

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION- COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATION- MARCH 2025

Submitting Councillor:	The Mayor, Cr Paul Klisaris
Responsible Director:	Simone Wickes, Director Corporate Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to approve the following two (2) applications for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Elise Haggerty	Partial Financial assistance to participate in Victorian Under 15 in the Australian Softball Team in Milan, Italy.	\$500
Monash Interfaith Gathering Inc	Partial financial assistance to serve lunch and refreshments at Raising Peaceful Next Generations event to be held on 7 June 2025.	\$500

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 four (4) applicants for March 2025 and two (2) 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

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Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 25 March 2025
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Elise Haggerty	EDNA Reference D25-75967	
Description of the applicaton: Partial Financial assistance to participate in Victorian Under 15 in the Australian Softball Team in Milan, Italy.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
<p>Maximum funding of \$1,000 is being sought to attend/participate in an international sporting competition. Use of the funding will go towards the individual's costs of \$11,000.</p> <p>Individual grants are not supported through the community grants program. Officers do not support the use of funding to offset the costs incurred by individuals outside of funding guidelines.</p>		

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Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Monash Interfaith Gathering Inc	EDNA Reference D25-77765	
Description of the applicaton: Partial financial assistance to serve lunch and refreshments at Raising Peaceful Next Generations event to be held on 7 June2025.		
Amount Requested: \$ 10000		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Monash Interfaith Gathering are current recipients of a Community Strengthening grant through the 2024/5 MCGP. This grant is for \$8,000 in cash funding for activities including their Harmony event, NAIDOC event and other forums and meetings throughout the year. The current grant states they will run 4 forums through the year. In this application they have stated this is their second forum for the year, which indicates they may already be receiving funding for this through their current grant. If funding is approved it is strongly recommended they work with officers from the Community Strengthening team to ensure correct information is provided to the community.		

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Requesting Organisation/Individual Declan Crombie	EDNA Reference D25-78816	
Description of the applicaton: Partial financial assistance to participate in Australian Men's & mixed Netball Association National Championship.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
<p>Maximum funding of \$1,000 is being sought to attend/participate in a sporting competition. Use of the funding will go towards the individual's costs.</p> <p>Individual grants are not supported through the community grants program. Officers do not support the use of funding to offset the costs incurred by individuals outside of funding guidelines.</p>		

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Requesting Organisation/Individual Campbell Brown	EDNA Reference D25-74798	
Description of the applicant: Partial financial assistance to participate in Australian Men's & mixed Netball Association National Championship.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum funding is being sought to attend/participate in a sporting competition. Use of the funding is not specific.		
Individual grants are not supported through the community grants program. Officers do not support the use of funding to offset the costs incurred by individuals outside of funding guidelines.		