Visitor Infrastructure Improvement Programme: Project Summary 2022

The CNPA budget, approved by the Board in March 2021, allowed for £324,000 for Visitor Management: capital financing to support enhancements to visitor facilities and improved visitor experience. This approach was repeated in 2022 with a further £350,000 made available.

Following discussion at the Managing for Visitors Group, CNPA invited land managers to submit Expressions of Interest for access to Visitor Infrastructure Improvement Programme (VIIP) funds which were assessed, and subsequent offers made where the projects proposed were appropriate. Projects funded in financial year 2021 were to be completed by 31 March 2022 although some have faced delays and one - (Beinn a' Ghlo) was split over two financial years. Those funded from 2022/23 budgets are under way but are not anticipated to be completed until the first quarter of 2023.

Projects supported to date are as follows: -

Applicant	Project	Project cost	Grant awarded
2021/22 grant awards			
Cairngorm Mountain	Ciste Campervan facility	£50,000	£26,000
Dinnet Estate	Clarack Car park	£121,000	£91,032
Grantown Initiative	Burnfield Toilets improvement	£60,000	£20,000
RSPB	Loch Garten Changing Places scheme	£355,200	£50,000
Rothiemurchus Estate	Loch an Eilean toilets improvements	£17,569	£12,517
Outdoor Access Trust Scotland (OATS)	Beinn a Ghlo parking (1st stage)	£172,000	£145,800
		TOTAL	£345349
2022/23 grant awards			
Laggan Forest Trust	Blue MTB trail	£217,872	£25,000
Cairngorm Mountain	Sense of Arrival improvements – phase 1	£156,237	£93,742
Forestry & Land Scotland	Glen Doll Overflow Car Park Improvement	£100,000	£60,000
Rothiemurchus Estate	Path improvements	£82,000	£78,000
OATS	Beinn a Ghlo parking (2 nd stage)	£172,000	£45,800
Atholl Estate	Falls of Bruar path	£5,000	£5,000
		TOTAL	£307,542.00