

2.1 FUTURE CITY ASSISTANCE FUND - ROUND 2 (SEPTEMBER 2021)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council can approve financial assistance in accordance with Tranche 1 of OC Future City (Resolution 20/294 of 1 September 2020). This financial assistance appears in Programs under Tranche 1.

Council has in place Future City Assistance Fund Guidelines to assess applications received under this Fund. Applications are open in several rounds in the current and the next one or two financial years. This report is the assessment of the applications received in Round 1 (March 2021).

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "9.4 Preserve - Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Future City Assistance Fund \$200,000.00	Actual/ committed
Cost of technical guidance (October 2020)	\$2,220.00
Round 1	\$16,955.16
Total Actual/Committed	\$19,175.16
Remaining Balance	\$180,824.84

Process for applications

A Council resolution is required to allocate funds to any external entity, including as financial assistance.

Applications are considered against the criteria outlined in the Future City Assistance Fund. The Fund is designed to support retail activity, lift the amenity of the CBD and showcase the City's built form.

Council will provide technical guidance and financial assistance to property owners to reinstate and introduce awnings and verandahs along key public streets. The fund will also cover painting and upgrade works to commercial properties in the CBD. It is proposed that Council will provide seed funding for these works at sites in the CBD.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves:

- 1 To place on exhibition for 28 days its intention to provide financial assistance of \$1,805.00 (ex-GST) from the Future City Assistance Fund to the Greek Community of Orange and District (Refurbishment of Façade – 46 McNamara Street, Orange).
- 2 To place on exhibition for 28 days its intention to provide financial assistance of \$5,000.00 (ex GST) from the Future City Assistance Fund to 2nd Orange Scout Club (Refurbishment of Façade – 94 Kite Street, Orange).

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The remaining balance of the Future City Assistance Fund is \$197,780.00.

Summary

No	Applicant	\$Request (ex GST)	\$Recommended
FC5	Greek Community of Orange and District (46 McNamara Street)	\$1,805.00	\$1,805.00
FC6	2nd Orange Scout Group (94 Kite Street)	\$6,800.00	\$5,000.00
	TOTALS	\$8,605.00	\$6,805.00

If the recommendations above are approved, \$180,824.84 will be the remaining balance in the Future City Assistance Fund.

The works proposed are consistent with guidelines. The guidelines do suggest that the proponents source two quotes, however it has been advised that there was some difficulty in securing quotations. This may have also limited the number of applications Council has received, which is the reasoning behind extending the application period to 31 December 2021 as part 5 of the above recommendation.

Level of Funding Available - the maximum level (on average) will be \$5,000.00; greater funding to a maximum of \$10,000.00 may be made if the circumstances warrant.

Application No FC5	Greek Community of Orange and District
Purpose of the Request	
Refurbishment of Front Façade - Greek Community Hall - 46 McNamara Street, Orange The work involves painting of the front facade.	
Amount Requested	
\$1,805.00 (ex GST) - which greater than 50% of the total project cost of \$3,610.00 (ex GST). Two quotations from Orange trades were attached to the application.	
Comment and Recommendation	
In line with the policy. \$1,805.00 (ex GST) recommended.	

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Application No FC6	2nd Orange Scout Group
Purpose of the Request Refurbishment of Front Façade - Scout Hall - 94 Kite Street, Orange The work will involve exterior painting to the main building heritage.	
Amount Requested 6,800.00 - which greater than 50% of the total project cost of \$11,970.00 (ex GST). Two quotations from Orange trades were attached to the application.	
Comment and Recommendation In line with the policy. \$5,000 (ex GST) recommended.	