

1.1 What is the name of your activity or project?

The Highland Challenge 2023 which is a north Highlands inter club photographic competition held annually and hosted by a different camera club each year.

1.2 When will your activity or project take place? (specifically those for which you are seeking an award from The Highland Council)

Start date (month and year).....23 September 2023.....

End date (month and year).....One day event.....

Location.....Dornoch Community Centre.....

1.3 What activity or project do you want us to support?

Help with running costs. Estimate of costs for one day event £1520. To cover hire of DCC, catering, production of event booklet, speaker and judge fees, prizes/certificates.

This is an annual event which promotes the hobby of photography in the north Highlands through a friendly and competitive day event, hosted each year by different participating camera clubs. It attracts in the order of 100-120 attendees from nine clubs across the region, from Nairn to Thurso. With associated press coverage it will also promote photography and the standing of the club in Dornoch and the wider East Sutherland/Easter Ross areas as a community asset.

East Sutherland Camera Club moved its location to Dornoch from Brora to be more accessible to the majority of its members. Since running meetings in Dornoch Community Centre the club has, with agreement and at its own expense, upgraded and enhanced some of the existing projection facilities.

1.5 Please tell us how your project or activity will help the Council to meet its Public Sector Equality Duty to:

- Get rid of unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- Make sure that people from different groups* are treated fairly and have equal chances to use services and that there is more equality between groups*;
- Make sure that people from different groups* get on together.

The club is open to all who wish to join subject to a £25 annual subscription and this year has over 40 members. The club's programme promotes the development of photographic skills through talks, workshop sessions and friendly competitions. It promotes equality of opportunity and freedom of access to a life enhancing hobby within the context of club photography.

This particular event for which support is requested is an extension of normal club activities and was last hosted by us in Brora in 2016. It will be accessible on equal terms to all members of participating clubs whether or not they have 'protected characteristics'.

- 1.7 Please tell us if you have spoken to anyone about your application for advice and support – e.g. Local Highland Council Elected Member, Community Council Member, Council Staff, local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) – If yes, please provide details:

Our secretary spoke briefly to the Dornoch Provost for advice as to whether the Common Good Fund was an appropriate source of funding for this event prior to making the application. No contact for support purposes has been made.

1.9 Please provide a breakdown of how much will your activities/project will cost and how much Funding you are applying for from The Highland Council:

Item/Activity	Breakdown of Total Costs £	Year 1 £	Year 2* £	Year 3* £	Total £
Staffing	All volunteers apart from speakers and judge (Fees and Travelling Expenses)	350			
Other Costs e.g. property costs, transport, equipment, insurance, marketing	Hire of venue Catering Production of booklet for event Prizes/certificates Administrative sundries	75 250 250 460 135			
Total Project Cost £		1520			
Total Funding Request £		500			

1.10 **Other funding relating to this project** Please include other funders and own resources and income. Continue on separate sheet if required.

Organisation and status of application	Year 1 £	Year 2* £	Year 3* £	Total £
Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund	600			
Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful <input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
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Totals	600			