The Highland Council

Agenda Item	**8e**
Report No	**CIA/53/26**

Committee: **City of Inverness Area**

Date: **16 November 2026**

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

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

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out the current applications for grant funding over £10,000 to be determined by Committee and updates the Committee of the recommendations made by the ICGF Sub Committee.

1.2 The Sub-Committee of 26 October 2026 considered the application presented on their merits.

1.3 Recommendations made in respect of the applications for grant funding over £10,000 reflect that approach.

1.4 The Other Grants Budget has been fully allocated and there is no remaining budget for this year.

1.5 Noting that both grants' categories no longer have budget it is recommended that both categories be closed to further applications for the remainder of this financial year.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to **consider** the application for funding detailed within Appendix 2 in this report.

3 Implications

3.1 **Resource** - Funding is provided by the Inverness Common Good Fund budget for 2026/27. Members are reminded that the Grants Budget was allocated £0.190m for Poverty and Inequality projects and £0.050m for all other requests. The 2026/27 ICGF budget also contained provision for £0.030m Conference Support and £0.065m City Destination Projects.

3.2 **Legal** - There are no legal implications because of this report.

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

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3.5 **Gaelic** – Applications, if successful, will be required to meet expectations set by Council Policy in this regard.

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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.

4.4 Impact assessment screening was carried out in respect of the 2026/27 ICGF Budget including the grants funding categories. The outcome of this screening was detailed in the ICHG budget setting report to this Committee in February 2026.

5 Grant Applications

5.1 The current summary of funds available following the Sub-Committee meeting on 26 October is set out within **Appendix 1.**

5.2 Partnership Working Application 2

Inverness BID Ltd (Appendix 2) - The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend that the application be approved in full of a grant of £12,990 from the City Destinations Projects budget towards the Operation Respect – Festive 2026/27.

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Background Papers:	None
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – ICGF resources available for allocation Appendix 2 – Inverness BID Ltd

APPENDIX 1

Inverness Common Good Fund - Grants
Available Resource for Allocation

				£
Budget Balance Available				
	Poverty & Inequality		190,000	
	Other		50,000	**240,000**
Carry Forward from 2025/26				
	Poverty & Inequality		51592	
	Other		19993	71,585
				311,585

Committee Date	**Category**	**Award**	**Total for meeting**	
(Committed from previous financial years)	Grants < £10k		67,247	
	Grants > £10k		4,338	71,585
				240,000
27/04/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants < £10k	39,721		
Other	Grants < £10k	25,200	64,921	
				175,079
18/05/26 City of Inverness Area Committee				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants>£10k	65,750		
Other Grants	Grants >£10k	24,800	90,550	
				84,529
To Be Homologated 03/08/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants > £10k	1,500	1,500	**83,029**
03/0826 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants< £10k	29,005	29,005	**54,024**
17/08/26 City of Inverness Area Committee				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants > £10k	53,523	53,523	**501**
Returned Grant				
Poverty & Inequality	Grants > £10k	-1,541	-1,541	**2,042**

Poverty & Inequality Grants				**190,000**
27/04/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants < £10k	39,721	39,721	**150,279**
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27/04/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants < £10k	25,200	25,200	**24,800**
18/05/26 City of Inverness Area Committee				
	Grants < £10k	24,800	24,800	**0**

Inverness Common Good Fund - Conference Funding Grants

Available Resource for Allocation	£	
Budget Balance Available	30,000	
Carry Forward from 2025/26	12,000	**42,000**
(Committed from previous financial years)	12,000	**30,000**

Committee Date	**Category**	**Award**	**Total for meeting**	
27/04/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
	Grants < £10k	9,000	9,000	**21,000**

Inverness Common Good Fund - Partnership Working Grants

Available Resource for Allocation

	£
City Desination Projects	65,000
Operation Respect - Community Safety	13,000
Operation Respects Campaigns	37,000
City Flowering	67,000
Budget Balance Available	182,000

Committee Date	Category	Award	Total for Meeting	
02/02/26 City of Inverness Area Committee				
City Desination Projects	Grants > £10k	28,500		
Operation Respect - Community Safety	Grants > £10k	12,995		
Operation Respects Campaigns	Grants > £10k	24,328		
City Flowering	Grants > £10k	65,000	130,823	
				51,177
Homologated 03/08/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
City Destination Projects	Grants < £10k	1,465	1,465	**49,712**
17/08/26 City of Inverness Area Committee				
City Destination Projects	Grant < £10k	1,600		
	Grant > £10k	10,005	11,605	**38,107**
26/10/26 Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee				
City Destination Projects	Grants < £10k	5,794	5,794	**32,313**
16/11/26 City of Inverness Area Committee - Recommended for Approval				
Operation Respects Campaigns	Grants > £10k	12,990	12,990	**19,323**

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