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COUNCIL MEETING 05/06

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SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS

The following reports appear as late items with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the report was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

MAYORAL MINUTES

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

File Ref: 2228
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MM 16 - REQUEST FOR DONATION TO AUSTRALIA-EAST TIMOR ASSOCIATION (NSW)
For Decision

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Councillors

I have received the **ATTACHED** correspondence **ATTACHMENT 1** from the Australia-East Timor Association (AETA) requesting support for a seminar entitled "Humanitarian Responses to the East Timor Crisis" to be held on Saturday 15 July 2006 at Petersham Town Hall and followed by an acoustic Benefit Concert.

The AETA (NSW) is a voluntary, non party-political body that responds to requests for assistance from members and supporters working in Dili. Official UNHCR estimates now indicate that there are more than 140 000 displaced people in East Timor and that food, water and shelter is in short supply. AETA indicates that it has been informed by the major Non Government Organisations (NGOs) providing assistance in East Timor from Australia that response to their television appeals for financial assistance has been slow. It is for this reason that AETA has requested support from Marrickville Council.

The AETA has sought a waiver of the normal hall hire fee for Petersham Town Hall, funding for the creation of a banner and flyers publicising the event, and suggested a Mayoral/Council Dinner for the East Timorese Ambassador to Australia.

Given Council's proud record of involvement in refugee issues, including publication of a Refugee Position Paper, support of UNHCR World Refugee Day and its status as a Refugee Welcome Zone, I propose that Council support the Seminar proposed by the AETA through in kind donations.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1.   waive the normal Hall hire fee for the seminar;
2.   display a banner, publicising the event from Petersham Town Hall from 8 July to 16 July 2006; and
3.   issue a Press Release publicising the seminar and highlighting the current situation in East Timor.

Clr Sam Byrne
Mayor

ATTACHMENT: Total 3 pages
E-mail correspondence from Jefferson Lee, AETA (NSW)

GM 55 - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO MAYORAL MINUTE - REQUEST FOR DONATION TO AESTA
For Decision

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General Manager reports:

Synopsis

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Background

The Community Grants Policy, which was endorsed by Council at the Community Services Committee meeting of 13 September 2005 (Item CD 20, 08/05) represents Council's requirement to treat all donations for cash or in kind support under a coherent policy framework. This includes requests under the Community Grants Program, the Contingency Program and Notices of Motion.

In 2005/06, $5,000 is set aside for cash or in kind donations that are brought to Council as Notices of Motion. Funds for the Community Grants Program and Contingency Program have been exhausted for this financial year.

Discussion

To assist Council in its decision making an assessment against the Eligibility Criteria under the Community Grants Policy in the **ATTACHED** schedule (**Attachment 1**).

Conclusion

The Community Grants Policy sets a $1,000 limit on donations of cash or in kind support arising from a Notice of Motion, however, Council can resolve to provide additional funding at its discretion. The in kind contribution sought by AETA amounts to $1,656.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1.   the report be received and noted; and

2.   Council provide in kind support to the value of $1,656 in the context of the Mayoral Minute.

ATTACHMENT: Total 1 page
Assessment Schedule

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SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ORGANISATIONS REQUESTING DONATIONS UNDER THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM, PART 3, NOTICES OF MOTION

Eligibility Criteria	Australia-East Timor Association (AETA)
Applicants must be non-profit community organisations who provide services and programs that benefit residents in the Marrickville LGA.	✓ The seminar is to take place in Marrickville (Petersham Town Hall).
Evidence must be provided that the organisation is appropriately incorporated, community based and not conducted for private gain.	✓
Applications must be for specific projects and cannot be considered as a permanent source of funding. Grants will not be given to cover a shortfall in the applicant organisation's general running costs.	✓
Grants will not be provided to political parties.	✓
The organisation must demonstrate a capacity to deliver community services or programs.	✓
The organisation must demonstrate a capacity to deliver community services or programs.	The AETA does not provide 'a direct community service', however, the purpose of the Seminar is consistent with the Council's Social Plan (see below).
The project will contribute to the achievement of the Belonging in Marrickville Social Plan by: • Targeting an appropriate category; • Addressing a key priority under Council's Social Plan (current at the time of the application).	Category: People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds. Priority: Strengthening the Community of Marrickville / Making Marrickville Fairer – Cultural Diversity Plan.
The application must clearly define: • The service or program to be delivered. • How it will be delivered and the resources required to deliver it; • Results to be achieved for the residents of Marrickville.	✓
The project must not have recurrent funding implications.	✓
Each application to be considered in light of other contributions made by Council to the organisation, for example subsidized usage of Council facilities, receipt of other Council grants and resources.	At the Community Services Meeting on 26 July 2005 (CG11) Council resolved to donate $1000 under the Community Grants Contingency Program to the AETA to provide opportunities for women living in East Timor to use their weaving skills to generate income for their families.
Definition does not include government agencies, unless providing a direct community service and benefit to Marrickville residents, or organisation charging a fee for service other than a nominal charge.	✓

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