

**Report to the Future Melbourne (Finance and Governance)
Committee**

Agenda item 6.5

Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Second Quarter 2014–15

10 February 2015

Presenter: Martin Cutter, Director City Business

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of the projects supported through the allocation of discretionary funding for the second quarter of the 2014–15 financial year in accordance with Future Melbourne Committee requirements.

Key issues

2. Total discretionary funding allocated during the second quarter of the 2014–15 financial year was \$129,992. The individual items funded are listed in Attachment 2.
3. This funding has been met within an existing 2014–15 budget allocation of \$300,000 held within the City Business Division comprising:
 - 3.1. \$200,000 for Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships (year to date allocation \$192,832, unexpended funds \$7,168).
 - 3.2. \$70,000 for Council support of the same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue (year to date allocation \$47,774, unexpended funds \$22,226).
 - 3.3. \$30,000 for Council support of the same via purchase of table sponsorships (year to date allocation \$20,342, unexpended funds \$9,658).
4. As at the end of the second quarter, unexpended funds in the total \$300,000 budget for 2014–15 were \$39,052.
5. The total value of discretionary in-kind waivers approved for the second quarter was \$20,260. Details are listed in Attachment 2.

Recommendation from management

6. That the Future Melbourne Committee receives the report on the allocation of discretionary funds for the second quarter of the 2014–15 financial year.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment
2. List of distributed funds

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation from management.

Finance

2. The financial implications are contained in the body of the report.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Stakeholder consultation

4. Stakeholder consultation has not been undertaken in the formulation of this report.

Relation to Council policy

5. The City of Melbourne has a number of formal funding programs that have been established to meet Council policy objectives within the Council Plan. Current grants programs include support for arts and culture, events, small business and export, sport and recreation and community services.
6. Discretionary funds are allocated from time to time to requests made outside of the normal funding program planning and funding cycles, subject to meeting the criteria established via Future Melbourne Committee resolution on 9 July 2013. This criteria states that requests for discretionary funding will only be considered if:
 - 6.1. They are received with a lead time of greater than 90 days to the date of the event (with the exception of table sponsorships).
 - 6.2. They would be ineligible for funding from existing programs.

Environmental sustainability

7. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability arising from or related to the recommendation in this report.

List Of Distributed Funds

Table 1: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Donation, in association with fundraising concert held	Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra	4 November 2014	\$4,000	Approved by Council, 28 October 2014
Contribution towards Stella Young memorial event	N/A (friends of Stella Young; and Megafun Pty Ltd, as event organisers)	19 December 2014	\$24,832	Approved by Council, 16 December 2014
Funding for the BlackBOX exhibition to be held in the City of Milan (Expo in Citta)	Comune de Milano/Melbourne Movement	May to October 2015	\$70,000	Approved by Council, 30 September 2014*
Funding towards costs of risk management consultant for 2015 ANZAC Day March and 100th Year Commemoration	RSL	25 April 2015	\$10,000	Approved by Council, 16 December 2014
Sub-total:			\$108,832	
Adjustments: None.			\$0	
TOTAL:			\$108,832	

*Omitted in error from first quarter 2014-15 report

Table 2: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Use of Melbourne Town Hall: Filming on Portico balcony	Invest Victoria	31 October 2014	\$403	Approved by Council, 28 October 2014
Use of Melbourne Town Hall: Contribution towards Stella Young memorial event	N/A (friends of Stella Young; and Megafun Pty Ltd, as event organisers)	19 December 2014	\$14,395	Approved by Council, 16 December 2014
Sub-total:			\$14,798	
Adjustments: (1) -\$110: Presentation of the 2013 Clarke Silver Medal in the Melbourne Room (estimated costs did not eventuate).			-\$110	
TOTAL:			\$14,688	

Table 3: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via purchase of table sponsorships

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Table sponsorship: Chinese New Year Celebratory Dinner	Museum of Chinese Australian History	6 February 2015	\$3,800	Approved by Council, 16 December 2014
Table sponsorship: The Lady Mayoress' Committee Annual Christmas Luncheon	Lord Mayors' Charitable Foundation	5 December 2014	\$1,250	Approved by Council, 28 October 2014
Table sponsorship: The Chinese New Year Charity Ball 2015	Australian Chinese Events Committee	21 February 2015	\$1,527	Approved by Council, 25 November 2014
Sub-total:			\$6,577	
Adjustments: Minor amendments required to ensure correct tax treatment: (1) -\$105: The Asian Executive celebration for the Diwali Cultural Luminance;			-\$105	
TOTAL:			\$6,472	
GRAND TOTAL:			\$129,992	

Table 4: Council support under this program for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via waived fees

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Banner fee waiver for the Strictly Ballroom Musical (excluding installation or removal costs)	Global Creatures	14 January 2015 onwards	\$20,000	Approved by Council, 28 October 2014
Stella Young Memorial Event - waiving of fees associated with securing car parks on Collins Street so as to allow an extended pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons	N/A (friends of Stella Young; and Megafun Pty Ltd, as event organisers)	19 December 2014	\$260	Approved by Council, 16 December 2014
Sub-total:			\$20,260	
Adjustments: Minor amendments:			\$0	
TOTAL WAIVED FEES:			\$20,260	