

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

Agenda item 6.3

Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Second quarter 2016–17

21 February 2017

Presenter: Katrina McKenzie, 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 second quarter of the 2016–17 financial year in accordance with Future Melbourne Committee requirements.

Key issues

2. Total discretionary funding allocated during the second quarter of the 2016–17 financial year was \$9249 (see Grand Total, underneath Table 3, Attachment 2). The individual items funded are listed in Attachment 2.
3. This funding was within an existing 2016–17 budget allocation of \$250,000 held within the City Economy and Activation Group comprising:
 - 3.1. \$150,000 for Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships (year to date allocation \$25,500, unexpended funds \$124,500).
 - 3.2. \$70,000 for Council support of the same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue (year to date allocation \$15,063, unexpended funds \$54,937).
 - 3.3. \$30,000 for Council support of the same via purchase of table sponsorships (year to date allocation \$9976, unexpended funds \$39,976).
4. As at the end of the second quarter, the net unexpended funds in the total \$250,000 budget for 2016–17 were \$219,413.
5. The total value of discretionary in-kind waivers approved for the second quarter was \$2575. Details are listed in Table 4, 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 2016–17 financial year.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (page 2 of 6)
2. List of Distributed Funds (page 3 of 6)

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 for the Horn of Africa/Multicultural Football Festival	United Through Football Inc	23-31 December 2016	\$7,000	Approved by Council, 20 December 2016
Sub-total:			\$7,000	
Adjustments: <None.>			\$0	
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			\$7,000	
	<i>Year to Date Cumulative Total:</i>			
	Opening Balance at 1 October 2016		\$18,500	
	Closing Balance at 31 December 2016		\$25,500	

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
Request to light up the Melbourne Town Hall in purple to promote epilepsy awareness	Epilepsy Foundation	26 March 2017	\$1,468	Approved by Council, 29 November 2016
GoWomenLG Cocktail Event at Melbourne Town Hall	Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)	15 December 2016	\$2,004	Approved by Council, 29 November 2016
Hosting of the first National Council of Women (Victoria) meeting of 2017 at Melbourne Town Hall	National Council of Women (Victoria)	2 February 2017	\$918	Approved by Council, 20 December 2016

Sub-total: **\$4,390**

Adjustments: Minor amendments required to ensure correct costs reported (estimated costs did not eventuate): **-\$941**

(1) Pancare Foundation Town Hall lighting: \$1,469 actual costs vs \$2,410 estimated costs

TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER: **\$3,449**

Year to Date Cumulative Total:

Opening Balance at 1 October 2016 \$11,614

Closing Balance at 31 December 2016 \$15,063

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
< Not Applicable >				

Sub-total:		\$0
Adjustments: Minor amendments required: (1) Metropolitan Fire Brigade Gala Ball for 125 years of service: table purchase cancelled.		-\$1,200
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:		-\$1,200
	Year to Date Cumulative Total:	
	Opening Balance at 1 October 2016	-\$8,776
	Closing Balance at 31 December 2016	-\$9,976
GRAND TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:		\$9,249
	Year to Date Cumulative Grand Total:	
	Opening Balance at 1 October 2016	\$21,338
	Closing Balance at 31 December 2016	\$30,587

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
Fee waivers for the Horn of Africa/Multicultural Football Festival	United Through Football Inc	23-31 December 2016	\$2,575	Approved by Council, 20 December 2016

Sub-total:

\$2,575

Adjustments: None.

\$0

TOTAL WAIVED FEES:

\$2,575

Year to Date Cumulative Total:

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 1 October 2016

\$24,000

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 31 December 2016

\$26,575