

Councillor Martin - MoN - Budget Allocation Consideration - Clipper Ship City of Adelaide

Tuesday, 11 March 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

Refers consideration of a budget allocation as part of the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Budget and Business Plan or subsequent quarterly budget considerations, for the sum of \$30,000 toward further works to the historic 1864 clipper ship "City of Adelaide" as outlined in Attachment A.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The clipper ship City of Adelaide is the world's oldest clipper ship. Built in Sunderland, England, and launched on 7 May 1864, the ship made 23 annual return voyages from London and Plymouth to Adelaide.
2. Council has for many years supported the efforts to save the clipper ship City of Adelaide. In 2011-12 Council approved a contribution of \$50,000 in sponsorship for the restoration and transport of the ship to Port Adelaide, which had an estimated cost of \$3 million.
3. In 2016-17 Council funded a \$30,000 project to create 2 replicas of the original City of Adelaide Coat of Arms, with one of the replicas currently on the stern of the clipper ship, the other replica is currently in the City Archives.
4. The attached proposal from the Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Ltd (CSCOAL) seeks funding to support their 2025 repair and maintenance works on the ship's poop deck, which is the area adjoining the stern, adjacent to where the City of Adelaide coat of arms is currently displayed. The proposed works seek to complete the structural and decorative work around the coat of arms on the stern of the vessel, including the carving of the name of the ship "City of Adelaide". An image of the Coat of Arms on the stern of the ship can be found on the [CSCOAL website](#).
5. CSCOAL is a volunteer run, not for profit organisation, dedicated to preserving the historic 1864 City of Adelaide clipper ship. The original wood carving used to make the mould for casting the replica Coat of Arms in 2017 is held at City Archives in Topham Mall and could be used to make a further cast.
6. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a budget bid of \$30,000 will be included for consideration by Council as part of the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget process or subsequent quarterly budget reconsiderations during the 2025/26 financial year.
7. Administration is currently working on a draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget. Any funding to CSCOAL would be in the context of prioritising bids for additional expenditure.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Public consultation for this project will be included as part of the 2024-25 Business Plan and Budget process.
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	Allocation of \$30,000 to be included as a strategic project in the 2025-26 Business Plan and Budget for consideration by Council.
Capital investment	Not Applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not Applicable
Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

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