

7.2.3 CIVIC SUPPORT FUND RECOMMENDATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

Responsible Manager:	Fee Harrison, Manager Community Strengthening
Responsible Director:	Tanya Scicluna, Director Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Notes the following applications are received for September 2026 under Civic Support Fund.

	ORGANISATION/ NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
A	Lilia Cajar-Robinson	2026 Karate Championships	\$1000
B	Waverley Scale Model Club	“Interclub” Model Exhibition Day – hall hire fees	\$500
C	Ana Iyengar-Natt	Endurance Walk – community seed fund to RCH fundraising and logistics and trail safety for walk	\$950
D	Gabriel Cajar-Robinson	2026 Karate Championships	\$1000

2. Notes the officer’s recommendation to approve Application B for funding in accordance with the Civic Support Fund Policy.
3. Resolves to approve Application B for \$325 hall hire only.

BACKGROUND

Council, in its 2026/2027 budget provided an amount 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.

As of 25 August 2026, \$1,266 has been awarded to 2 Civic Support Fund Recipients.

DISCUSSION

All applications under the Civic Support Fund should address the following criteria to be recommended for funding:

- Alignment with Council Plan Strategic Objectives
- Demonstrated Community Benefit
- Financial Need and Value for Money
- Capacity to Deliver the Activity



Council received four (4) applications for support for September 2026. Following officers' assessments of the applications in accordance with the guidelines of the Civic Support Policy, one (1) application has been recommended for funding.

The Civic Support Policy provides Councillors with a framework to provide small grants to community where grant funds might not otherwise be available. The applications are assessed by officers in accordance with the Policy, but pursuant to the Policy, Councillors retain discretion over the application of the Policy and the awarding of funds.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves one (1) application for funding as set out in this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Civic Support Fund - 2026 - September - Lilia Cajar- Robinson Officer Review and Recommendation [**7.2.3.1** - 2 pages]
2. Civic Support Fund - 2026 - September - Waverley Scale Model Club - Officer Review and Recommendation [**7.2.3.2** - 2 pages]
3. Civic Support Fund - 2026 - September - Ana Iyengar- Natt - Officer Review and Recommendation [**7.2.3.3** - 2 pages]
4. Civic Support Fund - 2026 - September - Gabriel Cajar- Robinson Officer Review and Recommendation [**7.2.3.4** - 2 pages]

Civic Support Fund – Officer Comment

Council Meeting - 29-Sep-2026

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual		EDNA Reference	
Lilia Cajar-Robinson		D26-337000	
Description of the application:			
The Commonwealth Karate Championships are a premier international competition for athletes representing Commonwealth nations, bringing together national teams from across Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada and Europe to compete for Commonwealth honours. Established in 1988, the Championships have a 38-year history, with the 2026 event marking the 12th edition and taking place in Glasgow, Scotland. The Championships are organised by the Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF), recognised by the World Karate Federation (WKF), and conducted in accordance with WKF competition rules. The event brings together elite Commonwealth karate athletes to compete at an international level.\$1000			
Amount Requested:	\$1000.00		
Previous Related Funding History (if applicable)			
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated	
Eligibility Checklist		Yes	No
Pre Application – Eligibility			
Has the application been submitted in time?	☒	☐	
Has the applicant submitted a fully completed application?	☒	☐	
If the applicant is an Incorporated Association, has supporting documentation been provided?	☐	☒	
If the applicant is an Individual, has a letter from an incorporated group been provided?	☐	☒	
Has the applicant indicated alignment with Council’s Public Health Approach to Gambling Harm Policy?	☒	☐	

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Is there a clear connection to Monash?	☒	☐
Is the project or activity ineligible for funding under Council's Community Grants Program?	☒	☐
Has it been confirmed that the activity or project has not received funding from Council's former Discretionary Fund program within the past 12 months?	☒	☐
During the Application – Evaluation Criteria		
Does the activity align with one or more strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan?	☒	☐
Does the activity or project clearly demonstrate a benefit to the community?	☐	☒
Is the financial need well justified and does the proposal represent value for money?	☐	☒
Has the applicant demonstrated sufficient capacity to successfully deliver the activity or project?	☒	☐
Extra Criteria		
Is the funding request related to the hire of Council-owned or managed facilities? (Applicable to hire funding only)	☐	☒
Is the activity or project under the jurisdiction of another level of government?	☐	☒
Officer Comment & Recommendation		
As an individual without the auspice of an incorporated organisation this application is technically not eligible for the Monash Community Grants & Partnerships Program (MCGPP) or the Civic Support Fund program. Not Supported. The application is not recommended for funding as alternative grant opportunities are available that more directly align with the nature of the request. In particular, the Australian Sports Commission's Local Sporting Champions Program provides grants to assist young athletes, coaches and officials with the costs associated with attending state, national and international championships. It is considered a more appropriate funding source for this application.		

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Waverley Scale Model Club		
Description of the application:		
"Interclub", a model exhibition and informal competition for Melbourne based model clubs which is held at the Mount Waverley Community Centre. The day includes themed based model displays (aircraft, armour, cars and miscellaneous) together with a "quick build" kit. The models are loosely judged, after all this is a fun and interactive day for all involved! In the quick build, teams have to build and paint a model kit that is presented to them in the morning and have it completed by mid-afternoon. This requires teamwork and good communication skills. There is a general model display and plenty of time to discuss what is happening in our lives. The event is also open to "walk up" members of the community free of charge.		
Amount Requested:	\$500	
Previous Related Funding History (if applicable)		
Description (eg Hall hire, sporting, events etc)	Year	Amount Allocated
Waverley Scale Model Club Inc (WSMC)-Seeking assistance to cover Hall Hire fees	2024	\$300
Eligibility Checklist	Yes	No
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Officer Comment & Recommendation		
This application would be eligible under the Monash Community Grants and Partnerships Program and Quick Response Grants for all expenses except for raffle prizes and trophies. This exhibition and competition event is interactive, with many clubs participating. It would be great if this was open to the whole community to see and participate. Funding for venue hire and model kits is recommended at \$500.		

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Requesting Organisation/Individual		EDNA Reference	
Ana Iyengar-Natt			
Description of the application:			
Aneel K Natt is 10-year-old Monash resident, going to Glen Waverley Primary School; undertaking a 38 km endurance walk from St Kilda to Frankston Pier on 17–18 October 2026 to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital. Costs include community seed fund to RCH fundraising page and Logistics and Trail safety costs for walk.			
Amount Requested:	\$950.00		
Previous Related Funding History (if applicable)			
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Officer Comment & Recommendation		
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