

Agenda Item	14c
Report No	CIA/21/21

## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** City of Inverness Area Committee

**Date:** 27 May 2021

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

**Report By:** Executive Chief Officer Finance and Resources  
Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place

### 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 implications - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2021/22.

3.2 Legal implications - There are no Legal implications as a result of this report

3.3 Community impacts (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) - Applications are considered on merit which includes compliance with Council Policies and consideration of potential impacts including equality and poverty. 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 implications - Consideration is given to ensuring that applications meet reasonable expectations in respect of climate change and carbon clever targets.

3.5 Risk implications - There are no known risk implications in respect of this report.

3.6 Gaelic implications - 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 26 April 2021 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. **The Florians:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £17,000 towards Health and Safety ventilation improvements to the Theatre at Bught Drive.
2. **Inverness Rowing Club:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £30,000 towards the upgrade of facilities at Inverness Rowing Club.
3. **FLOW Photofest:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £11,920 towards an international photography competition on the condition that the boards used for the exhibition are reusable.
4. **Highland and Islands Blood Bikes (HAIBB):** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend refusal of a grant of £30,000. The Sub-Committee considered this project as one which would be better supported by NHS Highland.
5. **High Life Highland:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend deferral of this application for submission of a Business Plan and investigation of options for third party funding.
6. **Merkinch Local Nature Reserve Boardwalk:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £22,500 towards the replacement of the Merkinch Local Nature Reserve Boardwalk. Payment of this grant to be made from the Other Properties Budget.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Finance and Resources  
Executive Chief Officer, Communities and Place

Date: 11 May 2021

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1

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

£

Budget Balance Available - <b>Grants</b>	275,000
Underspend from 2020/21	348,259
	<b>623,259</b>

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	70,877		
	Grants > £10k	277,382	<u>348,259</u>	275,000
<b>26/04/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	21,432	21,432	253,568
<b>27/05/21 City of Inverness Area Committee</b>				
Grants Recommended for Approval	Grants <£10k	58,920	58,920	194,648

Budget Balance Available - <b>Conference Funding</b>	40,000
Underspend from 2020/21	21,525
	<b>61,525</b>

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
(Committed from previous financial years)		21,525	<u>21,525</u>	40,000
<b>26/04/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				