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Northern Ireland - Round 3 Awards

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AWARD
Carrickfergus Enterprise	Carrickfergus Enterprise will organise and deliver a two-year programme of business support and training throughout the coastal area between Newtownabbey and Larne. It will also work with local businesses to develop a collaborative marketing strategy which aims to attract more visitors to the area and to increase the average visitor spend.	£77,080
Ballycastle Town Market	Ballycastle Town Market will provide sustainable business facilities, support, marketing and training, to local craftspeople and food producers to lead to sustainable economic growth. The project will purchase 15 pop-up marquees to allow local craftspeople to trade to local people and tourists alike at the waterfront area in Ballycastle. This will be supported by business workshops for all market members to share their learning.	£96,901
Causeway Enterprise Agency Ltd	Causeway Enterprise Agency will create a studio, learning and retail facility for local artists, crafters and designers in Bushmills, County Antrim. This will support the development of the micro businesses in the town, thus encouraging economic growth and job creation. Causeway Enterprise Agency will also develop a range of 'arts and crafts' workshops and will promote the town of Bushmills as a 'craft village'. This will help to raise the profile of the town and	£120,000

	will draw in tourists from surrounding attractions like the Giants Causeway.	
Bayview Synergy Space	Bayview Synergy Space Ltd aims to provide affordable co-working and co-retailing space for up to 26 small businesses from the creative and food sectors. The project will refurbish the ground floor of a semi-derelict former care home located on the Newcastle seafront to create a shared retailing/exhibition area, two workshops/studios and a prep-kitchen, which will be available for rent on a flexible basis. Mentoring and development support will be provided for new start businesses and existing businesses seeking to relocate.	£96,944
Ocean Veg Ireland Ltd	To further develop and operate a kelp 'nursery' laboratory on Rathlin Island to provide Ocean Veg Ireland Ltd. with young kelp plants for growing out at sea to enhance production levels to meet increasing demand from retail, food manufacturers and restaurants across the UK. The laboratory will also function as an educational and visitor attraction and will work closely with further education establishments and link into other local tourism businesses.	£71,844
Rathlin Island Development and Community Association	Rathlin Island Development and Community Association will develop 'The Manor House', a listed building adjacent to the harbour on the island. Refurbishment will see the building upgraded from B&B accommodation to a guest inn offering full restaurant and beverage facilities. The upgraded building will support increased visitor numbers and fit with other types of accommodation and other visitor attractions on the island.	£736,643
Coleraine Harbour	This project will improve harbour storage and engineering facilities to benefit the boating and tourism communities at Coleraine Harbour and along the Causeway Coast combating the decline in traditional cargo handling. Businesses operating from the refurbished	£443,143

	facilities will provide employment in marine engineering, marine painting, marine joinery and GRP moulds/glass fibre repair with further indirect jobs in supplies and tourism.	
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