

The Highland Council

City of Inverness Area Committee – 23 February 2017

Agenda Item	13(c)
Report No	CIA/13/17

Inverness Common Good Fund Grant and Capital Projects

Report by the Inverness City Area Manager

Summary

This report sets out the current applications for grant funding to be determined and the current status of capital projects.

1. Grants and Capital Projects

1.1 The current summary of funds available following the Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 30 January 2017 is set out in **Appendix 1**.

1.2 **Booklet A** includes details of current grant applications for more than £10,000. Members are invited to consider the applications from **The Ledge**. The Grants Sub-Committee recommend approval of a Grant of £45,000 towards marina climbing walls and an adventure sports gym;

1.3 Members are also invited to consider an application from **Flow Photography Festival** towards the Flow Photography Exhibition which will run from September 2017 to September 2018. A grant of £15,000 is requested. Unfortunately time did not allow this application to be previewed by the Grants Sub Committee.

1.4 At the Grants Sub-Committee Meeting of 30 January 2017 the Sub-Committee deferred an application from the European Highland Dancing Festival for further information. On receiving the further information the Sub-Committee have agreed to approve a grant of £4000.

1.5 If all recommendations of the Grants Sub Committee are approved and the application from Flow Photography the Grants Budget will be overspent by £5,358.

1.6 Partnership Working

Inverness BID: The Grants Sub-Committee recommended approval of the applications submitted by Inverness BID:

- a. Operation Respect Easter/Summer 2016 - £5,790
- b. Inverness Community Safety Partnership - £9,000
- c. Inverness Gull Project - £12,000
- d. Inverness Street Festival - £7,000
- e. Coach Ambassador - £9,750

If the Committee approves the application funding would be from the “Partnership Working” cost centre.

1.7 **Appendix 2** details the current status of capital projects.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to:

- (i) consider the applications for funding;
- (ii) scrutinise the current status of capital projects;
- (iii) agree to allocate £15,000 from the Inverness Common Good Fund Other Properties Budget to the Merkinch Community Centre Windows Replacement Project.

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager

Date: 07 February 2017

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APPENDIX 1

Inverness Common Good Fund Available Resource for Allocation

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Budget Balance Available - Grants	315,000
Underspend from 2015/16	211,758
	526,758

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	95,124		
	Grants > £10k	116,634		
			<u>211,758</u>	315,000
08/05/16 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	48,858	<u>48,858</u>	266,142
03/06/16 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10K	30,466	<u>30,466</u>	235,676
08/08/16 Grants Sub Committee	Grants<£10K	29,465	<u>29,465</u>	206,211
07/11/16 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	36,530	<u>36,530</u>	169,681
01/12/16 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10K	55,000	<u>55,000</u>	114,681
30/1/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	56,039	<u>56,039</u>	58,642
Recommended for Approval	Grants > £10K	45,000	<u>45,000</u>	13,642
Grant Deferred from 30/01/17 Grants Sub Committee Meeting and now recommended for approval		4,000	<u>4,000</u>	9,642

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding	30,000
Underspend from 2015/16	25,395
	55,395

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Convention		<u>25,395</u>	30,000
03/06/16 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants < £10K	1,800		
	Grants > £10K	21,600	<u>23,400</u>	6,600
08/08/16 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	4,500	<u>4,500</u>	2,100
Transferred from Civic Hospitality			<u>30,000</u>	32,100
30/1/17 Grants Sub Committee	Grants < £10K	5,400	<u>5,400</u>	26,700
Transferred to Civic Hospitality			26,000	700

Capital Projects Funded by Inverness Common Good Fund

1 General

- 1.1 This appendix provides project status information for current key capital projects funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund, including financial progress details, as of 2 February 2017.

2 Capital Programme Update

- 2.1 The current status of each individual project is summarised below.

2.2 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 1, Town House, Inverness

- 2.2.1 The contract was completed on the 27 May 2016 and the defects liability period will end on the 26 May 2017.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,500,174
Anticipated Final Account	£1,500,174

2.3 Refurbishment 1-5 Church Street, Inverness

- 2.3.1 The contract was completed on the 15 January 2016 and the defects liability period will end on the 14 January 2017

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,867,189
Agreed Final Account	£1,867,189

2.4 Conservation of External Fabric Phase 2, Town House, Inverness

- 2.4.1 The project was approved at City of Inverness Committee on the 3 December 2015. The contractor was then accepted on the 8th January 2016.

The total cost of the three additional items discussed at the last City Committee at a cost of £150,800 has been instructed. At this stage of the project we still have contingency sums available to cover the majority of these costs but advise that we have used £10,500 of contingencies over the last several weeks as the project has progressed. The worst case scenario still remains in place that additional funding for the full amount might be required but at this stage we are only forecasting the figure below.

The works commenced on Monday 16 May 2016 with a completion date of 30 June 2017. The project is currently on programme but will overrun by 4 weeks due the additional stonework repairs, the revised completion date will now be 28 July 2017. The quality of workmanship is excellent.

Agreed Total Council Funding	£1,752,908
Anticipated Final Account	£1,769,467

2.5 Merkinch Community Centre, Window Replacements

2.5.1 Tenders have been received and the project budget is insufficient to carry out the works. The budget was set as £22,000 but after tender returns the total cost to complete the project will be £37,000. The increase in costs is due to additional strengthening of the window units and compliance with Health and Safety regulations. It should be noted that the original budget was never realistic and would never have been undertaken at this cost.

3. Governance

3.1 These projects are funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund and monthly Contract Monitoring reports will be issued to the Inverness City Manager, in line with governance arrangements.