

Agenda Item	11h
Report No	CIA/48/19

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 29 August 2019

Report Title: Inverness Common Good Fund Grant Applications Over £10,000

Report By: Inverness City Area Manager

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the current applications for grant funding over £10,000 to be determined.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i. Consider the applications for funding

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2019/20.
- 3.2 Legal - There are no Legal implications as a result of this report
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) - Applications are considered on merit which includes compliance with Council Policies. The need to ensure that the residents of the former Burgh of Inverness are the main beneficiaries is paramount.
- 3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever - Consideration is given to ensuring that applications meet reasonable expectations in respect of climate change and carbon clever targets.
- 3.5 Risk - There are no known risk implications in respect of this report.
- 3.6 Gaelic - Applications if successful will be required to meet expectations set by Council Policy in this regard.

4. Grant Applications

- 4.1 The current summary of funds available following the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee meeting on 5 August 2019 is set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 **Booklet A** includes details of current grant applications for more than £10,000. Members are invited to consider the following applications:
1. **Special Needs Action Project:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £17,500 towards a governance and organisational review of the project.
 2. **Visit Inverness Loch Ness Ltd (VILN):** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £20,000 towards support to the sales team promoting Inverness for Business Tourism. If approved this grant will be paid from the City Promotions Budget.
 3. **The Ledge:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £25,000 towards The Ledge – climbing walls and adventure sports training.

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager

Date: 8 August 2019

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1

**Inverness Common Good Fund
Available Resource for Allocation**

£

Budget Balance Available - Grants	315,000
Underspend from 2018/19	170,070
	485,070

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	98,150		
	Grants > £10k	71,920	170,070	315,000
21/02/19 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants <£10k	7,500	7,500	307,500
13/05/19 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	52,405	52,405	255,095
30/05/2019 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10k	128,148	128,148	126,947
05/08/19 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	31,211	31,211	95,736
29/08/2019 City of Inverness Area Committee - Recommended for Approval*	Grants > £10k	42,500	42,500	53,236

* Should Members decide that the Visit Inverness Loch Ness Application be paid from the Grants Budget £33,236 will remain

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding	40,000
	40,000

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
21/02/19 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants < £10k	7,500	7,500	32,500
30/05/2019 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10k	34,500	34,500	-2,000