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MOTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE MCGILL AFRICAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY FUNDING APPLICATION 2023-02-09

Submitted for: 2023-02-09

Submitted to:	SSMU Legislative Council	Document no.:	LEG-PUB-MOT-2023-02-09-006
Moved by:	Val Masny <i>Vice-President External</i>	Current Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Benson Wan <i>Medicine Representative</i>		

Issue

The Africa Speaks Conference (ASC) is a yearly conference organized by the McGill African Student Society (MASS). Through the ASC, they hope to bring to McGill and Montréal conversations that are relevant to Africans, on the continent and elsewhere. The conference is held yearly for two days in February. With the Gala, it is one of the events that allows MASS to reach outside of the McGill community. The planned venue was not available last minute, causing MASS to require additional funds to pay for a more expensive venue. In addition, they have opted to hire an interpreter for the event.

Background and Rationale

The decision of the funding committee to approve the MASS funding application must be ratified by the Legislative Council at the discretion of the funding committee as this is a large amount.

MASS applied to the SSMU Club Fund as a Full Status-Club, and are eligible for this funding.

In this case, because MASS previously received \$17,000 for this event, the committee felt that in total the amount of money



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requested for this event was quite large, and would benefit from additional oversight.

Alignment with Mission

As this project provides a unique experience for students and aligns with MASS' mandate, it aligns with the Society's mission to provide social and personal opportunities to McGill students.

Consultations Completed

The application has been approved by the funding committee.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

The amount being asked, 18139.66, is a significant amount of money, and many smaller initiatives could be funded using this sum. However, based on previous years' funding disbursements and current projections, it is unlikely that the Club Fund will be depleted. Additionally, there is a surplus of fund from previous years (as described above). Thus, this motion poses very little risk to future funding applications.

Sustainability Considerations

This motion doesn't have a significant impact on sustainability. Sustainability has not been taken into account significantly by the event hosts.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, the funding application will be approved and the funding amount will be disbursed to the group.

The Funding Commissioner will process the application and inform MASS.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approves the Club Fund application #6428 submitted by MASS for 18139.66.



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Results of the Vote	In favour	(16)
	Opposed	()
	Abstain	(1)

APPROVED



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Appendix A

Student Group Name

MASS (McGill African Student Society)

Type of Group

Full Status SSMU Club

Group's Mandate

To promote African culture in the McGill community and greater Montreal area, act as a reference on African matters for the McGill student body, build a web of communications with other African Students' societies, organizations, and businesses in Montreal, create an academic and educational environment for students and professionals to discuss African-related issues and to organize and engage in social and cultural events including but not limited to; parties, banquets, intimate gatherings, and a year-end gala.

Funds Available

Club Fund

Requested Amount

18139.66

Retroactive or Proactive?

Proactive: event/project has not occurred yet



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Name of Event (if applicable)

Africa Speaks Conference

Date of Event (if applicable)

02/10/2023



Description

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Event Accessibility Information

This event will be fully accessible to all with disabilities and we will provide an interpreter so both English and French can be understood





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Faculty club	\$16,992.48	1	\$16,992.48	This includes food for both days, A/V and other equipment. The slight inflation is due to the fact that the Faculty Club will be open on the weekend.
Interpreter service	6900	1	6900	This is based on a call with interpreters from Keleny Interpretation. This includes the cost of simultaneous interpretation, technical equipment and wages for both days of the conference. Their estimate was 6000, so I calculated about 15% worth of taxes.
Total			35503.66	
Obtained funding			17364	
Difference			18139.66	

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total	Justification
Hotels for Cissé, Achab, Sy	875	3	2213.1	Hotel room will be at the Omni Hotel
M. Achab train ticket	248.35	1	248.35	Round trip train ticket Ottawa-Montreal
Ibrahim C. Flight	2419.86	1	2419.86	Round trip flight Bamako-Montreal
M. Sy flight	979.87	1	979.87	Round trip flight Baltimore Montreal
Meals for 3 panelists	200	3	600	This is based on the estimation of 20\$ per meal for about 10 meals (3 meals per day for 3 days). This is multiplied by the number of potential panelists who will be out of province (3).
Entertainment - Kora player Mr. Zal Sissoko	400	1	400	
Photographer	200	1	200	
Speaker gifts	400	11	4400	
Moderator gifts	50	3	150	