

Museum secures £120,000 funding

THE Highlanders' Museum has now received more than £120,000 in funding and is drawing up plans for its £2 million upgrade.

The cash has been secured from a broad range of regional and national public agencies which have seen the potential of extending the work of the museum at Fort George, near Ardersier, according to development director Peter Guthrie.

The last time any significant building work was done on the museum was in the early 1980s.

The plans include the creation of a new archive and study centre, new interactive exhibits, restoring the building which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, better disabled access equipment and new display cases.

The museum tells the history of the Highland Regiments for the last 230 years and is home to the largest regimental collection outside London, attracting more than 55,000 visitors per year.

"I think the reason we have been so successful is that we are the most deserving project that undertakes a wide range of work with the community, as well as our unashamedly ambitious plans to take this superb museum up to the next level," said major general Seymour Monro chairman of The Highlanders' Museum development committee.

Those organisations which have given money include Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Highland Council and the Highland LEADER Programme.