

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to approve one (1) the following application for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Edna Louzado	Financial assistance to run weekly cooking sessions to teach people how to cook healthy meals at home using seasonal and local produce on a budget.	\$1000

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 one (1) applicants for September 2025 and all of them are successful 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 30 Sept 2025****Council Officer Commentary**

Requesting Organisation/Individual Edna Louzado	EDNA Reference D25-308342	
Description of the applicaton: Financial assistance to run weekly cooking sessions to teach people how to cook healthy meals at home using seasonal and local produce on a budget.		
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 an individual applicant, Ms Louzado would not be eligible in the Quick Response Grant or Monash Community Grant programs unless she was auspiced by a not-for-profit incorporated association. Ms Louzada has run an activity similar to the applied project for St Christopher's Church Syndal which was grant funded in 2023/24. If this were to come through the QRG, Kerrie Road Neighbourhood House would be an eligible applicant or auspicing body for Ms Louzado. The Place Making team would support this project as many of the neighbourhood houses have told us many times there is a need for food education and encouragement of healthy eating in their community. Neighbourhood houses have clearly outlined their support in their letters. Our Health Promotion Officer is also supportive of this project, with healthy eating an important focus of their work. This project appears to support Objective 1 of the Council Health & Wellbeing Plan: Healthy Eating and Active Living, as well as objective 4, tackling climate change and its impact on health (Ms Louzado mentioned climate change impacts on food in her application but did not outline her qualifications in teaching about food health and skills in regards to climate change).		