

Agenda Item	16c.
Report No	CIA/47/21

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 18 November 2021

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

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Finance and Resources

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 2021/22.

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 8 November 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. **Blythswood Care:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £20,000 towards The Highland Foodbank – Inverness. Should there be funds remaining in the Winter Payments Budget after all payments have been made this grant will be paid from that Budget. Members expressed the need to ensure the continuing appropriate commitment from the applicant to the provision of Food Bank Services to the City. This is in the context of the additional welfare support being provided to address the 4 harms of COVID-19.
2. **Inverness Ice Centre Limited:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £30,000 towards the creation of a festival, cultural and events centre at the Inverness Ice Centre.
3. **Inverness Botanic Gardens, High Life Highland:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £22,470 towards GROW Raised Beds.
4. **City Flowering Projects and the Queen’s Green Canopy:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of 5 mature trees with a purple halo round each tree to be planted at the following sites at a total of £21,200:
 - a. Raigmore Interchange
 - b. Ness Hydro Scheme
 - c. Inshes District Park
 - d. UHI Gardens Inverness Campus
 - e. Torvean Roundabout

Each Tree will cost £1,590 and a purple halo at each tree will cost £2,650 making a total of £21,200 for all sites inclusive of 3 years’ worth of maintenance for each tree.

The Sub-Committee noted that this option would provide a sustainable planting solution which would reduce ongoing costs and make much better use of natural resources.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Finance and Resources

Date: 8 November 2021

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Background Papers:

Grants

Inverness Common Good Fund Available Resource for Allocation

£

Budget Balance Available	275,000
Underspend from 2020/21	348,259
	623,259

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	70,877		
	Grants > £10k	277,382	<u>348,259</u>	275,000
26/04/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	21,432	21,432	253,568
27/05/21 City of Inverness Area Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants <£10k	88,920	88,920	164,648
09/08/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants<£10k	16,333	16,333	148,315
26/08/21 City of Inverness Area Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants >£10k	20,000	20,000	128,315
Grants to be Homologated at the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee Meeting 8/11/21				
	Grants < £10k	7,000	7,000	121,315
08/11/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants <£10k	34,950	34,950	86,365
18/11/21 Grants Recommended for Approval				
	Grants >£10k	52,470	52,470	33,895

Grant Balances Remaining as August 2021

	£
Grants Under £5,000	75,000
Approved 26 April 2021	800
Approved 9 August 2021	6,583
To be Homologated	500
Approved 8 November 2021	20,750
Balance Remaining for allocation grants under £5k	46,367
Grants Over £5,000	200,000
Approved 26 April 2021	20,632
Approved 27 May 2021	88,920
Approved 9 August 2021	9,750
Approved 26 August 2021	20,000
To be Homologated	6,500
Approved 8 November 2021	14,200
Recommended for Approval 8 November 2021	52,470
Balance Remaining for allocation grants over £5k	-12,472
Total Balance Remaining	<u>£33,895.00</u>

Conference Funding

Inverness Common Good Fund Available Resource for Allocation

Budget Balance Available	40,000
Underspend from 2020/21	21,525
	61,525

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)		21,525	<u>21,525</u>	40,000
26/04/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	6,125	6,125	33,875
27/05/21 City of Inverness Area Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants < £10k	3000	3000	30,875
08/11/21 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Grants Approved	Grants <£10k	1050	1050	29,825