

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION- COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATION- FEBRUARY 2025

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to approve the following three (3) applications for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Aadhya Sai Katakam	Financial assistance to participate in 2025 Australian Junior Chess Championship.	\$500
Waverley Baseball Club	Seeking partial financial assistance to purchase a Defibrillator.	\$500
Notting Hill Neighbourhood House	Financial assistance for 'Painted Storied' project.	\$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 Five (5) applicants for February 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 Feb 2025
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Aadhya Sai Katakam		EDNA Reference D25-37179	
Description of the applicaton: Financial assistance to participate in 2025 Australian Junior Chess Championship.			
Amount Requested: \$ 1000			
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 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"/>
If an application for funding was received for this through the Monash Community Grants Program or Quick Response Grant it would be deemed ineligible for funding as: - It is an individual applicant, not an incorporated association or auspiced by one - It is for travel expenses, which are not eligible for funding through the program - It is for an individual person's expenses			

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

Requesting Organisation/Individual Waverley Baseball Club		EDNA Reference D25-39438	
Description of the applicant: Seeking partial financial assistance to purchase a Defibrillator.			
Amount Requested: \$ 1000			
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Comments		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Waverley Baseball Club is a large and inclusive club that provides opportunities for people of all ages to participate in baseball. The Club has a licence to use the facilities at Napier Park Reserve and eligible to receive funding.			

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

Requesting Organisation/Individual Notting Hill Neighbourhood House	EDNA Reference D25-40450	
Description of the applicaton: Financial assistance for 'Painted Storied' project.		
Amount Requested: \$ 1000		
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):		
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated
School Holiday Program	June 2024	\$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"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Notting Hill NH have been supported by Council through the grant program for many years, including with two grants relating to the laneway project in 2022/23 (\$5,000) to develop it and currently in 2024/25 (\$4,800) to expand it.</p> <p>The items being requested for funding would be eligible through the MCGP and QRG, however as this is relating to a currently funded project may be viewed as a duplicate and deemed ineligible for funding through these programs.</p>		

Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 28 Jan 2025
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Monash Biomed Society		EDNA Reference D24-450905	
Description of the applicant: Requesting funds to support Monash Biomed Society First Year Camp for students in first year of university.			
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"/>
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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"/>
This application would be deemed ineligible under the MCGP and QRG as: - The applicants are associated with an educational institution - Travel expenses are deemed ineligible for funding - The activity mentioned in the application will be taking place outside Monash borders.			

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

Requesting Organisation/Individual Deethya Sai Katakam		EDNA Reference D25-37173	
Description of the applicaton: Financial assistance to participate in 2025 Australian Junior Chess Championship.			
Amount Requested: \$ 1000			
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"/>
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<p>If an application for funding was received for this through the Monash Community Grants Program or Quick Response Grant it would be deemed ineligible for funding as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is an individual applicant, not an incorporated association or auspiced by one - It is for travel expenses, which are not eligible for funding through the program - It is for an individual person's expenses 			