

**Management report to Council**

**Agenda item 6.9**

**Funding Support Requests May 2021**

**Council**

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

**25 May 2021**

**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 request for funding (refer Attachment 2) is outside the normal Event Partnership Program, Business Events, Community Grants and Art Grants funding cycle. In summary, this is:
  - 3.1. Purchase of one table for the Museum of Chinese Australian History Building Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner on 22 June to the value of \$1600.

**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 approves the purchase of one table for the Museum of Chinese Australian History Building Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner to be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 to the value of \$1600.

**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 2020-21 Budget, 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 2020-21 discretionary budget would be as follows:

2020-21 Annual budget	Year to Date committed expenditure	Recommended funding in this report	Remaining funds if recommendations approved
\$150,000	\$11,425	\$1,600	\$136,975

- 3.1 Figures in 'Year to Date committed expenditure' and 'Remaining Funds' have been updated since the April 2021 Funding Support Requests report to include commitments previously approved by Council but not yet incurred.

**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 as this is an internal matter.

**Relation to Council policy (if applicable)**

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

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Purchase one table of eight for the Museum of Chinese Australian History Building Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner</b>
<i>Date Funding Support Request received</i>	15 May 2021
<i>Could applicant have submitted their request as part of a grant application process or is it eligible under a grant process?</i>	No
<i>Is Management supportive of request for funding?</i>	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
<i>Amount of Fee waiver or Funding requested</i>	\$1600
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<i>Council/Committee Date</i>	25 May 2021

### **Outline of Funding / Support Requests**

#### **1. Purchase one table of eight for the Museum of Chinese Australian History Building Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner (\$1600)**

A request has been received for the City of Melbourne to purchase a table of eight for the Building Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner, organised by the Museum of Chinese Australian History. The event is being held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 at the Museum.

Located in Melbourne's Chinatown, the Chinese Museum was established in 1985 and works to research, preserve and present Chinese culture and Australian history, and to recognise and celebrate the identity of Chinese Australians.

Their Redevelopment Building Project aims to increase and improve their facilities and to enable the Museum to create more cultural and historical programs that celebrate the culture of Chinese Australians.

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

#### *Management Recommendation*

Management is supportive of the purchase of one table of eight at the Museum of Chinese Australian History Building Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner, to the value of \$1600.