

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 late 1993 the Meath County Enterprise Board has enjoyed sixteen 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 sixteen years it has helped to create in excess of **1416 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 2009 the Board continued its policy of offering refundable grant aid to its clients.

In 2009, the Board approved grant assistance amounting to €439,000 for forty one different projects with potential to create sixty three full-time and three 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 sixteen 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.

The unique structure of the Enterprise Board with a voluntary independent Evaluation Committee and Board of Directors is highly cost effective. With a dedicated staff of five employees – some of whom are job sharing, the Enterprise Board provided expert advice and assistance directly and through professional mentors and trainers as well as from the strong network of organisations and partners with whom it cooperates.

During 2009, all appropriate procedures for financial reporting, internal audit, procurement and asset disposals were carried out. The financial accounts contained in this report detail the internal system of financial control which is in place. The Code of Business Conduct is in place and has been adhered to throughout 2009. All government policy on pay has been complied with during 2009. There were no significant post balance sheet events. The Board has adhered to the guidelines for the appraisal and management of capital expenditure and there are no areas where failure to comply has occurred. In addition the Code of Practice has been adopted and is being complied with.

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, Evaluation Committee members and the staff of the Meath County Enterprise Board for all their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout 2009.

Tom Dowling,
CHAIRMAN.

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

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.

The changing economic environment exerted increased pressures on enterprises in county Meath, and the Board has adopted a flexible approach to matching services to the evolving needs of businesses. County Meath remains a highly entrepreneurial County, and in spite of the downturn, demand for supports for growth packages from existing businesses as well as new businesses increased in 2009.

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 356 students attended a special Student Enterprise Day held on September 27th September, 2009.

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.

As a team, we are more committed than ever to offering appropriate, customer driven supports that will make a difference to entrepreneurs in County Meath and help to secure the economic future of the County.

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 2009 were male, with 15% being female. (Figure 4). At the time of submission of their applications, 29 % of the promoters were employed while 68% were self-employed and 3% 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, 2009 to 31st December, 2009.

Figure 1 - Details of Applications Received 2009

Details of Approvals	No.
Applications approved by Board	41
Applications refused by Board	31
Applications awaiting client action	12
Applications referred to other agency	5
Total Applications Received	89

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Figure 1 – Details of Applications Received 2009

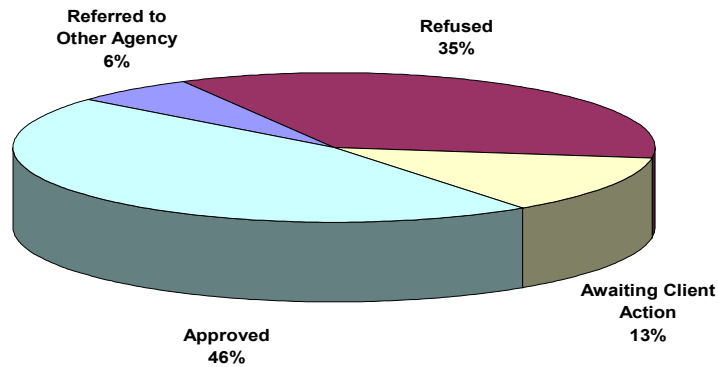


Figure 2 - Breakdown of Commitments by Grant Type

Grant Type	Amount of Funding	No. of projects	
Capital (Non-Refundable)	€50,450	Capital	6
Capital (Refundable)	€62,950	Employment	20
Employment (Non-Refundable)	€136,250	Feasibility Study/ Technical Assistance	15
Employment (Refundable)	€133,750		
Feasibility Study/Technical Assistance	<u>€55,600</u>		
Total Approved Grants	€439,000		41

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

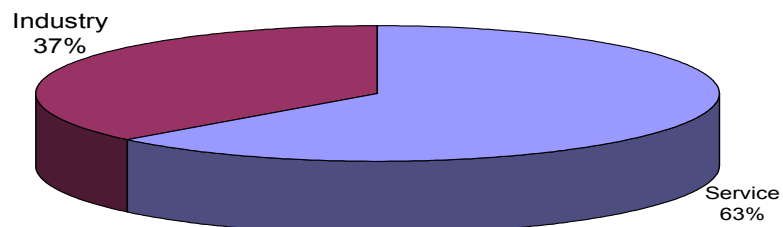


Figure 4 - Project Promoters Profile

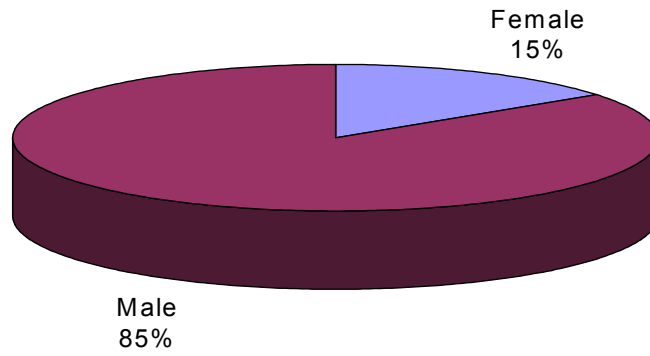


Figure 5 - Status of Project Promoters at Time of Application Submission

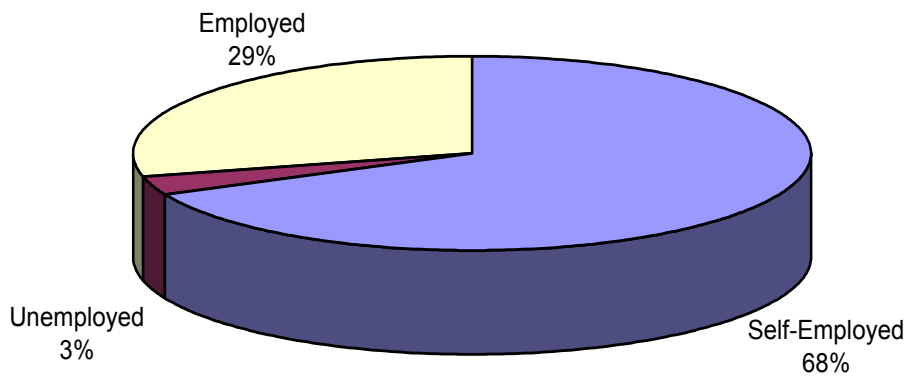


Figure 6 - Project Type

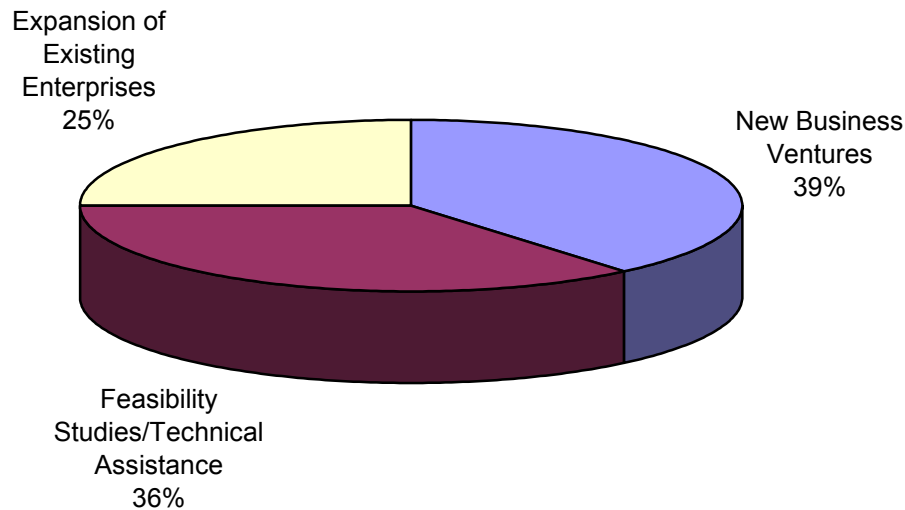


Figure 6 shows the breakdown of project type. 39% of the projects approved were wholly new business ventures, with, 36% being Feasibility Studies/Technical Assistance grants and 25% being a form of expansion or development of an existing enterprise.

Approved Grant Support

Approved	Grants		Job Potential	
Capital (Refundable/Non-Refundable)	€113,400	6 projects	17 full-time	0 part-time
Employment (Refundable/Non Refundable)	€270,000	20 projects	46 full-time	3 part-time
Feasibility Studies/Technical Assistance (Refundable/Non-Refundable)	€55,600	15 projects		
Total Approved Grants	€439,000	41 projects	63 full-time	3 part-time

De-committed Grant Approvals*	€16,715	4 projects	2 full-time	0 part-time
Grant Commitments	€422,285	37 projects	61 full-time	3 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 2009. A total of €16,715 was de-committed, leaving a total figure of €422,285 for grant commitments.

GRANT PAYMENTS

Grant Payments

Up to 31st December, 2009

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
INTECO 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

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Grange Equestrian Centre, Kells	IR£14,102.00
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

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A-List Pictures, Julianstown	€ 9,305
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
Kellglass Ltd., Kells	€75,000
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	€7,098
Horticulture Ireland Ltd, Trim	€10,292
Kells Community Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd.	€75,000
De Bros Marbleworks Ltd	€50,000
Royal Biofuels Ltd.	€23,999
Gapp Engineering Ltd.	€10,692
Hand Engineering Ltd.	€14,800
Packaging Engineering Services Ltd.	€20,346
Digital Mags Online Ltd.	€14,800
J & E Deegan	€26,250
Aurora Energy Systems	€11,881
Allwood Tableware Ltd	€45,000
Horticulture Ireland Ltd.	€647.68
Royal Biofuels Ltd	€6,451
Odour Monitoring Ltd.	€21,320
<u>Payments 2008</u>	
Rowan Engineering Consultants Ltd.	€13,248
European Industrial Chillers Ltd	€20,714

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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 Enersol	€ 325
Acrylic Design and Fabrication	€22,500
<u>Payments 2009</u>	
BMCC Energy Ltd. t/a Enersol	€12,782
IRT Consult	€30,000
Roston Engineering Ltd.	€15,000
IDL Ireland Ltd.	€5,900
Navan Enterprise Centre	€10,754
Chemical Systems Control	€48,895
BMCC Energy Ltd. t/a Enersol	€8,219
Maverick Publishing	€2,690
Total Payments 2009	€134,240
TOTAL CAPITAL GRANT PAYMENTS 1993-2009	€2,901,931.68

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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

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

Payments 2009

BMCC Energy Ltd. t/a Enersol	€1,000
Marie Rochford & Patricia Reilly	€5,000
ORL Consultants	€21,000
Elementec Ltd.	€7,500
Yellowfield Asset Management	€18,750
Neptune Showers Ltd.	€5,000
Mumstown Ltd.	€5,000
Aerga Productions	€5,000
Actionhorse Ltd.	€2,500
Paul Leonard	€2,000
Flo Web Design	€4,000
NSP Laboratory Services	€3,750
AS Amusement Services Ltd.	€2,500
Gravitation Ltd.	€3,750
Total Payments 2009	€86,750

Total Payments 1993-2009 **€1,567,414**

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GRANT PAYMENTS
Up to 31st December, 2009
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 Wilikinson, 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
Avanti Golf	€5,100
Colin O'Brien	€1,068
<u>Payments 2009</u>	
First Touch Technology	€4,965
Matty Murtagh	€3,750
Philip Clarke	€3,951
Slane Castle Irish Whiskey	€5,100
AS Amusement Services Ltd.	€1,240
Richard Lee	€875
First Touch Technology	€5,100
Enda Donnellan	€5,100
Total Payments2009	€30,081
Total Technical Assistance/Feasibility Study payments 1993-2009	€277,561.53

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GRANT PAYMENTS
Up to 31st December, 2001
Childcare Grants

Philomena Weldon, Kilcock	IR£1,000.00
Correna Grant, Ballivor	IR£2,000.00
Jean Regan, Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Caroline McDonnell, Kentstown	IR£2,000.00
Melanie Bell, Donore	IR£4,000.00
Patrick Savage, Navan	IR£7,000.00
Marian Guckian, Kilcloon	IR£1,000.00
Carol English, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Ratoath Childcare, Ratoath	IR£20,000.00
Total	IR£46,000.00 Or €58,407.95

GRANT PAYMENTS 2002
Childcare Grants

Kathleen Dillon, Lobinstown	€ 2,539.48
Teresa Egan, Trim	€5,080
The Old School House, Slane	€ 2,539.48
Marie Falahee, Navan	€ 634.86
First Steps, Navan	€8,888.16
Correna Grant, Ballivor	€ 2,539.47
Philomena Weldon, Kilcock	€ 1,269.74
Blackwater Playschool, Navan	€15,240
Tiny Tots, Ashbourne	€ 6,348.69
Kentstown Montessori	€ 2,539.48
Marian Guckian, Kilcloon	€ 1,269.74
Scribbles & Giggles Playschool, Donore	€ 5,078.95
Ratoath Childcare Centre, Ratoath	€25,394.74
Total Payments	€137,770.74

TOTAL GRANT ASSISTANCE PAID 1993-2009 **€4,898,874.90**

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) on Thursday, 14th May, 2009 in the Tullamore Court Hotel.

The SEA, which is sponsored 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.

The students who will represent Co. Meath at the National Final are:

Junior Category:

BeeHive Card Creations;

**Louise Dunne, Megan Connolly, Gemma Fox and Chloe Flynn.
St. Fintina's Post Primary, Longwood.**

This business manufactures high quality, unique, luxurious handmade cards. Initially, the Christmas market was targeted, but, since then, the range has extended to birthday, "thinking of you", Easter and Holy Communion cards. Each card is delicately produced and laid out exquisitely. No two are alike which is the group's unique selling point. The group feel they are now equipped with the skills for future business development and thoroughly enjoyed working together to make their business a success. They were guided by their teachers Shirley Mc Donagh and Tom Stack.

Intermediate Category:

Eric Wilkinson, Dunshaughlin Community College.

Eric was a sole trader and his idea was to import items from Chinese sale companies and manufacturers and sell them on the internet on sites like eBay and to people in his school and locality. He used his home computer to manage the business online. He mostly sold memory cards which he sourced at a very competitive price. He also

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made and sold an ebook which described how you could get an XBOX 360 for hardly any money at all. He copied his ebook onto CDs when sending it to people who purchased it online. Eric was guided by his teacher, James Cumiskey.

Senior Category;

Easy Cook.

Aisling Murphy & Barry Moran.

Boyne Community School, Trim.

This innovative duo produced a unique cookery book target at college students and those living away from home for the first time. It includes an audio CD feature which will enable consumers to listen to the step-by-step instructions as they cook. They are also able to download the audio feature to their iPods and Mp3 players. The team believe they are on to a winner, as with the current economic situation, students will be turning away from pricey take away food and learning how to cook. The book itself is modern looking with a splash proof design and sells for €17. The team employed a marketing campaign of anticipation prior to launching their product.

Aisling and Barry were guided by their teacher, Mary Menton.

Student Enterprise Day

The Meath County Enterprise Board hosted a special Enterprise Day for students to launch the Student Enterprise Awards competition last Monday, 28th September in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim. The Student Enterprise.

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

The aim of the day was to introduce students to the Student Enterprise Awards competition and to help them generate a viable business idea in a fun and interactive way using brain-storming and meta planning.

Three 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:

"Bee Hive Card Creations", St. Fintina's Post Primary, Longwood. (High quality, unique, luxurious handmade cards).

"Easy Cook," Aisling Murphy & Barry Moran.

Boyne Community School, Trim. (Cookery book with cd aimed at students leaving home for the first time)

And

"Eric Wilkinson Sales, "Eric Wilkinson, Dunshaughlin Community College.

Importation of I.T. related products from China and sale via e-bay.

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The Enterprise Day M.C. was Gerry Moan, "Constructive Intervention" and two lucky students won a Wii console, together with Wii Sports, Wii Sports Resort, Mario Kart and another game sponsored by the Meath CEB. They were Louise Dunne, St. Fintina's Post Primary, Longwood and Olivia Foley, Loreto, Navan.

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.

Women in Business Initiative

The Women in Business network had ten monthly meetings throughout the year. Their meetings took place in the Newgrange Hotel and guest speakers included Naomi Dunleavy on Cash Management, Tempy Cummins on Strategies for Success, Fiona Flynn on Marketing, Dr. Michelle O'Dwyer, Lecturer in Entrepreneurship from Limerick University and many more. The network is going from strength to strength with a growing list of members.

Connections Event

A networking event for the regular attendees of the Women in Business network was held in Killeen Castle Golf Club, Dunsany on Monday, 21st September. The purpose of the event was to offer our female entrepreneurs an opportunity to connect with businesswomen and with speakers who have presented on business topics in the recent past. There was also an opportunity for each attendee to have a one-to-one consultation with one of our local mentors to assess their business needs. The mentors in turn then recommended supports that they may be able to avail of from Meath CEB. Ninety businesswomen attended the event and over half of them availed of mentoring at the event. Feedback was extremely positive.

Enterprise Day

Meath Enterprise Day was held in Dunboyne Castle Hotel on Thursday, 15th October. Designed to promote enterprise in County Meath. The event was aimed at various target groups; for people living and working in the area, start-ups and existing businesses, those facing redundancy, those who have been made redundant, have recently graduated and those seeking employment.

There was an opportunity on the day, for attendees to ask the experts from the various support agencies in the County, for information, advice and guidance. There was also an opportunity for every attendee to have a one-to-one consultation with a business mentor to discuss their business requirements.

BUSINESS COUNSELLING, ADVICE, INFORMATION AND MENTORING
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BUSINESS SEMINARS

Idea Generation Workshop

Two idea generation seminars took place during the year. The first one was delivered in May by Patrick O'Reilly of PTK Training and the second one was delivered in October by Sean McNulty of Innovator and feedback was excellent on both courses.

Basics of Selling on eBay

This one day workshop was delivered on Thursday, 25th June, by Aine Murphy of Encore Business Services. Aine is a qualified trainer from the eBay Ireland Academy. The course covered the basics of setting up an online store for your business on eBay. There were twelve people registered on the course and feedback was very positive.

Advanced Selling on eBay

This one day workshop was a follow-on session from the workshop entitled "Basics of Selling on eBay" and took place on Wednesday, 23rd September in the Boards offices. It was fully subscribed to with 10 participants registered.

Commercialising Your Business Idea

This one-day workshop was delivered by John Dempsey in the Boards offices on Monday, 23rd March. There were six people registered on the workshop and feedback was excellent.

Getting Paid on Time

This one-day seminar was delivered by John Dempsey on Thursday, 26th February in the Boards training room. There were seven participants registered on it.

Managing Your Company in a Downturn

This one-day seminar was delivered by Michael Byrnes on Thursday, 26th March in the Boards training room. There were four people registered on it.

Finding Opportunities in Adversity

This half-day seminar was delivered on Thursday, 5th March by Fiona Flynn of Sales Solutions. There were five people registered on the programme and all were very satisfied with it.

Understanding Patents

This half day seminar was delivered by Cathal Lane of Tompkins Patent Attorneys. There were 11 people registered on the seminar and feedback was excellent.

Communications and Assertiveness

This one day seminar was held on Thursday, 19th March in the Boards training room. It was delivered by Therese Hackett and feedback received from the eleven participants was excellent.

How to Produce Winning Tenders

This one day course was held in the Boards offices on Wednesday, 25th March. There were 20 people registered on the course which was delivered by Brendan Goodrich of Goodrich Consultancy. Feedback was excellent.

Getting the Most from Your Accountant

This one-day session took place in the Boards offices on Thursday, 16th April. It was delivered by John Dempsey and there were six people registered on it.

Promoting Your Business Using the Internet & Legal Issues

This one-day course took place in the Boards offices on Thursday, 23rd April. It was very well attended with 15 people registered. It was delivered by John Ring and feedback was excellent.

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Payroll Administration

This one day seminar took place on Friday, 22nd May in the Boards training room. It was delivered by John Dempsey and there were seventeen people registered on it.

Employment Legislation for Small Businesses

This one day seminar took place in the Boards offices on Thursday, 7th May. It was delivered by Michael O'Sullivan of Arra HRD and there were five participants.

Cash Flow & Credit Control Management

This one day seminar was delivered in the Boards offices on Wednesday, 30th September by Gerry O'Brian of Accounting Partners. There were six people registered on it and feedback was very positive.

Sources of Finance for Small Businesses

This one day seminar was delivered by Yvonne Scully of Biakid in the Boards offices on Wednesday, 14th October. There are seven people registered on it and feedback was excellent.

Marketing Your Business on a Shoestring

This one day workshop is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 21st October in the Newgrange Hotel. It will be delivered by Bernie Tracey of Beacon Coaching and was heavily subscribed to with 15 people registered on it.

Managing & Marketing Your Website

This one day seminar was delivered in the Boards offices on Wednesday, 11th November by Paul Reavey of Brilliant Red Consulting. There were eleven participants and registered on it and feedback was positive.

Taxation for Small Businesses

This one day seminar was delivered on Wednesday, 28th October by John Dempsey in the Boards offices. There were eight people registered on the seminar and feedback was excellent.

Mentoring Programme

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

Business/Promoter Name
Smartgrowers / Keith McEvoy
Richard Lee
Jim Carney
Brendan Bowe
John & Elizabeth Deegan
Enersol / Oisín McCann

MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Start Your Own Business Courses

Nine Start Your Own Business Programmes were completed with a total of 151 participants registered on them. Eight of these were held in our offices in Navan and one outreach programme in Ratoath. The programme in Ratoath was a pilot programme, developed specifically for unemployed graduates. This programme was delivered by Joe McCormack of McCormack & Associates, who was particularly innovative in his approach to delivery. The other eight programmes were delivered by Rob Marr of Catalyst and Fiona Carmody of Business in Mind. Feedback was excellent on all programmes.

Basic Book-Keeping Courses

There were three Basic Book-Keeping & Taxation programmes held this year with a total of 55 registered participants. These were delivered by John Dempsey in our offices and feedback was very positive on them. Each course was delivered one morning per week over 6 consecutive weeks.

The Small Business Sales Programme

This was a four week programme that took place in the Board's training room in April and was delivered by Bernie Tracey of Beacon Coaching. It was an intensive sales management programme which addressed the entire sales cycle, from cold calling to closing the sale and after-service. There were seven people registered on the course and the feedback was excellent.

Operation Business Internet

This was a six week pilot programme which commenced on Monday, 12th October. It was delivered by Peadar Tobin and Larry O'Connor of Realt Consulting. The course was fully subscribed to, with ten participants on it. The aim of the programme was to provide owner/managers with the knowledge and tools necessary to exploit more business opportunities via the Internet. It consisted of five full day workshops (one per week) followed by a mentoring session for each participant to ensure the transfer of learning. Feedback on the programme was very positive.

Big Red Book Computerised Accounts Programme

This one day course was delivered by Pdraig Nolan of Big Red Book on Thursday, 29th October in MCEB offices. The course was fully subscribed to, with 10 participants.

Sales & Marketing Programme

The Certificate in Small Business Marketing commenced in the Boards training room on Monday, 11th May with eighteen participants registered on it. It was delivered by Frank O'Reilly of IPC Consulting. Seventeen people took part in the programme which had a total of six workshops and four in-company visits over a six month period. On completion of the programme each participant had a strategic marketing plan developed for their business.

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OTHER BUSINESS INITIATIVES

Review of Business Start Programme Participants

Fiona Carmody of Business in Mind was commissioned to complete a review of Business Start Participants from 2000 - 2009. Findings and key recommendations are enclosed in this report.

E-Commerce Initiative

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.

Grant No.	Firstname	Surname	Business Name	Grant Awarded €
1	Gemma	McGowan	White Gables B&B	600.00
2	Shane	Walsh	Small Jobs Electrical	397.50
3	Lisa	Moore	Mother Nature	1,495.00
4	Alan	Tobin	Ashbourne Auto Clinic	2,320.00
5	Desmond	Kenny	Argentus Property Management Agents	1,000.00
6	Martina	Meegan	Skyway Safe Access Equipment Limited	1,750.00
7	Patrick	McDermott	The Coffin Company	1,575.00
8	Joseph	Griffin	First Touch Technology	2,500.00
9	Bernard	O'Reilly	ORL Consultants	1,252.50
10	Livingstone	Thompson	Meath Cultural Solutions	310.00
11	Stephen & Michael	Flanagan	Boyne Garden Sheds	1,500.00
12	Naoise	Blake	Naoise Blake Training and Development	1,350.00
13	Patrick	Kelly	Kellglass Limited	849.50
14	Caroline & Ancel	Lamont	Lamont Shoes and Accessories	1,326.50
15	Mark & Anne	Regan	Cranmor	900.00
16	Liz	Donnelly	Lismullin Hospitality Services Centre	947.50
17	Matty	Murtagh	Actionhorse	2,500.00
18	Paul	Clifford	Medguard Healthcare Limited	300.00
19	Marcia	Franklin	Hand Engineering	1,500.00
20	John & Paula	Newman	Curragh Farm Furniture	474.50
21	Chris	Walshe	JC Walshe & Co	585.00
22	Conor	Irwin	Ratoath Dental Centre	947.50
23	Thomas	Hynes	Flame.ie	2,500.00
24	Alex	Mount Charles	Slane Castle Irish Whiskey Limited	1,815.00
25	Laura	Fitzsimons Freaney	Skillworks	1,500.00
26	Patricia	Caffrey	Interior Creations	2,500.00
27	James	Bell	Gardners Choice	1,626.50
28	Geoff	Doyle	Eco Solutions	876.50

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29	Stephen	Cox	Cox Campbell Limited	2,500.00
30	Lesley	McCann	Adventure Diving Limited	2,400.00
31	Conor	O'Loughlin	Bargain I.T.	1,710.00
32	Ferdinand	Vandaele	Chez Emily	1,399.50
33	Irene	Bergin	Acrylic Design	1,675.00
34	Aran	O'Dowd	Meath Sport Social	1,175.00
35	Martin	McClellan	Red Star Retail Solutions	1,250.00
36	Kevin	Duffy	Alpha Press	2,350.00
37	Andre	Hickey	EMC Safety	2,500.00
38	Keith	McEvoy	Smartgrowers Limited	2,500.00
39	Norma	Rogers	Rogers Antiques	245.00
40	Maureen	Costello	Allhorse.ie	562.50
41	Claire	Byrne	Trim the Tree	1,850.00
42	Fiona	Scannall	Saoirse Art Design	1,400.00
43	Miriam	Doyle	Mimi Stores Limited	1,750.00
44	Miriam	Doyle	Mimitoys.ie	1,305.00
45	Marion	Petherbridge	Art 4u	1,475.00
46	Damien	Brady	Ash Fire & Safety	1,425.00
Total Approved				66,670.50

Export Marketing Initiative

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.

Grant No.	Firstname	Surname	Business Name	Grant Awarded €
1	Joseph	Griffin	First Touch Technology	3,000.00
2	Peter	McMahon	European Industrial Chillers Limited	2,075.00
3	Joe	McGrath	Neptune Showers Limited	3,000.00
4	Alex	Mount Charles	Slane Castle Irish Whiskey Limited	3,000.00
5	Gerry	Connolly	GF1 Limited	3,000.00
6	Shane	Holland	Shane Holland Design Workshops Limited	2,639.00
7	John	Lee	Furniture Design	2,639.00
8	Livingstone	Thompson	Author	1,828.55
9	Fran	Stafford	Enersol	3,000.00
10	Dr. Bill	Millrine	Novachem Corporation Limited	3,000.00
11	Miriam	Doyle	Mimi Stores Limited	2,201.50

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12	Darragh	Hand	Hand Engineering Limited	2,350.00
13	Hugh	Briody	Tom Briody & Son Limited	2,380.00
Total Approved				34,113.05

Business Advice Clinics

At the advice clinics, the Business Adviser and a consultant have met 296 people during the course of the year.

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, 2009

Tom Dowling	Chairman
Pauline Baker	Industry
Margaret Cranney	FAS
Maureen Rennicks	Industry
Dermot Collier	Community Rep
Eoghan O'Neill	Industry
Pat Coogan	Farming Rep
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Jenny Mc Hugh	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Oliver Fox	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Ray Butler	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
Dermot Mulvihill	Chartered Accountant
Shaun Lynch	Meath Leader
Sean Mac Entee	DKIT

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 2009 CAPITAL

Name	Project Description	Approved
BMCC Energy Ltd. t/a Enersol	Electrical project work in the renewable energy sector.	€15,000
IRT Consult	VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) gas leak detection service.	€30,000
Raston Engineering Ltd.	Plant maintenance, automation, installation and metal fabrication	€15,000
IDL Ireland Ltd.	Manufacture of display/exhibition material.	€5,900
Navan Enterprise Centre	Hot Desk" facility at Navan Enterprise Centre.	€12,500
Priming Grant		
Green Energy Ltd.	Manufacture and restructuring of diesel engines for export.	€35,000
TOTAL		€113,400

GRANT APPROVALS 2009

EMPLOYMENT

Name	Project Description	Approved
BMCC Energy Ltd. t/a Enersol	Electrical project work in the renewable energy sector.	€2,000
Marie Rochford & Patricia Reilly	Dress-making, alterations and repair service.	€10,000
Irish Human Rights Network	Capacity building for human rights fieldwork.	€5,000
ORL Consultants	Call centre.	€60,000
Elementec Ltd.	Laboratory supplier and services company.	€22,500
Yellowfield Asset Management	Refrigeration asset management company.	€45,000
Neptune Showers Ltd.	Design and procurement of a glass reinforced plastic (fibre-glass) shower pods.	€10,000
GF One t/a Ascendas	Website to provide on-line training and e-learning for "Agresso" accounts packages.	€7,500
Mumstown Ltd.	Parenting website.	€10,000
Cyber Education Ltd.	On-line course curriculum for Irish Leaving and Junior Certificate students.	€5,000
Aerga Productions Ltd.	Film/television production company.	€10,000
Actionhorse Ltd.	Website listing thoroughbred horses.	€5,000
EPL Ltd.	Manufacture hospital bed-head lighting units and related products.	€30,000
Paul Leonard	I.T. business into business support.	€ 4,000
RARCO Ltd.	Job-board style websites.	€12,000
Kablingy Software Ltd.	Integrated online/website service	€10,000
Ashbourne Chamber of Commerce	Part-time administrator	€2,500
Mumstown Ltd.	Parenting website	€6,000
Buy New Specs	Manufacture of prescription glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses.	€7,500
Costa Systems	Point of sales system including manufacture, installation and on going support.	€6,000
Total		€270,000

GRANT APPROVALS 2009

FEASIBILITY STUDIES/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Name	Project Description	Approved
Fleming & Co.	Development of mining tool.	€5,100
First Touch Technology Ltd.	Under desk computer support systems.	€5,100
Matty Murtagh	Website listing thoroughbred horses.	€3,750
Neptune Showers Ltd.	Design and procurement of a glass re-inforced plastic (fibre-glass) shower pods.	€1,250
Philip Clarke	Design and manufacturing a specialised steel roof rack system.	€5,100
Slane Castle Irish Whiskey	Development of Irish Whiskey	€5,100
Sophix Ltd.	Cleansing and tidying of data	€1,615
Cox Campbell	Investment education company specialising in stock market education.	€2,000
Enda Donnellan	Outdoor entertainment experience.	€5,100
RARCO Ltd.	Job-board style websites.	€3,430
James Carroll	Web based business offering online virtual trade shows.	€3,000
Peter Mc Manus	prototype and manufacture an eco friendly outdoor computer system	€2,445
Skyway Safe Access Equipment	Design, manufacture and installation of building maintenance cradles on new an existing high rise buildings in Ireland.	€5,100
Energy Quarter	Website which provides information to consumers on renewable energy and energy efficient products and services.	€2,410
County Meath Collection	Enterprise Centre in Trim	€5,100
Total		€55,600