

Councillor Cabada - MoN - Chinatown Adelaide Lunar New Year Street Party Funding Alignment

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

Contact Officer:
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Community

MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council:

1. Notes that at its meeting on 9 June 2026, Council endorsed funding of \$30,000 per year over four years for Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc.
2. Notes that the South Australian Government has committed \$50,000 per year over four years to Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc.
3. Approves increasing Council's funding commitment to Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. by \$20,000 per year over four years, bringing Council's total contribution to \$50,000 per year, to match the South Australian Government's annual funding commitment for the Lunar New Year Street Party event.
4. Requests that the additional \$20,000 per year be considered through the 2026/27 Quarter 2 Budget Review and relevant forward financial estimates.
5. Requests that Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. provide an annual summary to Council outlining the Lunar New Year Street Party activities supported by the funding and the outcomes achieved.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 June 2026, record that Council endorsed a contribution to Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. (CASA) of \$30,000 per annum for **three** years commencing in the 2026/27 financial year.
2. On 16 June 2026 CASA met with Administration to discuss additional support, resulting in \$10,000 being provided to CASA to support their 2027 Lunar New Year Event, which had already received funding of \$20,000 through the 2025/26 Community Grants program.
3. This means Council's resolution for CASA's Lunar New Year Street Party funding of \$30,000 for 2026/27 has been actioned and implemented in line with the Council decision.

Funding Policy

4. The City of Adelaide Funding Programs Policy states;
 - 4.1. *"Our Funding Programs seek to meet an identified community or business need, encourage innovation, support pilot programs, or complement State and Federal funding through programs that benefit the City of Adelaide."*

- 4.2. And further; *“Council will not fund.... Program or project costs that are covered by other State, Local or Federal governments or philanthropic funding.”*
5. Information submitted by CASA indicates that the 2024 and 2025 Lunar New Year Street Party Events have received funding from both the City of Adelaide and State Government, which has not been equivalent in value. The City of Adelaide provided funding of \$25,000 in both 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support these events.
 6. In alignment with the Funding Policy, Administration would need to ensure that any funding agreement with CASA does not duplicate funding provided by the State Government through its agreement with CASA.
 7. An annual report by CASA acquitting the funding agreement for Lunar New Year Street Party activities has been and would continue to be included as part of the funding agreement outcomes.

Should the motion be supported by Council, 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	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	If the motion is carried, the additional funds required to service CASA would mean less money is available to other grant applicants.
Budget reallocation	Adjustments will need to be made within an existing Community Grants Budget line, meaning that no ‘budget reallocation’ is necessary. However, any increase to the amount being committed to CASA will reduce the amount available to community organisations through other grant funding programs.
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 5.5 hours.

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