

Agenda Item	14c
Report No	CIA/12/20

## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** City of Inverness Area Committee

**Date:** 20 February 2020

**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; and
  - ii. Note that the Grants Budget for 2019/20 has been fully allocated.
  - iii. Members are asked to note the changes in consideration of grant applications

### 3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2019/20. If approved the BID applications will be paid from the Partnership Working Budget for 2020/21.
- 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 3 February 2020 is set out in **Appendix 1**. Members are asked to note that the Grants Budget for 2019/20 has been fully allocated.

4.2 Following the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February Members are asked to note the following changes to the consideration of applications for financial assistance for a trial period of two years:

- i. A budget of £75,000 will be put aside for grants under £5,000 these will be considered at all Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee Meetings (4 per annum);
- ii. Grants over £5,000 will be considered twice per annum and a budget of £100,000 will be allocated to each meeting. Recommendations will continue to be made to the City of Inverness Area Committee for Grants over £10,000.

The changes above will all be managed utilising the sums allocated to the Sub-Committee by the City Committee.

#### **4.3 Partnership Working**

**Inverness BID:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommended approval of the applications submitted by Inverness BID as detailed in **Booklet A**.

- a. The City of Inverness Annual Floral Displays - £61,138
- b. Operation Respect Easter/Summer 2016 - £8,560
- c. Inverness Community Safety Partnership - £9,700
- d. Inverness Gull Project - £12,000
- e. Coach Ambassador - £10,500

If the Committee approves the applications funding would be from the "Partnership Working" cost centre subject to the approval of the 2020/21 Budget.

Designation: Inverness City Area Manager

Date: 4 February 2020

Author: David Haas

Background Papers:

**APPENDIX 1**

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

£

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

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
(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	Grants > £10k	42,500	42,500	53,236
01/11/2019 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	25,682	25,682	27,554
21/11/2019 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants > £10k	27,554	27,554	0

Budget Balance Available - <b>Conference Funding</b>	40,000
	<b>40,000</b>

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
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