

Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.7

Funding Support Requests December 2019

Council

Presenter: Katrina McKenzie, General Manager City Economy and Activation

10 December 2019

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council as to whether recent requests for funding should be funded from the discretionary fund.
2. In July 2013, the Future Melbourne Committee considered the process for funding items of a discretionary nature and resolved that, from 31 July 2013, only the following items would be considered:
 - 2.1. Those items that are received with a lead time of greater than 90 days to the date of the event (except for table sponsorships).
 - 2.2. Those items ineligible for funding from existing programs.
3. The recent requests for funding (refer Attachment 2) are outside the normal Event Partnership Program, Business Events, Community Grants and Art Grants funding cycle. In summary, these are:
 - 3.1. A request to purchase a table of ten to the Australia China Business Council high tea on the 5 March 2020 (\$1600 inclusive of GST).
 - 3.2. A request to purchase a table of ten to the TEN Women Major Charity Event on 19 June 2020 (\$3500).

Key issues

4. Management's comments on the merits or otherwise, of the funding request have been included in Attachment 3.

Recommendation from management

5. That Council:
 - 5.1. Approves the purchase of a table of ten to the Australia China Business Council International Women's Day Gala Event on 5 March 2020 to the value of \$1600 inclusive of GST.
 - 5.2. Approves the purchase of a table of ten to the TEN Women Major Charity Event on 19 June 2020 to the value of \$3500.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 4)
2. Request for funding (Page 3 of 4)
3. Outline of Funding/Support Requests (Page 4 of 4)

Supporting Attachment**Legal**

1. No direct legal issues arise from the recommendation from management.

Finance

2. The funding requests would, if approved, be paid from Council's 2019–20 Budget, which includes discretionary funding of \$250,000 with a breakdown as follows:
 - 2.1. \$150,000 for Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships.
 - 2.2. \$70,000 for Council support of same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue.
 - 2.3. \$30,000 for Council support of same via purchase of table sponsorships.
3. If Council approves the recommendation as listed in this report, the effect on the 2019–20 discretionary budget would be as follows:

Type	2019–20 Annual Budget	Year to Date Committed Expenditure	Recommended funding in this report	Remaining funds if recommendations approved
Sponsorships	\$ 150,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 145,000
Town Hall usage	\$ 70,000	\$ 1,690	\$ 0	\$ 68,310
Table sponsorships	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,010	\$ 5,100	\$ 9,890
Total	\$ 250,000	\$ 21,700	\$ 5,100	\$ 223,200

Conflict of interest

4. No other 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.

Health and Safety

5. In developing this proposal, no Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

6. No external consultation has been undertaken as this is an internal matter.

Relation to Council policy

7. The report is consistent with overall strategies contained in the Council Plan.

Environmental sustainability

8. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability.

Table 1: FUNDING SUPPORT REQUESTS

Criteria	A request to purchase a table to the Australia China Business Council International Women's Day Gala Event on the 5 March 2020	A request to purchase a table of ten to the TEN Women Major Charity Event on 19 June 2020
<i>Date Funding Support Request received</i>	28 November 2019	2 December 2019
<i>Could applicant have submitted their request as part of a grant application process or is it eligible under a grant process?</i>	No	No
<i>Is Management supportive of request for funding?</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Is there significant support from one or more of the Councillors, in particular if it relates to their portfolio or if it supports a Council goal?</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Amount of Fee waiver or Funding requested</i>	\$1600 inclusive of GST	\$3500
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<i>Council/Committee Date</i>	10 December 2019	10 December 2019

Outline of Funding / Support Requests

1. A request to purchase a table to the Australia China Business Council International Women's Day Gala Event on the 5 March 2020 (\$1600 inc. GST)

Council has received a request to purchase a table to the Australia China Business Council International Women's Day Gala Event which will be a high tea at the Grand Hyatt.

Guests will hear from speakers including Cathy Foley, Chief Scientist, CSIRO and Katrina Sedgwick, Director and CEO, ACMI. Rob Gell AM, Executive Director, ReThink Sustainability will facilitate an interactive conversation with the speakers. Panellists will also share their advice regarding the promotion of diversity and how this stands to bring about benefits for individuals and the broader community.

Management Recommendation

Management is supportive of Council purchasing one table for ten people at the Australia China Business Council International Women's Day Gala Event to the value of \$1600 inclusive of GST.

2. A request to purchase a table of ten to the TEN Women Major Charity Event on 19 June 2020 (\$3500)

Council has received a request to purchase a table of ten to the TEN Women Major Charity Event.

The event is being held on Friday 19 June 2020 at Mural Hall. TEN Women is led by 10 senior women in the property and construction industry in Melbourne with a mandate to connect and empower women to create a meaningful impact in the property industry.

This will be the second TEN Women Major Charity Event with the inaugural 2019 event raising over \$250,000 for our charity partner Housing All Australians. This year, the chosen charity partner is Lighthouse. The money raised at the 2020 TEN Women Major Charity Event will specifically be directed to developing a home for vulnerable women. Lighthouse will direct the funds to provide a safe, comfortable place to live, therapeutic care and support for women to reclaim their lives.

Management Recommendation

Management is supportive of Council purchasing one table for ten people at the TEN Women Major Charity Event on 19 June 2020 to the value of \$3500.