

**Report to the Future Melbourne (Finance and Governance)
Committee**

Agenda item 6.2

Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Second quarter 2017–18

20 March 2018

Presenter: Katrina McKenzie, Director City Economy and Activation

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of the projects supported through the allocation of discretionary funding for the second quarter of the 2017–18 financial year in accordance with Future Melbourne Committee requirements.

Key issues

2. Total discretionary funding allocated during the second quarter of the 2017–18 financial year was \$30,993 (see grand total, underneath Table 3, Attachment 2). The individual items funded are listed in Attachment 2.
3. This funding was within an existing 2017–18 budget allocation of \$250,000 held within the City Economy and Activation Group comprising:
 - 3.1. \$150,000 for Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships (year to date allocation \$105,159, unexpended funds \$44,841).
 - 3.2. \$70,000 for Council support of the same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue (year to date allocation \$50,088, unexpended funds \$19,912).
 - 3.3. \$30,000 for Council support of the same via purchase of table sponsorships (year to date allocation \$21,135, unexpended funds \$8,865).
4. As at the end of the second quarter, the net unexpended funds in the total \$250,000 budget for 2017–18 were \$73,618.
5. The total value of discretionary in-kind waivers approved for the second quarter was \$6,900. Refer Table 4, Attachment 2.

Recommendation from management

6. That the Future Melbourne Committee receives the report on the allocation of discretionary funds for the second quarter of the 2017–18 financial year.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachments (Page 2 of 6)
2. List of Distributed Funds (Page 3 of 6)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation from management.

Finance

2. The financial implications are contained in the body of the report.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Stakeholder consultation

4. Stakeholder consultation has not been undertaken in the formulation of this report.

Relation to Council policy

5. A number of formal funding programs have been established to meet Council policy objectives within the Council Plan. Current grants programs include support for arts and culture, events, small business and export, sport and recreation and community services.
6. Discretionary funds are allocated from time to time to requests made outside of the normal funding program planning and funding cycles, subject to meeting the criteria established via Future Melbourne Committee resolution on 9 July 2013. This criteria states that requests for discretionary funding will only be considered if:
 - 6.1. They are received with a lead time of greater than 90 days to the date of the event (with the exception of table sponsorships).
 - 6.2. They would be ineligible for funding from existing programs.
7. At its meeting on 18 July 2017 the Future Melbourne Committee passed a resolution in relation to City of Melbourne Support for the War on Waste. Under this resolution, an amount of up to \$50,000 was allocated from the 2017–18 discretionary fund towards a short term (July 2017 to end of November 2017) “Single-use waste reduction fund”, with any eligible individual business being eligible for a grant of up to \$2,000. Successful recipients of this funding will be disclosed on future report(s) on the allocation of the 2017–18 discretionary fund.

Environmental sustainability

8. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability arising from or related to the recommendation in this report.
9. The “Single-use waste reduction fund” is intended to produce environmental sustainability benefits as referred to in the resolution concerning this matter within the minutes of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of 18 July 2017.

List Of Distributed Funds

Table 1: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Sponsorship of the Thai Culture and Food Festival 2018	Thai Culture & Food Festival Inc.	18 March 2018	\$22,500	Approved by Council, 12 December 2017

Sub-total:

\$22,500

Adjustments: 1. Costs for the Corpus Medicorum sponsorship that did not eventuate: \$150.

-\$150

TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:

\$22,350

Year to Date Cumulative Total:

Opening Balance at 1 October 2017

\$82,809

Closing Balance at 31 December 2017

\$105,159

Table 2: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Request for the City of Melbourne to host a function celebrating the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to ICAN	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)	10 December 2017	\$6,364	Approved by Council, 31 October 2017
Sub-total:			\$6,364	
Adjustments: Minor amendments required to ensure correct costs reported:			-\$655	
(1) Royal Children's Hospital Children's Cancer Centre requests - additional costs: \$38;				
(2) Victims of Crime Awareness Day - estimated costs that did not eventuate: \$80;				
(3) Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation request - estimated costs that did not eventuate: \$613.				
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			\$5,708	
<i>Year to Date Cumulative Total:</i>				
Opening Balance at 1 October 2017			\$44,380	
Closing Balance at 31 December 2017			\$50,088	

Table 3: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via purchase of table sponsorships

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Table sponsorship: The Lady Mayoress' Committee Annual Christmas Luncheon	Lord Mayors' Charitable Foundation	7 December 2017	\$1,350	Approved by Council, 31 October 2017
Table sponsorship: Chinese New Year Charity Ball	Australian Chinese Events Committee	3 March 2018	\$1,709	Approved by Council, 12 December 2017

Sub-total:

\$3,059

Adjustments:

-\$124

Estimated costs that did not eventuate:

(1) Chinatown Precinct Association event: \$50;

(2) Victorian NAIDOC Ball: \$74.

TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:

\$2,935

Year to Date Cumulative Total:

Opening Balance at 1 October 2017

\$18,200

Closing Balance at 31 December 2017

\$21,135

GRAND TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER - All categories:

\$30,993

Year to Date Cumulative Grand Total:

Opening Balance at 1 October 2017

\$145,389

Closing Balance at 31 December 2017

\$176,382

Table 4: Council support under this program for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via waived fees

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Fee waiver request for Targa Florio Australian Tribute 2017 motor sport event.	iSTEEM Group Pty Ltd	29 November to 3 December 2017	\$6,900	Approved by Council, 28 November 2017

Sub-total:

\$6,900

Adjustments: None.

\$0

TOTAL WAIVED FEES:

\$6,900

Year to Date Cumulative Total:

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 1 October 2017

\$0

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 31 December 2017

\$6,900