

11 December 2018

Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Funding request

Motion

That Council:

1. Allocates \$30,000 from the Discretionary Fund to La Mama as a contribution towards the preparation and lodgement of Heritage, Planning and Building permit applications and associated documentation to support a rebuild of La Mama Theatre at 205-207 Faraday Street, Carlton, following the fire that occurred on 19 May 2018; and
2. Notes that this contribution has no bearing on the City of Melbourne in its statutory roles of assessing and/or determining any referrals or permit applications.

Background

Councillors have received a request for funds from La Mama to contribute towards consultant and lodgement fees for heritage, planning and building permit application requirements to facilitate the rebuild of the La Mama Theatre, which was significantly damaged by fire on 19 May 2018.

The State Government has pledged \$1 million towards the rebuild proper.

La Mama is a recipient of a City of Melbourne Triennial Arts Grant. La Mama Theatre is on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Given the particular circumstances impacting La Mama, and without setting a precedent, the motion seeks to provide La Mama with adequate cash to facilitate the various statutory requirements and associated professional consultant input to progress planning, heritage and building permit applications for a theatre rebuild, in recognition of the state heritage significance of La Mama Theatre and the unique contribution that La Mama makes to the arts in Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Rohan Leppert

Seconded: Lord Mayor Cr Sally Capp