

# The Highland Council

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>10d</b>
<b>Report No</b>	<b>CIA/12/25</b>

**Committee:** City of Inverness Area Committee

**Date:** 3 February 2025

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

**Report By:** Assistant Chief Executive - Place

## 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Committee will note the moratorium on applications agreed at the City of Inverness Area Committee on 19 August 2024 where grant budgets were fully allocated.
- 1.2 This report sets out the current applications for grant funding over £10,000 to be determined. Awards would only be made in the event of the Committee agreeing the Inverness Common Good Fund Budget for 2025/26 reported elsewhere in this agenda.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
  - i. Note the terms of the Inverness Common Good Fund Budget for 2025/26:
  - ii. Consider the applications in **Booklet A** for funding from the 2025/26 budget:
  - iii. Agree to the repurposing of part of the grant approved in 2024 towards the Gull Management Programme 2024/25 within the application in **Booklet B** and
  - iv. Noting the moratorium on applications to the 2024/25 grants budget agree the recommendation to refuse the request to allocate a further sum of £9,663 also contained within the application in **Booklet B**.

## 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** - Subject to Committee approving the Common Good Fund Budget for 2025/26, funds will be provided from the 2025/26 budget after 1st April 2025. Members should note that the Poverty and Inequality and Other Grants Budgets are fully allocated for 2024/25.
- 3.2 **Legal** - There are no Legal implications as a result of this report.
- 3.4 **Risk** - There are no known risk implications in respect of this report.
- 3.5 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** - Consideration will be given to ensuring that appropriate standards are

applied to any projects that are approved for grant support come at all in terms of Council policy.

- 3.6 **Gaelic** - Applications if successful will be required to meet expectations set by Council Policy in this regard.

#### 4. **Impacts**

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 A separate screening for impact for each project is not required however applications applying to the ICGF must specifically show how their project or activity will help the Council meet its public sector equality duty, including how it may address any barriers and promote social inclusion. This supports the decision-making process.

#### 5. **Grant Applications**

- 5.1 The current summary of funds available following the Sub-Committee meeting on 20 January 2025 is set out in **Appendix 1**.

#### 5.2 **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 2025 - **£54,272 - Approval**
- b. Wider City of Inverness Annual Floral Displays 2025 - **£22,872 - Approval**
- c. Operation Respect Easter/Summer/Autumn 2025 – **£14,804 - Approval**
- d. Safe Inverness Project 2025/26 - **£10,750 – Approval**
- e. Coach & Visitor Ambassador Project 2025 - **£23,847 – Approval**
- f. Inverness Gull Project 2025 - **£16,798 – Approval**. The Sub-Committee do not recommend support towards the removal of nest and eggs during 2025.

If the Committee approves the applications funding would be provided from the 2025/26 Budget subject to the approval of the 2025/26 Budget.

#### 6. **Inverness Gull Project 2024**

- 6.1 Following updated guidance from Nature Scot, the Committee is asked to consider an application detailed in **Booklet B** towards a proposed pre-nesting gull management

programme from 20 January to 31 March 2025. The ICGF Sub-Committee made the following recommendations:

- a. The repurposing of part of the grant approved in 2024 towards the Gull Management Programme 2024/25 - **£6,803** – **Approval** subject to the submission of a revised schedule of how the money will be used.
- b. Revised Inverness Gull Management Programme 2024 (City Centre and Immediate Surrounding Areas - **£9,663** – **Decline**. If Members agree to approve this grant funds will need to be drawn from reserves.

Designation: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

Date: 21 January 2025

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Background Papers:

Appendices: Appendix 1 – ICGF resources available for allocation.

Booklet A – Applications 2025/26

Booklet B – Applications 2024/25

## Appendix 2

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

£

**Budget Balance Available**

Poverty & Inequality			121,000	
Other			40,000	161,000

**Carry Forward from 2023/24**

Poverty & Inequality	Grants < £10k	50,125		
	Grants > £10k	<u>32,500</u>	82,625	
Other	Grants < £10k	63,627		
	Grants > £10k	<u>62,500</u>	126,127	208,752
				<b>369,752</b>

**Committee Date                      Category                      Award                      Total for meeting**
**(Committed from previous financial years)**

Grants < £10k	113,752		
Grants > £10k	<u>95,000</u>	208,752	<b>161,000</b>

**22/04/24 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Poverty & Inequality	Grants < £10k	27,613		
Other	Grants < £10k	<u>33,239</u>	60,852	<b>100,148</b>

**20/05/24 City of Inverness Area Committee**

Poverty & Inequality	Grants > £10k	16,000	16,000	<b>84,148</b>
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**01/08/24 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Poverty & Inequality	Grants < £10k	18,036		
Other	Grants < £10k	5,000	23,036	<b>61,112</b> £5,000 grant for SCO confirmed at meeting)

**19/08/24 City of Inverness Area Committee**

Poverty & Inequality	Grants > £10k	57,654	57,654	<b>3,458</b>
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**28/10/24 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Poverty & Inequality	Grants < £10k	1,697		
Other	Grants < £10k	1,761	3,458	<b>0</b>

**Poverty & Inequality Grants** **121,000**

**22/04/24 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Grants < £10k 27,613 27,613 **93,387**

**20/05/24 City of Inverness  
Area Committee**

Grants > £10k 16,000 16,000 **77,387**

**01/08/24 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Grants < £10k 18,036 18,036 **59,351**

**19/08/24 City of Inverness  
Area Committee**

Grants > £10k 57,654 57,654 **1,697**

**28/10/24 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Operation Respect Grants < £10k 1,697 1,697 **0**

**Other Grants** **40,000**

**22/04/24 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Grants < £10k 33,239 33,239 **6,761**

**01/08/24 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Grants < £10k 5,000 5,000 **1,761**

**28/10/24 Inverness Common  
Good Fund Sub-Committee**

Operation Respect Grants < £10k 1,761 1,761 **0**

**Inverness Common Good Fund - Conference Funding Grants**  
**Available Resource for Allocation**

£

Budget Balance Available	24,000	
Carry Forward from 2023/24	<u>9,600</u>	<b>33,600</b>

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for meeting</b>	
	<b>(Committed from previous financial years)</b>		<u>9,600</u>	<b>24,000</b>

<b>22/04/24</b>				
<b>Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
	Grants < £10k	12,400	12,400	<b>11,600</b>

<b>20/05/24</b>				
<b>City of Inverness Area Committee</b>				
	Grants < £10k	8,110	8,110	<b>3,490</b>

<b>28/10/24</b>				
<b>Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>Operation Respect</b>	Grants < £10k	3,490	3,490	<b>0</b>

**Inverness Common Good Fund - Partnership Working Grants  
Available Resource for Allocation**

£

Budget Balance Available			143,000
Carry Forward from 2023/24		19,046	162,046

<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total for Meeting</b>	
<b>(Committed from previous financial years)</b>				
			19,046	143,000
<b>20/05/24 City of Inverness Area Committee</b>				
	Grants < £10k	9,700		
	Grants > £10k	<u>122,915</u>	132,615	10,385
<b>22/04/24 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee</b>				
	Grants < £10k	10,000	10,000	385
<b>20/05/24 City of Inverness Area Committee</b>				
	Grants > £10k	<u>20,000</u>	20,000	-19,615