

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to approve the following application for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Girish Gopalakrishna (Girish Social Club)	Financial assistance for Movember Thevar Magan Badminton Tournament 2025.	\$283.30 (Hall Hire Fees)

BACKGROUND

Council, in its 2025/2026 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 October 2025 and three (3) 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 28 Oct 2025
Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Girish Gopalakrishna (Girish Social Club)	EDNA Reference D25-352192	
Description of the applicaton: Financial assistance for Movember Thevar Magan Badminton Tournament 2025.		
Amount Requested: \$ \$511.25		
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?	☒	☐
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?	☒	☐
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?	☐	☒
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?	☒	☐
If Incorporation Association- is evidence enclosed?	☒	☐
Is hiring cost for Council-owned or managed facilities? (Hire funding only)	☐	☒
Other Department checklist		
Has this applicant applied for any other grants?	☐	☒
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?	☐	☒
Other Comments	☐	☐
This group has not applied for grants through Council previously. If the application was submitted through the MCGP or QRG programs it would be deemed ineligible as the event is a fundraiser. Officers are supportive of activities that promote men's mental and physical health, particularly the connection with a well-known campaign like Movember and recommend providing funding towards the costs to hire Brandon Park CC for the event to be held there.		

Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request

Council Meeting 30 Oct 2025

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual	EDNA Reference	
Bengali Puja And Cultural Society Of Victoria	D25-351852	
Description of the applicaton:		
Financial assistance for Mohalaya Celebration.		
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?	☒	☐
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?	☒	☐
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?	☐	☒
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?	☒	☐
If Incorporation Association- is evidence enclosed?	☒	☐
Is hiring cost for Council-owned or managed facilities? (Hire funding only)	☐	☒
Other Department checklist		
Has this applicant applied for any other grants?	☐	☒
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?	☒	☐
Other Comments	☐	☐
The application has not provided any details on the event, aside from the name, and the event date that was the same day as the application was submitted (21 September). Without greater detail on the activities of the event it is difficult to ascertain if this would be recommended for funding through another Council program and would be deemed ineligible as the event date was in September. Based on the information provided, officers do not recommend funding due to lack of detail and for seeking retrospective funding.		

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

Requesting Organisation/Individual Ina Ratriyana	EDNA Reference D25-32541	
Description of the applicaton: Partial financial assistance to participate in World Robotics Olympiad (WRO) to be held in Singapore.		
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?	☒	☐
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?	☒	☐
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?	☐	☒
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?	☒	☐
If Incorporation Association- is evidence enclosed?	☒	☐
Is hiring cost for Council-owned or managed facilities? (Hire funding only)	☐	☒
Other Department checklist		
Has this applicant applied for any other grants?	☐	☒
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?	☐	☒
Other Comments	☐	☐
As the application is for individual people's expenses it would be deemed ineligible for funding through other Council grant programs. In addition to this, as stated in the application, Council awarded funding through the Discretionary Fund last year to attend a similar event in Turkey, and as such officers do not recommend funding.		

Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request

Council Meeting 28 Oct 2025

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual Pinewood Primary School	EDNA Reference D25- 352457
Description of the applicaton: Financial assistance to create a Indigenous sensory garden and yarning circle.	
Amount Requested: \$ 1000	
Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History (if applicable):	
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year
N/A	N/A
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?	☒
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?	☒
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?	☐
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?	☒
If Incorporation Association- is evidence enclosed?	☒
Is hiring cost for Council-owned or managed facilities? (Hire funding only)	☐
Other Department checklist	
Has this applicant applied for any other grants?	☐
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?	☒
Other Comments	☒
Whilst the officers note the intention of this project is positive, Pinewood Primary school is a government funded State School. As the school is funded by another level of government, this applicant would not be eligible to apply for a grant through Council's grant programs and is not recommended.	