

8.1 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 the below three (3) applications for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Jordan Gilbert- Individual	Seeking partial financial assistance to participate in U20 World Athletics Championships in Peru in August	\$500
Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Australia	Seeking financial assistance for their monthly youth seminar which is proposed to be held at Clayton Senior Citizens Centre for City of Monash's international students.	\$82.80 (Hall hire only)
Waverley Bonsai Group	Seeking assistance for the Hall Hire Expenses	\$1000

BACKGROUND

Council, in its 2024/2025 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 three[3] applicants for July 2024 and all of them are unsuccessful in receiving funding.

CONCLUSION

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

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Officers Commentary - Discretionary Fund Application - Jordan Gilbert [**8.1.1** - 1 page]
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Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 30 July 2024
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Jordan Gilbert		EDNA Reference D24-212477	
Description of the applicant: Seeking financial assistance to participate in U20 World Athletics Championships in Peru in August.			
Amount Requested: \$ \$1000			
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
N/A	N/A	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whilst a notable achievement to be selected to represent Australia at an under 20 age level and more worthy of most applications of this type to the Councillor discretionary fund, officers do not support the use of grant funds to support individuals to pursue sporting interests over any other individual pursuit.			

Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 30 July 2024
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Australia		EDNA Reference D24-212398	
Description of the applicaton: Seeking financial assistance for their monthly youth seminar which is proposed to be held at Clayton Senior Citizens Centre for City of Monash's international students.			
Amount Requested: \$ 1,082.80			
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
N/A	N/A	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"/>
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<p>These activities could be eligible for funding through the Quick Response Grant program as long as the "Moral and Spiritual Guidance" is not proselytising or seeking to influence others religious views and if activities do not commence until after a decision is made by council, as funding cannot be provided retrospectively.</p> <p>Whilst the application references monthly meetings the amount requested appears to include one month of hall hire only.</p>			

Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
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Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Waverley Bonsai Group		EDNA Reference D24-205181	
Description of the applicaton: Seeking assistance for the Hall Hire Expenses.			
Amount Requested: \$ \$2946.00			
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
Hall Hire Costs	June 2023	\$1000	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>This Waverley Garden Club received \$1000 funding through Council's Discretionary Fund in 2023. They currently have a grant through the MCGP 2326HO0014 for Hall Hire only for their monthly meetings and the annual Camellia, Garden and Floral Art Show to be held across 16-18 August 24. They applied for funding for "The History of Waverley Garden Club" through the MCGP in 24/25 and was declined due to low scoring application.</p> <p>The activities outlined in the application would be not be eligible for funding through the Quick Response Grant Program or the MCGP due to fundraising nature.</p>			

The Waverley Bonsai Group are a subsidiary of the Waverley Garden Club and are listed as separate debtors in Council's halls booking system.