

Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.6

Funding Support Requests November 2019

Council

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26 November 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 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. A request from Corpus Medicorum for financial support to provide six student scholarships to participate in the China tour in May 2020 (\$23,400).

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 a contribution of \$5000 to Corpus Medicorum, as well as in-kind support (logo and official messages of support for sister city related activities with key stakeholders in China).

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 recommendations 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	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 145,000
Town Hall usage	\$ 70,000	\$ 1,690	\$ 0	\$ 68,310
Table sponsorships	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,010	\$ 0	\$ 14,990
Total	\$ 250,000	\$ 16,700	\$ 5,000	\$ 228,300

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 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

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	Request from Corpus Medicorum for financial support to provide six student scholarships to participate in the China tour in May 2020
<i>Date Funding Support Request received</i>	10 October 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
<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>	\$23,400
<i>Amount of Fee Waiver or Funding recommended</i>	\$5000
<i>Council/Committee Date</i>	26 November 2019

Outline of Funding / Support Requests

1. Request from Corpus Medicorum for financial support to provide six student scholarships to participate in the China tour in May 2020 (\$23,400)

Council has received a request from Corpus Medicorum to provide funding support for six student scholarships (valued \$3900) to enable medical students who are living, studying or working in the City of Melbourne.

These scholarships enable medical student musicians to participate in their China tour (May 2020). The tour will feature performances in Tianjin, Beijing and Shanghai and anticipates in addition to musical performances, some meetings and site visits with medical representatives.

Council has assisted in the three previous overseas tours undertaken by Corpus Medicorum to our sister cities of St Petersburg, Osaka, Milan and Thessaloniki.

Financial and civic support for student participation in the Corpus Medicorum tour, will demonstrate Council's support for community led activities which support Melbourne's sister city partnerships. This aligns with the Creative City and International Engagement goals of Council Plan 2017-2020.

Management Recommendation

Management is supportive of Council's support of the tour through in-kind support (logo and official messages of support for sister city related activities) with key stakeholders in China and a contribution of \$5000.