

8.2 COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATIONS

Submitting Councillor/s:	The Mayor, Cr Nicky Luo
Responsible Director:	Jarrold Doake, Director City 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
Individual Jasmine La Pira- Nuworks Theatre	Seeking financial assistance for a performance tour in UK Amount Sought: \$1000.00	\$300
Lili Cavanagh (Individual)	Seeking Partial financial assistance for Women's Baseball Tournament Amount Sought: \$1000.00	\$500
Rajesh Chopra (Individual)	Seeking financial assistance to cover the cost for screen of a short movie. Amount Sought: \$758.40	\$539.70

BACKGROUND

Council, in its 2023/2024 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 5 applicants for March 2024 and 2 of them are unsuccessful 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 [DAY MONTH YEAR]**

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual: Nuworks Theatre		Reference: D24-67610
Description and Amount Requested: Nuworks Theatre is a small self-funded amateur theatre company based in Cheltenham who work with adults and children providing help to locals with an interest in theatre an entry into the world of performing arts. Nuworks Theatre website for further specific detail: www.nuworkstheatre.com The application is seeking financial assistance to enable one of Nuworks young theatre members to participate in our up-coming (July 2024) appearance at the Buxton Fringe and performance tour to the UK. We undertake this tour as a completely self-funded initiative with the performers paying their own airfares, accommodation, and road transport costs. This tour is, in part, a charity initiative. (I am happy to provide full details for anyone interested) The young person's name, we seek to help is Jasmine La Pira and she has been with us since her childhood days. She is now 20 years old and working at Aldi to fund her participation in the performance tour with Nuworks. Jasmine's mother is in no position to help her financially. In fact, without divulging personal family private details, throughout the years, life has not been easy for Jasmine and her mother. Jasmine's story is particularly devastating. Jasmine is a beautiful dancer but was last year diagnosed with MS. Jasmine has spent some extremely stressful and near heart-breaking time in Monash Hospital. Heavy doses of steroids seem to have helped, still she could not get to see a specialist until after the Christmas holiday period. The diagnosis confirmed, Jasmine now has a team of specialists including a physiotherapist and psychologist to help.		
Council Department Providing Commentary: Community Services		
Monash Community Grants History (if applicable):		
CASH		
YEAR	CASH REQUESTED	CASH ALLOCATED
2024	\$1000	
IN-KIND		
YEAR	HALL HIRE REQUESTED	HALL HIRE ALLOCATED
Commentary Regarding Councillor Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application does not meet the requirements of the City of Monash Community Grants Program, as the request relates to an individual and covers costs including travel. • The application does not meet the requirements of the Quick Response Grants. 		

Attachment 8.2.1 Jasmine- Nuworks Theatre- Officer's response Commentary

- Applicant is Nuworks Theatre company an independent not for profit organisation operating since 1988. The theatre is base in Cheltenham which is not in the City of Monash.
- Whilst the person they seek funding on behalf of Jasmine La Pira is a is a resident of City of Monash she is not an artist with an ABN.
- This application may be considered under eligibility criteria one located within the Council Discretionary Fund Policy which states 'the activity or project being funded must clearly target City of Monash residents and provide a direct service/function to local groups or individual.'

**Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting [DAY MONTH YEAR]**

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual: Rotary Club of Mount Waverley		Reference: D24-67158	
Description and Amount Requested: Fundraising Trivia Evening seeking \$309.60 to cover the Hall Hire fees.			
Council Department Providing Commentary: Community Services			
Monash Community Grants History (if applicable):			
CASH			
YEAR	CASH REQUESTED	CASH ALLOCATED	
IN-KIND			
YEAR	HALL HIRE REQUESTED	HALL HIRE ALLOCATED	
Commentary Regarding Councillor Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request:			
<p>This group meets regularly at The Village Green Hotel, a venue that has Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs), as outlined in their application. As per the endorsed Public Health Approach to Gambling Harm Policy, Council does not provide resources, including our facilities, to organisations or groups that promote gambling.</p> <p>If this group were to apply for funding through the Monash Community Grants Program or Quick Response Grants program they would be deemed ineligible due to where they hold regular meetings (outlined above).</p>			

**Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting [29 March 2024]**

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual: Mount View Primary School- Art Show		Reference: D24-67619	
Description and Amount Requested: Seeking partial funding for prizes relating to the annual Art Show. Best Acrylic Painting \$1000 Best Oil Painting \$1000 Best Pastel Painting \$1000 Best 2D Other Medium Artwork \$1000 Best 3-Dimensional Artwork \$1000 Emerging Artists (12-18 years) \$500			
Council Department Providing Commentary: Community Services			
Monash Community Grants History (if applicable):			
CASH			
YEAR	CASH REQUESTED	CASH ALLOCATED	
IN-KIND			
YEAR	HALL HIRE REQUESTED	HALL HIRE ALLOCATED	
Commentary Regarding Councillor Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request: If this application was received through the MCGP or QRG it would be deemed ineligible for funding as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant is the funding responsibility of another tier of government (State) • Fundraising activities are ineligible for all applicants except local service organisations. 			

**Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 26 March 2024
Council Officer Commentary**

Requesting Organisation/Individual: Lili Cavanagh (Individual)		Reference: D24-69308	
Description and Amount Requested: Seeking \$1000 to cover partial costs for transport, uniforms, accommodation, food and meals during the Australian Women's Baseball Championships			
Council Department Providing Commentary: Community Services			
Monash Community Grants History (if applicable):			
CASH			
YEAR	CASH REQUESTED	CASH ALLOCATED	
IN-KIND			
YEAR	HALL HIRE REQUESTED	HALL HIRE ALLOCATED	
Commentary Regarding Councillor Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request:			
Individuals are not eligible for funding through the community grants program.			
Funding individuals to pursue sporting interests is at the discretion of Councillors however needs to be considered in the context of the range of individual interests including academic, musical and art, and the multitude of representative possibilities that makes funding one individual over another problematic.			
It is also noted that this person received funding approximately 12 months ago.			

**Council’s Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request
Council Meeting 26 March 2024**

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual: Rajesh Chopra (Individual)		Reference: D24-77789
Description and Amount Requested: Seeking \$758.40 to cover the cost for screening of a short film on Domestic Violence on men.		
Council Department Providing Commentary: Community Services		
Monash Community Grants History (if applicable):		
CASH		
YEAR	CASH REQUESTED	CASH ALLOCATED
IN-KIND		
YEAR	HALL HIRE REQUESTED	HALL HIRE ALLOCATED
Commentary Regarding Councillor Discretionary Expenditure Fund Request: If this application was submitted to the Monash Community Grants Program or Quick Response Grant program it would not be supported as individuals are ineligible to receive funding.		