

**6.1 INCREASE TO COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUND BUDGET
(CNCL21)**

Submitting Councillor: The Mayor

MOTION

That Council resolves to approve the allocation of \$10,000 from the 2018/2019 Budget to the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund.

INTRODUCTION

Approval is sought to increase the funding allocation to the Council Discretionary Fund, for the remainder of this financial year, to \$10,000.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council, in its 2018/2019 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.

The Council Discretionary Fund provides Council with the ability to approve small miscellaneous discretionary grants to community members or groups in response to requests which are received from time to time.

This fund differs from the Community Grants Program in that it recognises that small activities, events, etc., deserving of support from Council, come up in an ad hoc way throughout the year and would not otherwise be eligible for funding or would not coincide with the timing of the annual Community Grants Program.

The Fund continues to be a popular source of potential funding for a very wide range of community groups, as well as individuals, within the Monash community.

This financial year, the number of applications to the Fund, that the Council has resolved to support, has led to a shortfall in funding.

It is therefore recommended that an additional \$10,000 be allocated to the Fund, from the current Budget, to meet anticipated expenditure for the remainder of the current financial year.