

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

Agenda item 6.1

Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Third Quarter 2015–16

3 May 2016

Presenter: Martin Cutter, Director City Economy and Activation

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 third quarter of the 2015–16 financial year in accordance with Future Melbourne Committee requirements.

Key issues

2. Total discretionary funding allocated during the third quarter of the 2015–16 financial year was \$50,181. The individual items funded are listed in Attachment 2.
3. This funding was within an existing 2015–16 budget allocation of \$300,000 held within the City Economy and Activation Group 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 \$157,318 unexpended funds \$42,682).
 - 3.2. \$70,000 for Council support of the same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue (year to date allocation \$65,535, unexpended funds \$4,465).
 - 3.3. \$30,000 for Council support of the same via purchase of table sponsorships (year to date allocation \$31,437, unexpended funds \$NIL). It is noted that the overrun in this particular budget line is offset within the overall discretionary funds budget.
4. As at the end of the third quarter, the net unexpended funds in the total \$300,000 budget for 2015–16 was \$45,710.
5. The total value of discretionary in-kind waivers approved for the third quarter was \$22,542. 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 third quarter of the 2015–16 financial year.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 5)
2. List of Distributed Funds (Page 3 of 5)

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. A number of formal funding programs 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
Funding support request for payment of Drill Hall fees for the presentation of Black Mist White Rain speaking tour from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)	AMES Australia	5 April 2016	\$227	Approved by Council, 23 February 2016
Funding to CNY United Pty Ltd for the 2016 Chinese New Year Melbourne Festival.	CNY United Pty Ltd	25 February 2016	\$25,000	Approved by Council, 23 February 2016
Funding support request from Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (CRCWSC) for conference proposal	Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities	27 to 29 June 2016	\$5,000	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Funding support request from the Banksia Foundation for the 2016 Banksia Sustainable Cities Award	Banksia Environmental Foundation	To be confirmed	\$8,000	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Sub-total:			\$38,227	
Adjustments: (1) -\$4,000 CANCELLED funding to Channel 31 for new series of Sacred Spaces, was approved by Council, 24 Nov 2015.			-\$4,000	
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			\$34,227	
Year to Date Cumulative Total:				
Opening Balance at 1 January 2016			\$123,091	
Closing Balance at 31 March 2016			\$157,318	

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: Funding support request for a problem gambling relapse program work shop sessions	Chrysalis Insight Inc	To be confirmed	\$2,840	Approved by Council, 23 February 2016
Use of Melbourne Town Hall: Funding support request for a Women Mayor's forum and informal cocktail reception	Australian Local Government Women's Association	28 April 2016	\$1,480	Approved by Council, 23 February 2016
Use of Melbourne Town Hall: Funding support request to light up the Town Hall in 'Purple'	Epilepsy Foundation	26 March 2016	\$2,191	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Use of Melbourne Town Hall: Funding support request to light up the Town Hall in 'Blue' for International Day of Awareness for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)	Emerge Australia	12 May 2016	\$2,191	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Use of Melbourne Town Hall: Funding support request for the 2016 Banksia Sustainable Cities Award function	Banksia Environmental Foundation	To be confirmed	\$3,220	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Sub-total:			\$11,922	
Adjustments: Minor amendments required to ensure correct costs reported (estimated costs did not eventuate): (1) -\$2,366 "White Night" event.			-\$2,366	
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			\$9,556	
Year to Date Cumulative Total:				
Opening Balance at 1 January 2016			\$55,979	
Closing Balance at 31 March 2016			\$65,535	

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: The Annual Melbourne Press Club Quill Awards	Melbourne Press Club	18 March 2016	\$1,773	Approved by Council, 23 February 2016
Table sponsorship: The Annual Business Awards Gala Dinner	Hong Kong Australia Business Association	12 August 2016	\$3,000	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Table sponsorship: 2016 Africa Day Australia Gala Dinner	Africa Day Australia Inc	28 May 2016	\$1,400	Approved by Council, 22 March 2016
Sub-total:			\$6,173	
Adjustments: Minor amendments required to ensure correct tax treatment: (1) +\$225 2015 Midwinta Gala Ball.			\$225	
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			\$6,398	
	Year to Date Cumulative Total:			
	Opening Balance at 1 January 2016		\$25,039	
	Closing Balance at 31 March 2016		\$31,437	
GRAND TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			\$50,181	
	Year to Date Cumulative Grand Total:			
	Opening Balance at 1 January 2016		\$204,109	
	Closing Balance at 31 March 2016		\$254,290	

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
Waiving of hire fees for banner promotion for Jurassic World: The Exhibition 2016	Victorian Major Events Company	To be confirmed	\$22,542	Approved by Council, 23 February 2016
Sub-total:			\$22,542	
Adjustments: None.			\$0	
TOTAL WAIVED FEES:			\$22,542	
<i>Year to Date Cumulative Total:</i>				
Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 1 January 2016			\$216,472	
Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 31 March 2016			\$239,014	