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Kerry firm to spearhead funds project

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A Kerry training company has been chosen to take charge of the administration of more than half a million euro in government funding for the development and growth of business and enterprise in Gaeltacht areas across Munster.

Comharchumann Forbartha Chorca Dhuibhne (CFCD), which is based in Ballyferriter, has been chosen as a network promoter of the €587,000 Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan programme funded by enterprise – led support body Skillnets.

The area earmarked for development includes large parts of south and west Kerry.

The project focus is to provide specialised training to promote the growth of existing Gaeltacht businesses as well as fostering new enterprise in Irish speaking parts of the province.

Network manager, Dónal Mac an tSíthigh said they are aware of the challenging environment they are working in at a time of intense national and global competition. In particular he pointed to the closure of Dingle – based company Contact 4 less than two weeks ago.

“CFCD are acutely aware of the many challenges facing Gaeltacht based companies in the current environment and they look forward to delivering a network wholly dedicated to the specific training requirements of these companies,” Mr Mac an tSíthigh said.