

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

Agenda item 6.5

Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Fourth quarter 2017–18

7 August 2018

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 fourth quarter of the 2017–18 financial year in accordance with Future Melbourne Committee requirements.

Key issues

2. Total discretionary funding allocated during the fourth quarter of the 2017–18 financial year was \$22,230 (see grand total, underneath Table 3, Attachment 2). The individual items funded are listed in Attachment 2.
3. This funding was within an existing 2017–18 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 \$111,622, unexpended funds \$38,378).
 - 3.2. \$70,000 for Council support of the same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue (year to date allocation \$66,362, unexpended funds \$3,638).
 - 3.3. \$30,000 for Council support of the same via purchase of table sponsorships (year to date allocation \$42,821, unexpended funds \$NIL). Note the overrun in this particular category is offset by underspend in the cash sponsorships category.
4. As at the end of the fourth quarter, the net unexpended funds in the total \$250,000 budget for 2017–18 were \$29,195.
5. The total value of discretionary in-kind waivers approved for the fourth quarter was \$15,955. Refer Table 4, Attachment 2.

Recommendation from management

6. That the Future Melbourne Committee receives the report on the allocation of discretionary funds for the fourth quarter of the 2017–18 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.
7. At its meeting on 18 July 2017 the Future Melbourne Committee passed a resolution in relation to City of Melbourne Support for the War on Waste. Under this resolution, an amount of up to \$50,000 was allocated from the 2017–18 discretionary fund towards a short term (July 2017 to end of November 2017) “Single-use waste reduction fund”, with any eligible individual business being eligible for a grant of up to \$2,000. Successful recipients of this funding were disclosed on a prior report to the Future Melbourne Committee.

Environmental sustainability

8. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability arising from or related to the recommendation in this report.
9. The “Single-use waste reduction fund” is intended to produce environmental sustainability benefits as referred to in the resolution concerning this matter within the minutes of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of 18 July 2017.

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
Sponsorship of the Alma Doepel 'Voyage of a Lifetime' Luncheon	Sail & Adventure Limited	24 August 2018	\$1,500	Approved by Council, 29 May 2018
Sub-total:			\$1,500	
Adjustments:			-\$5,187	
(1) -\$2,000: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Bright Sparks - funding awarded was not taken up;				
(2) -\$1,290: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Sbriga Espresso Bar - funding awarded was not taken up;				
(3) -\$1,290: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Bueller Canteen - funding awarded was returned;				
(4) -\$182: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Collins Square - to ensure correct tax treatment;				
(5) -\$164: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Section 8 - to ensure correct tax treatment;				
(6) -\$164: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Spring Street Grocer - to ensure correct tax treatment;				
(7) -\$91: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: Lulu Cafe and Gallery - to ensure correct tax treatment;				
(8) -\$7: Single-use Waste Reduction Fund: funding not utilised.				
TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:			-\$3,687	
Year to Date Cumulative Total:				
Opening Balance at 1 April 2018			\$115,309	
Closing Balance at 30 June 2018			\$111,622	

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 the Town Hall in Blue to raise awareness of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)	Emerge Australia	12 May 2018	\$1,737	Approved by Council, 24 April 2018
Request to light the Town Hall in cornflower blue to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease	FightMND Foundation	8 to 11 June 2018	\$4,509	Approved by Council, 24 April 2018
Support for the Mental Health Month launch at the Town Hall	Mental Health Foundation Australia	7-13 October 2018	\$2,000	Approved by Council, 29 May 2018
Support the awards event celebrating the Top 50 Public Sector Women (Victoria) at the Town Hall	Davidson Group	22 August 2018	\$2,000	Approved by Council, 29 May 2018

Sub-total:**\$10,246****Adjustments:****-\$3,362**

(1) -\$1,116: Farewell reception for 2018 Melbourne to Osaka Double-Handed Yacht Race - expected costs did not eventuate;

(2) -\$1,658: Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation - expected costs did not eventuate;

(3) -\$406: Road Trauma Support Services Victoria - expected costs did not eventuate;

(4) -\$182: Australian Local Government Women's Association function - expected costs did not eventuate.

TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:**\$6,884*****Year to Date Cumulative Total:***

Opening Balance at 1 April 2018

\$59,478

Closing Balance at 30 June 2018

\$66,362

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
Table sponsorship: Africa Day Gala Dinner	Africa Day Australia	26 May 2018	\$2,980	Approved by Council, 24 April 2018
Table sponsorship: Committee for Melbourne's 2018 Annual Dinner	Committee for Melbourne	10 May 2018	\$5,775	Approved by Council, 24 April 2018
Table sponsorship: Alma Doepel 'Voyage of a Lifetime' Luncheon	Sail & Adventure Limited	24 August 2018	\$955	Approved by Council, 29 May 2018
Table sponsorship: 2018 Victorian NAIDOC Gala Ball	Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	7 July 2018	\$1,763	Approved by Council, 29 May 2018
Table sponsorship: Midwinta Gala Fundraiser	Midsumma Festival Inc	4 August 2018	\$3,675	Approved by Council, 26 June 2018
Table sponsorship: Hong Kong Australia Business Association Annual Business Awards Gala Dinner	Hong Kong Australia Business Association	24 August 2018	\$4,000	Approved by Council, 26 June 2018

Sub-total:**\$19,147****Adjustments:****-\$114**

(1) -\$114: Italian Gala Ball 2018 and Italian Business Awards 2018 - to ensure correct tax treatment.

TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:**\$19,033*****Year to Date Cumulative Total:***

Opening Balance at 1 April 2018

\$23,788

Closing Balance at 30 June 2018

\$42,821

GRAND TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER - All categories:**\$22,230*****Year to Date Cumulative Grand Total:***

Opening Balance at 1 April 2018

\$198,575

Closing Balance at 30 June 2018

\$220,805

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
Request for Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) permit fee waiver for the Melbourne Russian Festival 2018	Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Victoria	21 April 2018	\$8,720	Approved by Council, 24 April 2018
Request for Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) permit fee waiver for the MS Cycle and Half Marathon 2018 event	MS Australia	15-Apr-18	\$7,235	Approved by Council, 24 April 2018

Sub-total:**\$15,955****Adjustments:** None.**\$0****TOTAL WAIVED FEES:****\$15,955*****Year to Date Cumulative Total:***

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 1 April 2018

\$6,900

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 30 June 2018

\$22,855