

Agenda Item	10b
Report No	CIA/25/23

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 28 August 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 2023/24. Members are reminded that the overall Grants Budget was reduced from £0.275m in 2022/23 to £0.161m for 2023/24. In addition, the budget was allocated with £0.121m for Poverty and Inequality projects and £0.040m for all other requests. The Sub-Committee have taken steps to carefully assess each application as to which category it falls to ensure proper allocation of funds takes place.

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. The ringfencing of funds specifically to address poverty and inequality will have a positive equality and socio-economic impact.

- 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 7 August 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. **D C Thomson & Company Limited:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £15,000 from the City Vibrancy Budget towards Scottish Golf Tourism Week 2024 subject to clarity on the difference that ICGF Grant will make with confirmation that the City will benefit directly from the grant.
 - ii. **Bishop's Road Lighting:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee recommend approval of a grant of £12,175 from the Other Properties Budget towards the installation of festoon lighting at the riverside walk at Bishop's Road.
 - iii. **Whin Park:** The Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee had recommended approval of £150,000 to be taken from reserves to deliver play equipment replacement. Since the Sub-Committee meeting, further information has been provided which confirms that there will be no detriment to the project in providing more time to prepare a full project plan incorporating the results of the feasibility study previously agreed to be carried out. Consequently, It is now recommended to defer consideration of this application to the next meeting of the City Area Committee set for 20th November.
- 4.3 Members are also asked to consider the application from **The Highland Council** contained within **Booklet A** for assistance towards the restoration and installation of the Rose Window into Inverness Castle. A grant of £9,500 is requested and if approved would be paid from the Other Properties Budget.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Community and Place

Date: 14 August 2023

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Background Papers:

APPENDIX 2

Inverness Common Good Fund - Grants Available Resource for Allocation

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Budget Balance Available			
Grants to Poverty & Inequality		121,000	
Grants - Other		40,000	161,000
Carry Forward from 2022/23			259,473
			420,473

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k	108,661		
	Grants > £10k	150,812	259,473	161,000
15/05/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants<£10k	22,770		
Other Grants	Grants<£10k	25,000	47,770	113,230
07/08/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants<£10k	34,999		
Other Grants	Grants<£10k	14,875	49,874	63,356
Poverty & Inequality Grants				121,000
07/08/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants<£10k	22,770	22,770	98,230
07/08/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants<£10k	34,999	34,999	63,231
Other Grants				40,000
15/05/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants<£10k	25,000	25,000	15,000
07/08/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants<£10k	14,875	14,875	125

Inverness Common Good Fund - City Vibrancy Available Resource for Allocation

Budget Balance Available - City Vibrancy	216,000
Civic Hospitality C/F from 2022/23	15,773
Conference Funding C/F from 2022/23	20,580
Partnership Working C/F from 2022/23	8,000
City Promotions C/F from 2022/23	3,000
	263,353

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for meeting	
(Committed from previous financial years)				
	Civic Hospitality	15,773		
	Conference Funding	20,580		
	Partnership Working	8,000		
	City Promotions	3000	47,353	216,000
24/11/2022 City of Inverness Area Committee				
	Grants<£10k	9,700		
	Grants>£10k	101,572	111,272	104,728
15/05/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Civic Hospitality	34,657	34,657	70,071
05/06/2023 City of Inverness Area Committee				
	Conference Funding	6,000	6,000	64,071
07/08/2023 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	City Promotions	15,970		
	Partnership Working	10,000	25,970	38,101
28/08/ 2023 City of Inverness Area Committee - Recommended for Approval				
	Grants > £10k	15,000	15,000	23,101