

## 8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION- COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATION - JUNE 2026

<b>Submitting Councillor:</b>	The Mayor, Cr Stuart James
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	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
Hiro Hajnikitas	Partial Financial assistance to participate in UN Youth Australia National Conference 2026 in Perth.	\$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 received two (2) applications for support for June 2026. Following Councillors' consideration of the applications, one (1) application has been recommended for funding.

### CONCLUSION

That Council approve the applications recommended for funding, as set out in the in this report.

### ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Officers Commentary - Discretionary Fund Application - Hiro Hajnikitas [8.1.1 - 2 pages]
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## Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request

**Council Meeting 30 June 2026**

### Council Officer Commentary

<b>Requesting Organisation/Individual</b> Hiro Hajinikitas		<b>EDNA Reference</b> D26-196837		
<b>Description of the application:</b> Partial Financial assistance to participate in UN Youth Australia National Conference 2026 in Perth.				
<b>Amount Requested: \$1000</b>				
<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>		
Partial financial assistance to attend UN Youth Australia National Conference 2025 in Adelaide.	2025	\$500		
<b>Governance Checklist</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</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"/>			
Does this applicant have a connection to Monash?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Has this applicant granted funding this financial year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Is hiring cost for Council-owned or managed facilities? (Hire funding only)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>INCORPORATION OF ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS- ONLY</b> (Following questions do not apply to Individual applicants)				
Has this applicant indicated that they align with Gambling Harm Policy?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If Incorporation Association- is evidence enclosed?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Other Department checklist			
Has this applicant applied for any other grants?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<p>This is an exciting opportunity for a Monash community member to participate in the UN Youth Australia Conference. Monash Community Grants &amp; Partnerships Program would not be available to this applicant, as funding for travel, and for individuals are ineligible.</p> <p>This project was funded last year through discretionary grants also.</p> <p>This is a good opportunity for this individual to represent Monash at the Model UN event, but has little impact on the broader Monash community.</p> <p>We recommend that he seeks funding from private sources or visits Monash Grants Finder for further opportunities.</p>			

### Council’s Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request

**Council Meeting 30 June 2026**

#### Council Officer Commentary

<b>Requesting Organisation/Individual</b> Parkhill Primary School		<b>EDNA Reference</b> D26- 197656		
<b>Description of the applicaton:</b> Partial Financial assistance to purchase to install a permanent flagpole/s and ceremonial gathering space at the school				
<b>Amount Requested: \$1000</b>				
<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>		
To participate in Swimming Nationals Championship in Brisbane.	N/A	N/A		
<b>Governance Checklist</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
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Is this applicant eligible for any other fundings?		No	
Other Comments			
<p>The proposed installation of flagpoles is to occur on Victorian Government school land and is therefore more appropriately supported through existing Victorian Government school infrastructure funding programs and the VSBA</p> <p>Additionally, as the application outlines the intended use of the flagpoles for commemorative purposes such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, the project may be eligible for Australian Government funding streams, including the <i>Saluting Their Service</i> grants program, which supports initiatives of this nature.</p> <p>Consideration may also be given to seeking support through local community partnerships, such as collaboration with a service organisation (e.g. Rotary), which may provide an alternative avenue for project delivery.</p>			