

8.5 NOTICE OF MOTION- COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATIONS

Submitting Councillor:	The Mayor, Cr Nicky Luo
Responsible Director:	Jarrold Doake, Director City Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to approve four (4) of the following applications for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Individual- Anna Kang	Requesting funds to Participate in Swimming Nationals Championship in Gold Coast	\$300
Bangla Art Centre of Victoria (BACV)	Requesting funds to support their Winter Festival 2024	\$500
Notting Hill Neighbourhood House	School Holiday Program designed specifically for primary school-aged children whose families are connected to our food relief programs, support services, weekly classes and community events.	\$1000
SKGA Inc Australia	Hall Hiring costs	\$1,122.45

BACKGROUND

Council, in its 2023/2024 budget, provided an amount of \$22,000 for the purposes of supporting instances of community/individual need that were not readily able to be considered under the Community Grants Program or other funding programs.

DISCUSSION

Council has received requests for support from four (4) applicants for June 2024 and all of them are successful in receiving funding.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the applications received be approved, as per the recommendation in this motion.

ATTACHMENT LIST

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Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 25 June 2024
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Anna Kang		EDNA Reference D24- 177232	
Description of the applicaton: Selected to represent Victorian in National (school sport) championships in Gold Coast in late July 2024. Seeking a funding to contribution toward uniform and airfares.			
Amount Requested: \$ 800			
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
N/A			
Governance Checklist		Yes	No
Does the activity clearly target City of Monash residents and provide a direct service/function to local groups or individuals?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Incorporation Association- is evidence enclosed?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is hiring cost for Council-owned or managed facilities? (Hire funding only)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Department checklist			
Has this applicant applied for any other grants?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Comments		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individuals are not eligible for funding through the community grants program. Funding individuals to pursue sporting interests is at the discretion of Council however needs to be considered in the context of the range of potential individual interests beyond sport including academic, musical & art. Funding individuals to pursue sporting pursuits is potentially endless & problematic in nature due to the discretionary application to those that ask. Based on the research of officers, the applicant will be representing Victoria in the 10-12 girls swimming team & attends Shelford Girls' Grammar.			

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Requesting Organisation/Individual Bangla Art Centre of Victoria (BACV)		EDNA Reference D24-175175	
Description of the applicaton: Requesting funds to support their Winter Festival 2024.			
Amount Requested: \$ 1000			
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
Winter Festival 2023	29/08/2023	\$500	
Governance Checklist		Yes	No
Does the activity clearly target City of Monash residents and provide a direct service/function to local groups or individuals?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Comments		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
This organisation applied for \$1000 funding through Council's Discretionary Fund in 2023 and was granted \$500.			
The activities outlined in the application would be eligible for funding through the Quick Response Grant Program or the Cultural Celebrations category of the MCGP, excluding prizes and cleaning expenses.			

Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
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Requesting Organisation/Individual Notting Hill Neighbourhood House	EDNA Reference D24- 176002	
Description of the applicaton: School Holiday Program designed specifically for primary school-aged children whose families are connected to our food relief programs, support services, weekly classes and community events.		
Amount Requested: \$ 1,000.00		
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):		
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated
N/A		
Governance Checklist	Yes	No
Does the activity clearly target City of Monash residents and provide a direct service/function to local groups or individuals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Other Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Notting Hill NH will receive funding for multiple projects through the 2024/25 MCGP in the Arts & Cultural Projects, Community Strengthening and Neighbourhood House categories. They were also recipients of 2 Quick Response Grants in 2023/24.</p> <p>They would have been eligible to apply for this program through the 2024/25 Quick Response Grant program which opened to applications on Saturday 1 June for projects that will occur between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.</p>		

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Requesting Organisation/Individual SKGA Inc Australia		EDNA Reference D24-173285	
Description of the applicaton: Hall Hiring costs			
Amount Requested: \$ 1,122.45			
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
N/A			
Governance Checklist		Yes	No
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<p>This event would have been eligible for funding through the Monash Community Grant Program or the Quick Response Grant program.</p> <p>Officers had spoken to the applicant in April and advised to submit an application for a QRG before 9 May in order to receive a response prior to the event, however this did not occur.</p> <p>It is noted the event will occur before the Council meeting.</p>			