

Highlands & Islands Enterprise

Economic Impact Assessment Framework



What our client wanted

As a public agency promoting sustainable economic growth, HIE needs to ensure that the public resources are used in the most effective way, in order to extract the maximum development benefit from any given sum of financial assistance. Various projects, put forward by businesses, social enterprises and third sector or public bodies, compete for limited funds and establishing the economic impact that each project would have on the local area and wider economy is crucial in the decision making process leading to an approval or rejection.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise appointed Frontline onto their Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) Framework Agreement, to undertake EIAs as part of the wider project appraisal process on various projects including infrastructure projects; inward investment; business expansion; community land buyout and community investment projects.

What Frontline did

Since our appointment onto the Framework we have undertaken a number of EIAs for HIE in the fields of manufacturing, tourism and regeneration

What difference we made

HIE have used our research both to support decisions on whether or not to authorise grant payments, and, if so, to determine the appropriate level of grant to award and agree delivery targets with the grant recipient.