

Agenda Item	8d
Report No	CIA/09/23

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 13 February 2023

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

Report By: 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 - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2022/23. If all applications recommended for approval are agreed £41,405 will remain unallocated.

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 23 January 2023 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:

- i. **Inverness College UHI:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend refusal of a grant of £44,600. The Sub-Committee considered that there were other more appropriate sources of funding the applicant could apply to rather than the Inverness Common Good Fund.
- ii. **Visit Inverness Loch Ness Ltd (VILN):** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £20,000 to support the sales team to promote Inverness for Business Tourism’
- iii. **Merkinch Community Centre:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a 2nd grant of £6,000 making a total of £12,000 towards renewing the lighting desk and lamps at the Community Centre.

4.3 Inverness BID – Partnership Working

Inverness BID: The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee made the following recommendations regarding the applications submitted by Inverness BID as detailed in **Booklet A**.

- a. The City of Inverness Annual Floral Displays 2023 - £69,378. The Sub-Committee recommend **Approval** of a reduced grant of **£64,150** noting the need to accommodate increased budget pressures within the Fund.
- b. Operation Respect Easter/Summer/Autumn 2023 – **£11,596 - Approval**
- c. Inverness Gull Project 2023 - £12,839 – **Refusal** – The Sub-Committee noted the widely reported pressures on the gull population as a result of the avian flu outbreak
- d. Inverness Community Safety Partnership 2023 - **£9,700 - Approval**
- e. Coach Friendly Project 2023 - **£12,987 - Approval**

If the Committee approves the applications funding would be from the “Partnership Working” cost centre subject to the approval of the 2023/24 Budget.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Community and Place

Date: 26 January 2023

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1

Inverness Common Good Fund Available Resource for Allocation

£

Budget Balance Available - Grants 2022/23	275,000
Grants committed from previous years and not drawdown	306,092
	581,092

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	47,967		
	Grants > £10k	258,125	<u>306,092</u>	275,000
Homologated 27 June 2022	Grants<£10k	6,500	6,500	268,500
27/06/22 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	17,055	17,055	251,445
Homologated 15 August 2022	Grants < £10K	2,500	2,500	248,945
15/08/22 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	34,385	34,385	214,560
Homologated 7 November 2022	Grants < £10k	13,635	13,635	200,925
07/11/22 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants<£10k	8,531	8,531	192,394
24/11/22 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants<£10k	25,847		
	Grants> £10k	34,342	60,189	132,205
23/01/23 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants < £10k	64,800	64,800	67,405
13/02/23 City of Inverness Area Committee - Recommended for Approval	Grants<£10k	6,000		
	Grants> £10k	20,000	26,000	41,405

Grant Balances Remaining as January 2023

	£
Grants Under £5,000	75,000
Approved 27 June	1,060
Homologated 15 August 2022	2,500
Approved 15 August 2022	24,635
Homologated 7 November 2022	5,245
Approved 7 November 2022	1,681
Approved 23 January 2023	17,391
Balance Remaining for allocation grants under £5k	22,488
Grants Over £5,000	200,000
Homologated 27 June 2022	6,500
Approved 27 June 2022	15,995
Approved 15 August 2022	9,750
Homologated 7 November 2022	8,390
Approved 7 November 2022	6,850
Approved 24 November 2022	60,189
Approved 23 January 2023	47,409
Recommended for Approval 13 February 2023	26,000
Balance Remaining for allocation grants over £5k	18,917
Total Balance Remaining	<u>£41,405.00</u>

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

£

Budget Balance Available - Conference Funding 2022/2023	40,000
Grants committed from previous years and not drawdown	42,850
	82,850

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)		42,850	<u>42,850</u>	40,000
27/06/22 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants<£10k	5,400	5,400	34,600
27/06/22 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee	Grants<£10k	16,800	16,800	17,800

Inverness Common Good Fund
Available Resource for Allocation

£

Budget Balance Available - Partnership Working 2022/2023	151,000
Grants committed from previous years and not drawdown	26,000
	177,000

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)		26,000	<u>26,000</u>	151,000
17/02/2022 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants<£10k	9,700		
	Grants > £10k	127,745	137,445	13,555
24/11/2022 City of Inverness Area Committee	Grants>£10k	12,447	12,447	1,108