

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

<b>Submitting Councillor:</b>	The Acting Mayor, Cr Brian Little
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	Simone Wickes, Director Corporate Services.

### RECOMMENDATION

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

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Bangla Art Centre of Victoria (BACV)	Financial assistance towards Winter Festival 2025 (Pitha Utshob)	\$500
Waverley Bonsai Group	Financial assistance for Waverley Bonsai Group's annual show.	\$1000
Waverley Scale Modelling Club Inc (WSMC)	Financial assistance towards Interclub 2025. a model exhibition and informal competition for Melbourne based model clubs.	\$500

### 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 three (3) applicants for July 2025 and all of them are successful in receiving funding.

### CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the applications received be approved, as per the recommendation in this motion.

### ATTACHMENT LIST

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**Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request**  
**Council Meeting 29 July 2025**  
**Council Officer Commentary**

<b>Requesting Organisation/Individual</b> Bangla Art Centre of Victoria (BACV)	<b>EDNA Reference</b> D25-222314	
<b>Description of the applicaton:</b> Financial assistance towards Winter Festival 2025 (Pitha Utshob)		
<b>Amount Requested:</b> \$ \$1,000		
<b>Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Description</b> (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
Funds to support Winter Festival 2024	2024	\$500
<b>Governance Checklist</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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"/>
<b>Other Department checklist</b>		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>This organisation has not previously applied for grants through the Monash Community Grants Program (MCGP) or Quick Response Grants (QRG).</p> <p>This event would have been eligible for funding through the Cultural Celebrations category of the MCGP or the QRG.</p> <p>Most items listed in the application would be eligible to receive funding, with prizes being the exception.</p>		

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<b>Requesting Organisation/Individual</b> Waverley Bonsai Group	<b>EDNA Reference</b> D25-209984	
<b>Description of the applicaton:</b> Financial assistance for Waverley Bonsai Group's annual show.		
<b>Amount Requested:</b> \$ 1000		
<b>Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Description</b> (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
Hall Hire Expenses	2024	\$1000
<b>Governance Checklist</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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<p>This Waverley Garden Club received \$1000 funding through Council's Discretionary Fund in 2024. They currently have a grant through the MCGP 2326HO0014 for Hall Hire only for their monthly meetings and the annual Camellia, Garden and Floral Art Show to be held across 12-18 August 25. The activities outlined in the application would be not be eligible for funding through the Quick Response Grant Program or the MCGP due to fundraising nature. Future hiring of The Track Gallery is for approved creative/cultural exhibitions utilising the gallery for a minimum of 2 weeks.</p>		

## Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request

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### Council Officer Commentary

<b>Requesting Organisation/Individual</b>	<b>EDNA Reference</b>	
Waverley Scale Modelling Club Inc (WSMC)	D25- 231667	
<b>Description of the applicaton:</b>		
Financial assistance towards Interclub 2025. a model exhibition and informal competition for Melbourne based model clubs.		
<b>Amount Requested:</b> \$ 1000		
<b>Previous Council's Discretionary Fund History</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Description</b> (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
Hall Hire	2024	\$300
<b>Governance Checklist</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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The Club would be eligible through the Monash Community Grants Program or Quick Response Grants if they applied.		