

7.2.5 CIVIC SUPPORT FUND - OCTOBER 2026

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Notes the following application received for October 2026 under Civic Support Fund.

	APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED
A	Christy Nallaratnam	AI Training for Seniors	\$1000.00

2. Notes the officer's recommendation is to not approve application A for funding in accordance with the Civic Support Fund Policy.
3. Resolves to not approve application A.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

A healthy, safe and connected community

A community where all people have the opportunity to experience enhanced levels of social, emotional, and physical wellbeing.

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 29 September 2026, \$1,591.00 has been awarded to three (3) Civic Support Fund Recipients.

DISCUSSION

Council received one (1) application for support for October 2026.

Following the panel's assessment of the applications in accordance with the guidelines of the Civic Support Policy, this application has not been recommended for funding.

The Civic Support Policy provides Councillors with a framework to provide small grants to the 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 agrees with the officer recommendation as set out in this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Christy Nallaratnam - Civic Support Fund Officer Review and Recommendation [**7.2.5.1** - 2 pages]

Civic Support Fund – Officer Comment

Council Meeting - 27-Oct-2026

Council Officer Commentary

Requesting Organisation/Individual		EDNA Reference			
Christy Nallaratnam		D26-376333			
Description of the application:					
Funding of a range of AI subscription services to enable delivery of AI for Everyone - Digital Literacy Classes for Seniors					
Amount Requested:	\$1000				
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, but given this applicant's connections to community organisations could easily find an auspice. This application is not recommended for funding. While the concept of this application is good, providing AI literacy classes to seniors, the funding requested is above the cap for an individual and does not reflect costs involved in delivering the classes (like venue hire as no venue has been indicated or coordinating costs) but subscriptions to AI services. This does not represent value for the community at this stage of the application. With more development of the when and where classes are to take place, this could be applied for with an auspice through the Quick Response Grants program.		