00
Angle Edge Protection Ltd., Trim,	IR£15,000.00
Teeway Fasteners Ltd., Navan	IR£16,000.00
Dry Doc, Kells	IR£17,523.00
Nagtrac 2000 Ltd., Navan	IR£48,176.00
Alex Mitchel Plastics Ltd., Navan	IR£18,077.00
Clonee Sawmills Ltd., Clonee,	IR£19,180.00
Clarke Electrical Rewinds, Navan,	IR£19,374.00
Aero Deco Ltd., Bettystown,	IR£20,000.00
deBros Marble Works Limited, Ashbourne,	IR£20,000.00
Millmount Healthcare Limited, Navan,	IR£20,000.00
Abbey Vac Forming Ltd, Slane	IR£20,159.00
Bective Precision Limited, Kells	IR£24,722.00
Missionary Society of St. Columban, Navan	IR£26,488.00
Butterstream Gardens, Trim	IR£28,000.00
Alkasan, Duleek	IR£31,696.00
Sachet Wipes Ltd., Navan	IR£38,372.00
Glass & Cladding Technology Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£37,500.00
BC Engineering, Navan	IR£39,476.00
TIDE, Trim	IR£41,500.00
Navan Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd., Navan	IR£175,000.00
M. B. Precision Parts, Drumree	IR£5,500.00
A.M.B.A. Ltd., Navan	IR£8,008.00
Terry Foley, Tara	IR£1,875.00
Industrial Wood Products Limited, Navan	IR£16,000.00
Sheelin Aviation Limited, Oldcastle	IR£14,000.00
Meath Tourism Limited, Navan	IR£8,055.00
Radco (Ireland) Limited, Navan	IR£4,916.00
Gordon Hugh, Kells	IR£16,867.00
Peter Holland, Enfield	IR£1,599.00
Marie McCabe, Mountnugent	IR£1,460.00
Intranets Limited, Navan	IR£30,234.00
Intranets Limited, Navan	IR£1,116.00
deBros Marble Works Limited, Ashbourne	IR£7,371.00
Millmount Healthcare Limited, Navan	IR£25,000.00
Digital Visions Limited, Stamullen	IR£19,533.00
Dunshaughlin Chamber of Commerce, Dunshaughlin	€1,013
Hi-Level cleaning, Rathmolyon	€6,901
South Hill Enterprises, Athboy	€675
Robo-Apply Ltd, Athboy	€14,000
Allied Fabriplas Ltd., Trim	€32,260
Rotech, Kells	€18,790
Don Rennicks Fruit & Veg	€35,000
The Washboard, Athboy	€10,000
A-List Pictures, Julianstown	€ 9,305

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Navan Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd.	€73,840
Births, Deaths & Marriages Ltd.	€10,394
Shannonside Aviation, Dunboyne	€3,000
Glenard Laboratories, Dunshaughlin	€14,261
Odour Monitoring Ireland, Trim	€26,017
Allied Fabriplas, Trim	€29,740
M&A Clarke, Wilkinstown	€6,349
Specialist Die Cutters, Dunshaughlin	€31,757
Navan Enterprise Centre, Navan	€53,134
B & L Distributors, Ashburne	€26,967
KWRS Ltd., Kells	€14,684
Golf Links, Navan	€14,085
Oakes Dental Laboratory, Navan	€24,630
Rotech Precision Engineering Limited, Kells	€19,859
Horticulture Ireland Ltd, Tara	€1,169
GAPP Engineering Services Limited, Ashbourne	€9,922
Robo Apply Ltd., Athboy	€1,500
Sales Focus, Ashbourne	€11,963
Maverick House Publishing, Dunshaughlin	€5,046
	€75,000
Kellglass Ltd., Kells	
Brokersoft, Trim	
	€6,393
Aero Aid, Navan	
	€50,000
Kells Community Enterprise Centre Ltd., Kells	€50,000
Clear Film Systems Ltd., Athboy	€8,800
Ark Stainless Ltd	€1,336
Shane Holland Design Studio	
	€10,292
Horticulture Ireland Ltd, Trim	
Kells Community Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd.	
	€75,000
	€50,000
De Bros Marbleworks Ltd	
Royal Biofuels Ltd.	€23,999
Gapp Engineering Ltd.	€10,692
Hand Engineering Ltd.	
Packaging Engineering Services Ltd.	

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Digital Mags Online Ltd.	€14,800
J & E Deegan	€20,346
Aurora Energy Systems	€17,260
Allwood Tableware Ltd	€26,250
Horticulture Ireland Ltd.	€11,881
Royal Biofuels Ltd	€45,000
Odour Monitoring Ltd.	

Payments 2008

Rowan Engineering Consultants Ltd.	€13,248
European Industrial Chillers Ltd	€20,714
Killbeg Dairy Delights	€ 4,198
Ark Stainless Ltd.	€17,133
Logolink Ireland	€ 7,471
Chemical Systems Control Ltd	€14,605
Rochelle Traders Ltd	€29,284
R & M Buckets Ltd.	€28,100
PES Ltd	€ 9,654
Hand Engineering Ltd.	€56,186
BMCC Energy Enesol	€ 325
Acrylic Design and Fabrication	€22,500
Total Payments 2008	€223,418

TOTAL CAPITAL GRANT PAYMENTS 1993-2008

€2,767,691.68

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GRANT PAYMENTS
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Employment Grants

Bernard McKenna, Trim	IR£500.00
Mary Lowe, Trim	IR£500.00
Henry Carty, Dunboyne	IR£750.00
Joan O'Reilly, Kilgraique Secretarial Services, Kilcloon	IR£1,000.00
Sandra Higgins, Royal Meath Business Centre, Navan	IR£1,000.00
Dominic Kenna, Ashbourne Chamber of Commerce, Ashbourne,	IR£2,500.00
Eddie Mitchell, Kells	IR£1,250.00
Fergus Crowe, Springvalley Engineering Products Ltd., Summerhill	IR£1,250.00
Alfie Kavanagh, Meath Security Ltd., Navan,	IR£3,000.00
Mirsada Kos, Dunshaughlin,	IR£3,000.00
Stephen Kelleghan/J. McCaul, Kelleghan, Kelmac Services, Navan,	IR£3,000.00
Alan Donohoe, Navan	IR£2,000.00
Elaine Boylan, Oldcastle	IR£2,000.00
Helen Murtagh, Tara Telebusiness Ltd., Trim	IR£2,000.00
James Sherman, J.S. Shooting Breaks, Nobber	IR£2,000.00
Marie Keeleghan, Navan	IR£2,000.00
Raymond Brett, The Safety Partnership, Stamullen,	IR£2,000.00
Sandra Doyle, Professional Word Processing Service, Ashbourne	IR£2,000.00
Sharon Carroll, Trim Horse & Carriage Hire, Trim	IR£2,000.00
Steve McManus/Viv Ginnity, Micro Signs, Kells	IR£2,000.00
Hugh Smith, Trim	IR£2,500.00
Laurence Clarke, Ratoath	IR£2,500.00
Sean Boyle, Navan Chamber of Commerce, Navan	IR£2,500.00
Thomas O'Byrne, Navan	IR£2,500.00
David Marry, Kitchen & Bedroom Components Ltd, Navan	IR£3,000.00
Emmet O'Dea, Kyrstal PVC Cleaning, Trim	IR£3,000.00
Michael Reihill, Rathmolyon	IR£3,000.00
Pat Brangan, Ardcath	IR£3,000.00
Stephen Kelleghan, Kelmac Services, Navan	IR£3,000.00
Christopher Paige, Kells	IR£3,500.00
Irene McGrath, Rivendell Regulatory Services, Stamullen,	IR£9,000.00
Patrick Connelly, Swisher, Drumconrath,	IR£7,500.00
Anne Geraghty, Cara Communications & Training, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Bernard McKenna/Mary Lowe, Trim	IR£4,000.00
Brian McConville, Stamullen	IR£4,000.00
Catherine Fox, Quilted Petal, Kells	IR£4,000.00
Fiona Guiheen/Caroline Murphy, Professional Business Service, Navan	IR£4,000.00
James & Maura Carolan, The Borallion Riding Centre, Navan	IR£4,000.00
John Downes, Integrated Louvre Systems Ltd., Ratoath,	IR£4,000.00
Jude Campion, Castleknock	IR£4,000.00
Matthew Murtagh, Matty Murtagh International, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Maura Finnegan, Emmaus Handcut Commemorative Mosaics, Rathmolyon	IR£4,000.00
Niall Fagan, Hi-Teck Hurleys, Summerhill	IR£4,000.00
Pat Rathborne, HVSM Ltd., Ashbourne,	IR£8,000.00
Patrick McLoughlin, Kells	IR£4,000.00

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Philip Brady, Braille Maps & Signage Ltd., Navan, Rennicks Monumental Works, Cortown, Kells	IR£4,000.00 IR£4,000.00
Terry McGivern, Kells	IR£4,000.00
Walter Brophy, Kilcloon	IR£4,000.00
Bill Haire, Tara Tiffany Glassworks Ltd., Navan,	IR£8,750.00
Brid O'Connell, Meath Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£5,000.00
Clive O'Gibne, Og Carvings/Celtic Woodcarving, Drogheda	IR£5,000.00
Gerard Coffey, Navan	IR£5,000.00
James Quinn, JAM Studios, Kells	IR£5,000.00
Kevin McConville, Moonshadow Productions Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Marion Petherbridge, Flowers by Design, Ratoath	IR£5,000.00
Michael Price, Mouse Mann Artistic Floorboards, Dunshaughlin	IR£5,000.00
Sinead McKenna, Marnette, Navan	IR£5,000.00
Derek Blake, Derek Blake Design, Navan	IR£6,000.00
John Hughes, APT Ltd., Stamullen	IR£6,000.00
Patrick Watters, Kells	IR£7,000.00
Daniel Spaight, Robo Apply Ltd., Athboy	IR£10,000.00
Laurence Clarke, Clarke Security Cabins, Ratoath,	IR£11,500.00
Aidan Wall, Irish Farm Computers Ltd., Kells	IR£8,000.00
Ann Hugh, Millhouse Sculpture, Oldcastle	IR£8,000.00
Caroline Gallagher, Baby Baskets, Slane	IR£8,000.00
Darragh Hand, Hand Engineering Ltd., Oldcastle	IR£19,000.00
Derek Power, Bronze First Editions, Kilmessan	IR£8,000.00
Fergal O'Donoghue, O'Donoghue Freight Services Ltd., Tallaght	IR£8,000.00
Fiona Challoner/Gillian Gantley, Central Recruitment Limited, Navan	IR£11,000.00
Gerry Fogarty, Navan	IR£8,000.00
John Orton, Ross Hazel Farms Ltd., Enfield	IR£8,000.00
Oliver Sweeney, Computer Services, Kells	IR£8,000.00
Vincent Conroy, Conroy Fencing, Trim	IR£8,000.00
Lyn Elliot, Lyn-Mar, Summerhill	IR£9,000.00
Pat Rathborne, HVSM Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£9,000.00
Kieran Coleman, Aquachem Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£10,000.00
Margaret Reilly, Children Care Network, Kells	IR£10,000.00
Patrick Goggins, TWP Ltd., Trim	IR£10,000.00
PJ Meegan, Navan	IR£10,000.00
Kieran Droney, Network Splicing Limited, Kells,	IR£10,500.00
Jean Murray, The Coastal Launderette, Laytown	IR£12,800.00
Dermot Collier, ACOL Ltd., Drumree,	IR£16,000.00
Enda Sullivan, Erin Ceilings, Kells	IR£12,000.00
Josephine Smith, Mrs. Doubtfires Creche, Navan	IR£12,000.00
Kathy & Niall Monahan, Rock Lodge, Navan	IR£12,000.00
Patrick Smith, ELA, Drogheda	IR£12,000.00
Alan Breen, INSTECO Ltd., Navan	IR£14,000.00
Sandra Stafford, Playhouse Day Nursery, Navan	IR£13,000.00
Declan Grimes, KWRS Ltd., Kells	IR£16,000.00
Eamonn Garvey, Irish Farm Computers Ltd., Kells	IR£14,000.00
Robert Copeland, Robert Copeland & Sons Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£15,000.00
Pamela Furlong, Grain Tech International Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£17,500.00

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Ake & Henrik Andersson, Ardvik Ltd., Trim	IR£20,000.00
Frank Brannigan, Cherry Picker Hire Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£20,000.00
Paul Lahert, Riteweigh Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£22,000.00
Dean McGuinness, Twinmeadows Ltd., Enfield	IR£50,000.00
Buzz Puzzles, Navan,	IR£8,000.00
Creative Housing Solutions, Dunshaughlin	IR£18,000.00
Fergus Lowndes, The Bamford Group, Dunshaughlin,	IR£8,000.00
E.M.R.C., Ashbourne,	IR£4,000.00
Gill's Dry Cleaners Dunshaughlin Limited, Dunshaughlin,	IR£3,000.00
Regal Bathrooms, Ashbourne,	IR£5,000.00
Trim Chamber of Commerce, Trim,	IR£1,750.00
Kay Maher, Master Pieces, Navan	IR£3,000.00
Trasna Internet Solutions, Navan	IR£3,000.00
MacBro Supply Services Limited Trim,	IR£2,000.00
We and Us Limited, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Scoil na nOg, Navan	IR£1,652.00
Creative Housing Solutions, Dunshaughlin	IR£6,000.00
Gill's Dry Cleaners Dunshaughlin Limited, Dunshaughlin	IR£3,000.00
Regal Bathrooms, Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Hand Engineering Limited, Oldcastle	IR£3,000.00
Trim Chamber of Commerce, Trim	IR£750.00
Architectural Recording and Research, Ashbourne	IR£4,000.00
DOD Technology Limited, Navan	IR£2,000.00
MacBro Supply Services Limited, Trim	IR£2,000.00
R.O.C. Managed Solutions, Dunshaughlin	€10,158
Tony Boylan Transport, Ashbourne	€ 2,540
Matty Murtagh International, Navan	€ 2,540
Moneymore Developments, Trim	€ 2,539.48
Architectural Recording & Research, Ashbourne	€5,078.95
A1 Signs & Canopies, Summerhill	€ 5,000
Hotel Jobs Ireland, Navan	€ 3,175
Gymboree Play & Music	€ 2,500
Tir na Nog Playschool, Navan	€13,139.42
Marie Falahee, Navan	€ 4,445.14
Kells Chamber of Commerce, Kells	€ 2,381.18
Laimhe Beaga Creche, Navan	€ 6,350
Angel Faces Creche, Enfield	€ 7,620
Headfort Montessori, Kells	€ 5,080
Itsales.ie, Oldcastle	€ 2,000
Matty Murtagh International, Navan	€2,540
Lamha Beaga, Garlow Cross	€6,350
Headford School, Kells	€5,080
The Oxygen Experience, Navan	€5,000
The Employers Alliance, Ratoath	€3,175
Tony Boylan Transport, Ashbourne	€2,540

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IT Hygiene Services, Dunshaughlin	€4,000
Angel Faces Creche, Enfield	€7,620
Kells & District Chamber of Commerce, Kells	€793
A1 Irish Signs and Canopies	€5,000
Gymboree Play & Music, Summerhill	€2,500
IT Sales.ie, Oldcastle	€2,000
Hotel Jobs Ireland, Navan	€3,175
Document Lifecycle Management, Trim	€8,750
Eurway, Navan	€7,500
Dynamic Network Solutions, Stamullen	€6,350
Clarke Rewinds, Drumconrath	€5,000
Solar Multimedia, Navan	€5,000
Tom & Anne O’Gorman, Duleek	€7,500
Aine Chocolates, Oldcastle	€6,349
Robert Gavin, Trim	€2,500
Sunnymeadows Creche, Ratoath	€5,000
About Waste, Athboy	€5,000
Angel Faces Creche, Enfield	€7,500
Sandy’s Creche, Navan	€17,500
Boyne Computer Solutions, Navan	€4,000
Elderdale Creche, Duleek	€7,500
Clarke Rewinds, Navan	€5,000
Sunny Meadows Childcare Limited, Ratoath	€5,000
Dynamic Network Solutions, Stamullen	€11,350
Windmill Nursery, Navan	€8,750
J&S Weir, Oldcastle	€5,000
Eurway, Oldcastle	€6,250
Horticulture Ireland Limited, Tara	€10,000
Philip Daly, Dunboyne	€3,000
All Sewn Up, Kells	€6,000
Sandy’s Creche, Navan	€17,500
Windmill Nursery, Navan	€8,750
Alan Campbell, Duleek	€2,000
Allwood Tableware, Athboy	€30,000
Eleanor Yeoman, Ashbourne	€2,500
Brendan Melia, Oldcastle	€5,000
Eleanor Yeoman, Ashbourne	€2,500
Vario Lighting, Navan	€3,750
PES Ltd., Ashbourne	€18,000
Rowan Engineering Consultants Ltd, Navan	€3,750
John Dunne, Kells	€2,000
Kilbeg Dairy Delights, Kells	€22,500
EIC Ltd, Dunboyne	€15,000

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Sheehan Web Media, Navan	€6,000
Donagh Quigley, Kells	€2,500
Complete Steel Solutions Ltd., Navan	€10,500
Vario Lighting	€3,750

Payments 2008

Colin O'Brien	7,500
Gravitation Ltd.	3,750
Sheehan Web Media	6,000
Donagh Quigley	5,000
Flo Web Design	4,000
NSP Laboratory Services	3,750
Complete Steel Solutions	8,750
PES Ltd.	18,000
Total Payments 2008	56,750

TOTAL Payments, 1993-2008

€1,480,664

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GRANT PAYMENTS
Up to 31st December, 2008
Feasibility/Technical Assistance Grants

Suzanne Kirwan, Longwood	IR£90.00
Noel Eite, Navan	IR£190.00
Grainne Harte, Gateway To Ireland Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£620.00
Jim Duff, J. Duff & Associates Ltd., Laytown,	IR£871.00
Barbara & Mary Curran, Royal County Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£1,411.00
John F. Cahill, Kells	IR£1,510.00
Brendan O'Dea, Kells	IR£1,556.00
Vicky Von Schmeider, Navan	IR£1,700.00
Fergus O'Rourke, Dunshaughlin	IR£1,789.00
John Caulfield, John Caulfield Joinery, Kells,	IR£1,849.00
Kevin McConville, Moonshadow Productions Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£1,866.00
Lawrence Staudt, Slane,	IR£1,888.00
Ailve Hearty, Navan	IR£2,091.00
Gerald Lawlor/Luc Van Doorslaer, Laytown	IR£2,155.00
Dina Davies, Bettystown,	IR£2,474.00
Joseph Beach/Dympna MacAdam, Oldcastle	IR£2,481.00
Dominic Kenna, Ashbourne Chamber of Commerce, Ashbourne,	IR£2,500.00
Eamonn McCullough, Elmgrove Onions, Gormanston	IR£2,524.00
Rosemary Yore, Ledwidge Cottage Museum Committee, Slane,	IR£2,625.00
Cormac & Ann McIvor, Dowth	IR£2,744.00
Owen & Brendan McFadden, Gibbstown	IR£2,780.00
Ben Gillespie, Summerhill	IR£2,891.00
Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Ashbourne,	IR£3,000.00
Kevin McAvinchey, Gravitation Ltd., Clonee	IR£3,000.00
Stephen Browne, Inn & Pub Brewing Services, Kilcock	IR£3,000.00
Jim Gilna, Meath East Co-Operative Society, Laytown	IR£3,044.00
Ann Hugh/Brian Meldon, Millhouse Sculpture, Oldcastle	IR£3,062.00
Thomas Gillespie, Green Diamond Co. Ltd., Trim	IR£3,113.00
Brid O'Connell, Meath Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£3,125.00
Sean Brennan, Corrugated Containers Ltd., Navan	IR£3,169.00
Seamus McGee, Atsics Products, Kells	IR£3,233.00
Danny O'Brien, Cluain an Duchais, Trim	IR£3,495.00
Jim Marsden, Jem Presentations Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£3,576.00
Seamus Rispin/Michael Carty, Zolex Systems Ltd., Navan	IR£3,761.00
Brendan Dardis, Gillmore Enterprises Ltd., Summerhill	IR£4,133.00
John Orton, Orton Mushrooms, Enfield	IR£4,137.00
Richard Collins, Abbey Chemicals, Navan	IR£4,140.00
Ake & Henrik Andersson, Ardvik Limited, Trim	IR£5,000.00
Hugh Thornton, Kells Development Association, Kells	IR£5,000.00
Jim Donnellan, County Development Office, Navan	IR£5,000.00
John O'Donoghue, Navan Civic Trust, Navan	IR£5,000.00
Peter Whelan, GAPP Engineering Services Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Lawrence Staudt, Slane,	IR£2,105.00
Martina Finnerty, Trim	IR£1,900.00
John Price, Navan	IR£1,200.00
Peadar Toibin, Navan	IR£1,547.00

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John McLoughlin, Trim

IR£2,800.00
IR£126,145.00
OR €160,171.10

SIAS Ltd. Dunboyne	€ 5078.95
David Wilkinson, Enfiled	€3,809.21
Bloomsbury Media, Kells	€1,350.00
Buzz Puzzles, Navan	€ 3,499.00
Skyguard Safety Ltd. , Kells	€ 4,999.70
Classroom Direct, Ratoath	€ 5,015.00
Hand Engineering, Oldcastle	€ 5,080.00
Margaret Curran, Drumconrath	€1,530.00
Clickstream Web Design, Navan	€3,000.00
Robert Gavin, Trim	€5,100.00
Buk Now, Dunboyne	€1,043.00
Laurence O'Reilly, Kilmainhamwood	€1,225.00
Geraldine Jennings, Donore	€2,612.00
Quantum Manufacturing, Navan	€2,625.00
Niall Reynolds, Bohermeen	€3,625.00
Mimi Toys, Summerhill	€800.00
Stonemac Limited, Dunboyne	€750.00
Betty Newman Maguire, Kells	€1,238.00
Oldcastle Laboratories Limited, Oldcastle	€5,100.00
Utrack Ltd., Dunboyne	€2,000.00
Oakes Dental Laboratory	€1,497.00
Swimgym Ltd, Dunshaughlin	€4,146
Eoin O'Dea, Navan	€5,100
BettyNewman Maguire, Kells	€800
John Price	€5,100
Margaret Cruise O'Brien, Navan	€2,910
AIM International Moving	€229
Robert Ardill	€1,879.53

Payments 2008

Avanti Golf	€5,100
Colin O'Brien	€1,068
Total Payments 2008	€ 6,168

Total Feasibility Study/Technical Assistance 1993-2008

€247,480.53

Measure 2

ENTREPRENEURIAL AND CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE CULTURE

Student Enterprise Awards

Three Co. Meath businesses competed in the National Final of the Student Enterprise Awards (SEA) in May, 2008, in the Tullamore Court Hotel.

The SEA, which is sponsored each year by the County & City Enterprise Boards, offers second level students from all over the country the opportunity to set up and run a real business, either manufacturing or service. Participants take a business from the idea stage, through market research to production, selling, record keeping, management and finally writing a comprehensive report on their activities.

Participation in the SEA encourages students to consider becoming entrepreneurs in the future as they will be much better prepared by their experience of running a business. Many other benefits are received - enhanced creativity, improved communication skills and practical uses for business studies topics.

This years finalists were:

Junior Category: Bradley Murphy, Michael Lennon, Anup Dambal and Shane O'Brien, Dunshaughlin Community College with their business "Mini-Carpenters" which manufactures school locker organisers. The team was guided by their teacher, James Cumiskey.

Intermediate Category: Darrell O'Brien and Justine Stafford, O'Carolan College, Nobber with their business "Stylie Stickers". The target market for these stickers is teachers in montessori, primary and secondary schools. The stickers are used by teachers in schools diaries and copies and were inspired by the concept of rewarding students and children with stickers of praise. Darrell and Justine were guided by their teacher, Cathal Rogers.

Senior Category: Charlie Blount, Emma Newman and Joseph Curtis, St. Peter's College, Dunboyne with their business "BNC Design". This business produces and supplies high quality, localised, guaranteed Irish Christmas cards to sell to Dunboyne residents and local business. A portion of each sale went to a local charity. Niamh Collins was the teacher who guided this team.

Student Enterprise Day

The Meath County Enterprise Board hosted a special Enterprise Day for students participating in the Student Enterprise Awards competition on Monday, 22nd September in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim. The Student Enterprise Awards (see

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www.studententerprise.ie) is a competition run by the County & City Enterprise Boards where second-level students set up and run their own business.

308 students and their teachers attended the event which ran from 10 am to 2 pm. Schools present were: Ashbourne Community School, Boyne Community College, Trim, Dunshaughlin Community College, Eureka, Kells, Loreto Secondary School, Navan, Scoil Mhuire, Trim, St. Fintina's, Longwood, St. Joseph's Mercy, Navan, St. Patrick's Classical School, Navan, St. Peter's College, Dunboyne.

The aim of the day was to introduce students to the Student Enterprise Awards competition and also to give them the experience of listening to speakers expert in the areas of "Sales and Marketing" (Rob Marr, "Catalyst") and "Motivation and Qualities of an Entrepreneur" (Vincent Steadman). In addition, two local entrepreneurs, James Gibbons and Andrew Reilly of "Cohort", Recruitment and Training Agency, Dublin Rd., Trim gave a presentation on how they set up their business.

Two groups of students who have enjoyed tremendous success with their businesses set up last year as part of the Student Enterprise Awards also made presentations on their enterprises. They were: Anup Dambal, Bradley Murphy and Shane O'Brien of Dunshaughlin Community College with their business which manufactured locker organisers and Justine Stafford and Darrell O'Brien of O'Carolan College in Nobber who won third prize at the National Final of the SEA in May of this year with their business "Style Stickers".

The Enterprise Day M.C. was Gerry Moan, "Constructive Intervention" and two lucky students won a Wii console, together with Wii Sports, Mariokart and another game sponsored by the Meath CEB. They were Án Sheerin, St. Peter's College, Dunboyne, and Sarah Dunne, Scoil Mhuire, Trim, Co. Meath.

The Meath County Enterprise Board also offered schools the services of a consultant to conduct workshops in the county's second-level schools in the areas of Idea Generation, Marketing and Communication Skills.

Meath Website

The Board's website is continuously updated to include information on its courses, latest Board news and the types of assistance available for the county's entrepreneurs. Those who log on can apply on-line for grant assistance or register on any of our training programmes.

BUSINESS COUNSELLING, ADVICE, INFORMATION AND MENTORING

BUSINESS SEMINARS

Write Your Own Press Release

A one day seminar on the topic of writing a press release was delivered by Orla McGuinness in the Newgrange Hotel on Friday, 28th March. Feedback on it was excellent.

Getting the Most from your Accountant

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John Dempsey delivered this one day seminar in the Boards training room on Friday, 4th April. Feedback was excellent.

How to Produce Winning Tenders

Peadar Toibin delivered this workshop on behalf of Brilliant Red Consulting, in the Boards training room on Friday, 25th April. Feedback was very positive.

The Enterprise Bus

The Enterprise Bus was in the county for the week starting 28th April and the schedule was as follows:

Date	Town	Location	Meath CEB Mentor
Monday, 28 th April	Ratoath	Bank of Ireland	John Dempsey
Tuesday, 29 th April	Dunboyne	Bank of Ireland	Rob Marr
Wednesday, 30 th April		Ashbourne Bank of Ireland	Rob Marr
Thursday, 1 st May	Navan	New Civic Space	CEB Staff
Friday, 2 nd May	Navan	New Civic Space	Rob Marr

This was the first time that the Enterprise Bus visited County Meath. A representative of the CEB and Bank of Ireland was available on the bus from 10 to 5pm each day. Feedback was excellent from those who availed of the service. On review of the week with Bank of Ireland it was agreed that appointments needed to be made prior to the arrival of the bus in the County.

SHOP Expo

SHOP, Ireland's newest International Annual Retail, Food and Drink Event, took place in the RDS, Dublin, between Monday, 29th September and Wednesday, 1st October. Two companies represented Meath at the event. They were Kilbeg Dairy Delights and South Hill Enterprises. Both companies benefited from their participation at the show.

Mentoring Programme

The following client businesses/promoters have been appointed mentors from the Board's local mentor panel this year:

Business/Promoter Name	Business Activity / Mentoring
Fionan Russell / Forest Fuels Ltd.	Producers of quality firewood. Assistance with Sales & Marketing Strategy.
Paddy Lennon / Lettings Abroad	Online business advertising properties for rent abroad. Advice on maximizing the potential of his website.
Terry Monaghan	Development of a log cutting machine. Advice on exploiting his new invention.
Mari Brunnock	Sales and marketing assistance for her consultancy business.
John O'Toole	Provides accountancy services and auxiliary supports to small businesses. Assistance with business strategy.
Colin O'Brien / Obridry	Design, manufacture and distribution of an automatic rotary clothesline cover and rain

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	sensing slothes horse. Financial planning and patenting advice.
Amanda Twyford	Financial assessment of her lingerie business.
Pat Brosnan / DeBros Marble	Supplier of granite and marble worktops for the retail and commercial market. Advice on HR systems and procedures.
Fiona Seagrave / Care for the Children	Assistance with promotion of dairy products
John Carroll	Assistance with the intellectual property of his "snooze cap".
Alison Hickey	Creche and after school facility experiencing cash flow problems
Irene Donnelly	Marketing assistance for Workplace Solutions business
Castel Mouldings	Sourcing of packaging for plaster mouldings business
Catering Direct	Restructuring of business practices
Maverick Publishers	Growth Strategy for publishing business
Reflectiver Security	Sales and Promotional plan assistance
Satin Stitches	Financial assistance and guidance on a marketing strategy
Digital Magazines Online	Strategic Management of web based business
Fiona Kerbey	Design and packaging of a new range of ceramics
Billie O'Shea	Cookery School in second year of business requiring an appraisal of over cost-effectiveness
Dunboyne Dental Laboratories	Review of overall strategy to maximize efficiency.
An Troman	Artisan Foods requiring a critical analysis of operations
Alder Landscapes	Need to restructure current financial set-up to allow for accelerated growth

MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
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Start Your Own Business Programme

A total of 125 people participated on Business Start Programmes with the Board during 2008. Eight programmes were held throughout the year. Fiona Carmody of Business in Mind delivered two programmes in February (a day and an evening programme), an outreach programme in Ashbourne in April and an evening programme in Navan in November. Rob Marr of Catalyst delivered two programmes on behalf of the Board in May and a further two in September. These were all held in the Meath County Enterprise Board offices in Navan. The feedback on all of these programmes were excellent with both trainers being highly commended by the participants.

The Book Keeping & Taxation Programme

John Dempsey delivered this six week programme in the Boards Training Room. It commenced on Thursday, 6th March and had sixteen participants. The final report

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indicated that feed back was excellent but that some participants would like to see a bookkeeping course separate to this course in future.

SAGE Computerised Accounts – An Introduction

Mary McEntee of Zilcom Systems Limited was selected to deliver this programme. However due to the high demand it was decided to run two programmes side-by-side and defer the SAGE Improving Skills Programme until 19th May. The two programmes commenced on Monday, 31st March in the Boards Training Room with fifteen participants many of whom went on to complete the Improving Skills Programme subsequently.

SAGE Computerised Accounts – Improving Skills

Mary McEntee of Zilcom Systems Limited delivered this programme which commenced on May 19th. This programme had been deferred until the completion of the SAGE Introductory programme. It took place in the Boards Training room and there were nine participants. Feedback was excellent.

Effective People Management

This four week programme including one mentoring visit was awarded to Brilliant Red Consultants. It commenced on Tuesday, 8th April in the Boards Training Room and had eight participants. Participant feedback was excellent.

Health & Safety Workshop

This two day workshop was delivered by M&A Clarke in the Boards training room on Wednesday, 16th and Thursday, 17th April.

Certificate in Marketing Practice

This four month Management Development Programme was delivered by Brilliant Red Consulting. It comprised six full day workshops and six two hour mentoring sessions per participant. The course commenced on the 21st August and was in January 2009. There were six businesses registered on the programme.

Certificates in Marketing Practice will be awarded by the Marketing Institute to the four companies who successfully completed the programme and submitted a marketing plan for assessment.

ISO 9001:2000 Programme

This intensive four month programme was delivered by Lena Shaw of Corporate Vision. Three companies participated on the programme which consisted of four full day workshops and three days of on-site mentoring per company. Workshops commenced in the Boards training room on the 27th August and mentoring visits took place over the following six months until all participants reached accreditation stage.

Grow Your Own Business

This three month programme was delivered on behalf of the Board by Optimum Results. It comprised of eight evening workshops and three, two hour mentoring visits per company. The programme was accredited by the Institute of Leadership & Management.

OTHER BUSINESS INITIATIVES

Tech Check

This programme offers a highly subsidised technology check-up to small business to help them to identify ways to boost their productivity and profitability through the better use of technology.

Under the programme, small businesses could apply to their local CEB who in turn appointed an independent expert to carry out an ICT analysis of the business. Based on this analysis, the expert provided the business owner with a clear, action orientated and realistic strategy aimed at developing and deploying appropriate ICT skills, systems, hardware and software within the business with the objective of delivering real and sustainable competitive advantage.

A total of twenty three Tech Check Audits were completed in 2008. The following is a listing of the tech check recipients.

1	Barrie McNamara	Europa Hardware Limited Instrument Technology Limited	Dunboyne Business Park, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
2	Paul Sharkey	Ultrapolymers Ireland Limited	Dunboyne Business Park, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
3	Conor McMahon	Tom Briody & Son Ltd.	Bracetown Business Park, Clonee, Co. Meath
4	Lilian Davies	Concept Fire Services Alan Jones & Co.	Shanco, Crossakiel, Kells, Co. Meath Unit 4, Dunboyne Industrial Estate, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
5	Pearse Brennan	Chartered Accountants Hibernian American Limited	15 Killelland Street, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
6	Robert Jones Francis Fitzpatrick	Patrick Keane Accountancy	Skyrne Hill, Tara, Co. Meath
7	Patrick Keane	Morans Homezone Limited	3 Harcourt Terrace, Trim, Co. Meath
8	Majella Ryan	M&A Moran (Navan) Ltd.	Beechmount Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath
9	Majella Ryan	AQF Limited Smith Property Management	Beechmount Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath
10	Jacky Kavanagh	OCAE Consultants	Walterstown House, Walterstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
11	Rosemary Lloyd Stephanie Waters	Hogans Turkeys Limited Meath Community Partnership	Unit 4 Enfield Court, Johnstown Bridge Rd., Enfield, Co. Meath
12	Michael Ludlow	Delvin Pharma Ltd. Francis Ledwidge	Cortown, Kells, Co. Meath Tom Blake House, Bective Street, Kells, Co. Meath
13	Tom Kelly	Museum Ltd. Picabia	Unit 6/7 Delvin Centre, Stamullen, Co. Meath
14	Colm Yore		Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath
15	Helen		24 Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath

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	McFadden		
19	Patricia Caffrey	Interior Creations Limited	Cavan Road, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
20	Paula Newman	Curragh Farm Furniture	Curragh Farm, Kells, Co. Meath the poles house,
21	David Russell	Royal Breffini Tours	kilmainhamwood,kells,co. meath
22	Patricia O'Reilly	Turloughs Restaurant	Main Street, Nobber, Co Meath Altmush, Kilmainhamwood, Kells, Co Meath
23	Christy O'Reilly	Castle Facility Services	

A total of €22,403 was paid out in Tech Check approvals in 2008. Feedback from the scheme was excellent.

E-Commerce

Under this Initiative, the Board provided website grants to those wishing to set up a new website for their business or expand an existing one. The level of funding was 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €2,500 per business. The following table details those businesses approved grants under this Initiative.

Name		Business Name	Amount Approved
Barry	Mc Cabe	SESCO	1,350
Emma	Mc Caffrey	Equipet Retail Ltd	2,500
Tom	Briody	Tom Briody & Son Ltd.	1,750
Olivia	Best	Satin Stitches	2,500
Paul	Connors	Irish Photo Scene	1,700
Kathleen	Cooney	Cooney Nurseries	350
Mari	Brunnock	Midas Business Training Support	1,725
Daire	O'Flaherty	D Wheels	2,150
John	O'Toole	West City Accounting & Taxation	575
Oliver	Flood	Hansel & Gretel Fashions	1,049
David	Mc Gillick	Flanagan Furniture Ltd.	1,300
Christopher	Grogan	Equestrian Direct	1,500
Tara	Andrews	Kilmurray Plant Hire Ltd.	450
Helen	Nelson	Irish Gifts & Hampers	1,500
Donal	Foley	Icora Ltd	1,500
Paddy	Hanley	ATA25	1,500
Enda	Blaney	Limestone Taverns Ltd	1,300
Patricia	O'Reilly	O'Raghallaighs Ltd.	750.00
Derek	Byrne	Aeroaid Ltd.	1,500
Liam	Hyland	Vibe	1,500
Brendan	Hanratty	ABS Safety Group	349
Rachel	Grant	Trim Community Childcare Ltd.	1,250
Fiona	Seagrave	Care for Children First Aid	1,500
Darren	Grant	Epistemic Solution Ltd	900
Sian	Maloney	Gifts and Vouchers	1,500
David	Mulvany	All Signs	1,122.50
Malcolm	White	Irish Balloon Flights	846.50

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Bernard	Byrne	Prelaunch	2,500
Declan	Fahy	Podclass.ie	2,500
John	Carolan	Watergate Gallery	1,350
Julie	Cummins	Julie Cummins Photography	900
Donagh	Quigley	White Gables	972
Total Approvals			44,139

Export Marketing

The Export Marketing Initiative Fund assists businesses seeking to develop overseas markets. It part-funded the cost of travel and subsistence, trade fair attendance, exhibiting and the creation of marketing materials specifically for overseas markets. The grant covered 50% of eligible costs (subject to a maximum of €3,000 per company). The following table details those businesses who received approval for assistance under this Initiative.

Firstname	Surname	Business Name	Amount Sought (€)
Mark	Fay	Intranets	3,000
Niall	Quinn	THE Engineering Services Ltd.	3,000
Jean	Harrington	Maverick House Publishing	3,000
Mark	Sheehan	Clickstream	1,500
Total			10,500

Women in Business Initiative

Ten networking events took place under this Initiative during 2008. Each of the events involved networking and an information seminar / presentation by a guest speaker. Topics addressed at these sessions included essential keys to financial freedom and success, business coaching for success, marketing for a profit, Public Relations for the small business and how to run your business the stress-free way. Meetings took place monthly (excluding January and August). The first National Women's Enterprise Day took place in the Mullingar Park Hotel in November and was attended by eight of our members.

Women in Business Conference

On Sunday, 19th October, 2008, Kildare and Meath County Enterprise Boards organized and sponsored their second conference and exhibition of women owned businesses in the Marriott Johnstown House Hotel, Enfield. The guest speakers included: Rosemary Delaney, Official Opening, "If You Dream it you Can Do It"; Eileen Dunne, "The Show Food Experience"; Denise Fitzpatrick, "Cease or Desist"; Yvette Ryan, "The Role of Empowerment in Achieving Success in Life and Business". It was attended by 170 women.

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The aim of the conference was to encourage and foster entrepreneurship among women in County Kildare and County Meath by providing an opportunity for knowledge transfer, exchange of information, networking, case histories and an interactive workshop which dealt with empowerment for business success. The guest speakers offered insights into how they achieved their potential and succeeded in their businesses. The exhibition showcased 38 businesses owned and run by local women. Sixteen local businesswomen from both counties introduced their businesses to the audience under the heading "It's My Business".

Appendix 1

The Meath County Enterprise Board Limited has provision for fourteen Directors which represent a broad spectrum of interests throughout the county e.g. industry, State organisations, voluntary and community groups, farming, and local representatives.

All Board Directors give of their time and efforts voluntarily to achieve the aims of the Board.

A specialist Evaluation Committee makes recommendations to the Board on the most appropriate level and form of assistance for grant applicants. The Evaluation Committee comprises persons with banking and accounting expertise and experience in assessing the quality, local relevance and cost-effectiveness of project proposals.

Membership of the Meath County Enterprise Board Limited at 31st December, 2008

Tom Dowling	Chairman
Pauline Baker	Industry
Vacant	FAS
Maureen Rennicks	Industry
Dermot Collier	Community Rep
Eoghan O'Neill	Industry
Pat Coogan	Farming Rep
Cllr. Patrick Boshell	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Noel Leonard	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. James Mangan	Meath Co. Council
Peter Sheridan	Enterprise Ireland
John Fanning	Meath Partnership

Staff

Hugh Reilly	Chief Executive Officer
Caroline Lynch	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Lorna Cooney	Business Adviser
Marie Yore	Office Administrator
Nicola Carmody	Clerk Typist

Evaluation Committee

Jim Donnellan	Chairperson
Maria Gavin	Enterprise Ireland
David McHugh	Bank Manager
Michael McHugh	Teagasc
Dermot Mulvihill	Chartered Accountant
Shaun Lynch	Meath Leader

Client Services Charter

There were no complaints under the terms of reference of the Client Services Charter.

Appendix 2

Criteria for Financial Assistance

Grants available from the Meath County Enterprise Board Limited for eligible projects include:

Feasibility Study Grants

Up to 50% of the cost of the study can be grant-aided to a maximum of €5,100.

Capital Grants

Up to 50% of capital outlay is available subject to a maximum of €75,000;

or

Employment Grants

Up to €7,500 is available for each newly created full-time job and a pro-rata amount for a part-time job.

Financial assistance as above may be offered by the Board in part repayable format (usually 50%) with a two year moratorium on repayments.

- Projects assisted must be in the commercial sphere, have a clearly defined market and be capable of attaining economic viability without ongoing Exchequer or European Community assistance.
- Projects assisted must be relatively small in scale, i.e. total investment costs should not normally exceed €150,000.
- Projects assisted should provide some element of job creation or should as a minimum contribute directly to the maintenance of employment in existing small enterprises.
- Projects assisted should not directly interfere or compete with any similar business already in existence in the area.
- Project promoters must be able to demonstrate that they have the capacity to secure adequate overall finance to complete the project and manage the ongoing venture.
- Project promoters must satisfy existing policies on tax clearance and related matters.

Appendix 3

Application and Approval Process

Initial Contact with County Enterprise Office



Preliminary Application for Grant Aid



Completion of Application with County Enterprise Officer



Evaluation Committee Recommendation



Board Approval



Letter of Offer with Contract

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The Meath County Enterprise Board Limited has endeavoured to make the grant application and approval process as simple as possible, while ensuring the maximum accountability in the use of Exchequer and European Community Funds. The time span of notifying project promoters of the outcome of their submission is generally achieved within four to eight weeks from receipt of the completed application to the Board.

Appendix 4

GRANT APPROVALS 2008 CAPITAL

Name	Project Description	Approved
Chemical Systems Control Ltd. Ashbourne	Manufacture of laboratory equipment	€63,500
Hedge Rental Ltd., Dunboyne	Rental of decorative hedge systems	€10,647
Kilbeg Dairy Delights, Kells	Manufacture of yoghurts, cheesecakes.	€4,198
Ark Stainless Ltd., Trim	Manufacture of specialist steel products	€24,867
We Ask the Questions Ltd., Slane	On-line Quiz	€1,000
Wetzel Ltd., Dunboyne	Manufacture of print cylinders	€75,000
Acrylic Design & Fabrication Ltd., Dunboyne	Manufacture of acrylic point of sale items	€22,500
BMCC Energy Ltd., Duleek	Specialist services to the energy industry	€13,203
Rochelle Traders t/a Autoprint, Navan	Specialist printing service	€29,284
First Touch Technology Ltd., Kilcloon	Manufacture of computer support systems	€4,926
383 Music Production Ltd, Trim	Recording Studio	€26,625
Precia Molen Ireland Ltd., Ashbourne	Manufacture of computerised system	€20,000
Maverick Publishing Ltd.,	Publishing business	€2,690
TOTAL		€298,440

GRANT APPROVALS 2008

EMPLOYMENT

Name	Project Description	Approved
Gravitation Ltd., Kilmessan	Manufacture of weighbridge equipment	€15,000
Flo Web Design, Kells	Web design company	€8,000
NSP Laboratory Services, Ashbourne	Specialist laboratory services	€15,000
A.S. Amusements, Kells	Audio/video product	€5,000
Donagh Quigley, Kells	Thatching Service	€5,000
Kim Grant, Trim	Manufacture of greeting cards and pictures	€5,000
TOTAL		€53,000

GRANT APPROVALS 2008

FEASIBILITY STUDIES/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Name	Project Description	Approved
The Celtic Tenors, Kells	Production of EPK	€4,600
Nordex	Manufacture of construction industry product	€3,225
John Carroll	Travel comfort product	€2,500
A.S. Amusements	Audio/video product	€2,500
Richard Lee, Navan	Security Device	€ 875
First Touch Technology Ltd., Kilcloon	Manufacture of computer support systems	€5,100
Sprayline Ltd., Trim	Specialist cleaning equipment	€3,900
TOTAL		€22,700

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