

## Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.2

### Funding Support Request June 2023

Council

**Presenter:** Katrina McKenzie, General Manager City Economy and Activation

**27 June 2023**

#### 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 via 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 request for funding (refer to Attachment 2) is outside the normal Event Partnership Program, Business Events, Community Grants and Art Grants funding cycle.
4. The request for funding is for the purchase of one table for the Hong Kong Australia Business Association (HKABA) Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner on 27 July 2023 to the value of \$5000 including GST.

#### Key issues

5. Management's comments on the merits or otherwise, of the funding request have been included in Attachment 2.

#### Recommendation from management

6. That Council approves the purchase of one table for the Hong Kong Australia Business Association Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner to be held on 27 July 2023 to the value of \$5000 including GST.

#### Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 3)
2. Funding support request - HKABA Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner (Page 3 of 3)

**Supporting Attachment**

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**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 Budget 2022–23, which includes discretionary funding of \$150,000 for various items as follows:
  - 2.1 Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships.
  - 2.2 Council support of same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue.
  - 2.3 Council support of same via purchase of table sponsorships.
3. If Council approves the recommendation as listed in this report, the effect on the 2022–23 discretionary budget would be as follows:

|                            | <b>2022–23 Budget</b> | <b>Year to date committed expenditure</b> | <b>Recommended funding in this report</b> | <b>Remaining funds if recommendation approved</b> |
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| <b>Summary of requests</b> | <b>\$150,000</b>      | <b>\$67,155</b>                           | <b>\$4,545*</b><br>* excludes GST         | <b>\$78,300</b>                                   |

**Conflict of interest**

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

**Health and Safety**

5. In developing this proposal, no occupational health and safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

**Stakeholder consultation**

6. No external consultation has been undertaken.

**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 REQUEST

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| Criteria   | Purchase one table of ten seats for the HKABA Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner on 27 July 2023 (Including GST). |
| Date Funding Support Request received  | 11 May 2023   |
| Could applicant have submitted their request as part of a grant application process or is it eligible under a grant process?                       | No  |
| Is Management supportive of request for funding?   | Yes   |
| 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? | Yes   |
| Amount of Fee waiver or Funding requested  | \$5000 including GST  |
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| Council/Committee Date   | 27 June 2023  |

### Outline of Funding Support Request

Purchase one table of ten seats for the HKABA Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner \$5000 including GST.

A request has been received for the City of Melbourne to purchase a table of ten seats for the HKABA Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner. The event is being held on Thursday 27 July 2023 at Palladium at Crown.

HKABA, initiated by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was established in 1987 to reinforce economic ties between Hong Kong and Australia.

HKABA provides networking opportunities on which strong trading and investment links are built between Hong Kong companies and Australian companies.

Further information about the organisation and [event](#) can be found on the organisation's [website](#).

### Management Recommendation

Management is supportive of the purchase of one table of ten seats at the HKABA Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner, to the value of \$5000 including GST.