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# PUBLIC QUESTION RESPONSE

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**Questioner's Details**

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## Question Overview:

I urge the Council to reconsider its decision and provide more substantial support to community organizations like ours that are working tirelessly to promote cultural diversity and engagement within Palmerston.

Can Council clarify why only \$2000 was allocated to the Australian Vietnamese Family Association Inc to deliver the Vietnamese New Year – Tet Festival in Palmerston?

## City of Palmerston Response:

Council has and continues to support a large number and variety of community groups and events within Palmerston through its Community Benefits Grants and Sponsorships based on application and merit.

The Australian Vietnamese Family Association Inc application for total funding sought was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting and the Council determined, with consideration of the application and merits, to provide a grant for this event to the value of \$2000 for 2024, in addition to exclusive use of the Palmerston Recreation Centre for this event. No funding commitment had been made prior to this with the group. The group was informed in advance of the recommendation being made to the Council of the proposed funding level being recommended by officers.

The Australian Vietnamese Family Association Inc was advised of this decision prior to the event being held. The management of the event was and is solely the responsibility of the group.

There is a public report outlining consideration of the application which we encourage the Australian Vietnamese Family Association Inc to review.

Should Australian Vietnamese Family Association Inc wish to make future grant/sponsorship applications to the City of Palmerston for the event in future years they are encouraged to further develop and refine their application.