

Report to the Legislative Council

Funding Committee

December 4, 2025

Summary

After being inactive since last year, the Funding Committee started its work in early November 2025 once the VP Finance was onboarded and ready to support the Committee and its work. At its peak, the Committee had a backlog of around 60 applications with an ongoing flow of new ones. Once the application period ends on December 3, 2025 and the Committee has the time to make decisions on the applications, we expect that the backlog will be completely taken care of and the Committee will be able to resume at a normal rate and speed starting January 2026.

The Committee did not formally meet in the Fall of 2025, but decided to conduct online forms to allow for a more efficient approbation process for the backlogs and the ongoing requests. A total of 2 forms were sent and an additional will be sent in December for the final requests from Fall 2025.

Due to a vacancy in the Funding Commissioner's position, the VP Finance took on the functions of managing the Committee, receiving and uploading requests and supporting documents from the applicants on the appropriate folders and submitting them to the Committee. He also took upon the functions of making recommendations on the applications and preparing and sending the form to the members of the Committee.

As of November 30, 2025, the Committee (and in one instance Legislative Council) allocated a grand total of \$79,715.21 to 38 applications. For the Fall 2025 Semester, the Committee received a total of 93 applications, 43 being currently reviewed as they were made in November 2025.

Mandate

The Funding Committee is responsible for the disbursement of the following fees as regulated by the Internal Regulations of Finance and the Committee Terms of Reference:

- Ambassador Fee
- Campus Life Fee
- Community Engagement Fee (formerly Charity Fee)

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- Club Fund Fee
- Environment Fee (a portion of the fee)
- Equity Fee (a portion of the fee)
- Mental Health Fee (a portion of the fee)
- Space Fee (a portion of the fee)
- SSMU Awards of Distinction Fund

Permanent members of the Funding Committee

- Funding Commissioner (Chair - non-voting) - Vacant
- SSMU VP Finance - Jean-Sébastien Léger (Acting Chair and Commissioner)
- SSMU VP Student Life - Hamza Abu-Alkahair
- Councillor Justice Bongiovanni (Arts)
- Councillor Diana Cahill (Arts)
- 4 Members at large - Vacant

September

In September, the Committee received 15 applications for a total of \$26,623.63. The Committee approved 14 applications and postponed one, for a grand total allocated of \$11,235.96. In addition, the Legislative Council, in absence of the Funding Committee approved \$25,000 for the Conference on Diversity in Engineering from the Campus Life Fund. The breakdown per Fund is as follows:

- Ambassador Fund - 3 applications - \$1,524.28
- Campus Life Fund - 2 applications - \$26,970
- Club Fund - 8 applications - \$7,026.18
- Community Engagement Fund - 1 application - \$715.5

Grand total: \$36,235.96

Approved

The following applications were approved:

- 8657 - Jathin Rao - requested \$1559.00 from the Ambassador fund to help fund her attendance @ the 21st Annual International CCM Scientific Meeting & CCM Center of Excellence & Clinical Center Faculty Meeting, an international conference bringing together leading researchers, clinicians, & trainees to share discoveries on biology, genetics, & treatment of cerebral cavernous malformations. The event is hosted by the

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Alliance to Cure Cavernous Malformation in Atlanta, GA.

- **APPROVE \$500.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *\$500.00 limit for individual applicants to the Ambassador Fund*
- *Approved!*
- 8658 - Poseidon Water Polo - requested \$2000.00 from the Club Fund to cover the cost of hosting water polo practices on the dates of September 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30th; October 5, 7, 21, 26, 28th; November 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25th; & December 2nd.
 - **APPROVE \$1519.48 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of event deficit*
 - *Approved!*
- 8661 - McGill Nordic Culture Club - requested \$400.00 from the Club Fund to cover costs for the majority of the club's expenses, stemming from coffee, milk, & pastries that they offer free to McGill students for their main recurring Fika coffee break social event.
 - **APPROVE \$274.25 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of requested amount*
 - *Approved!*
- 8663 - Egyptian Students' Association - requested \$342.95 from the Campus Life Fund to help cover expenses from the ESA Start-of-School Picnic, their annual community picnic. The event provided food, outdoor activities, & icebreaker games that encouraged students to connect, share cultural traditions, & build friendships.
 - **APPROVE \$257.21 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of requested amount; Club Fund is a better fit 4 the event mandate*
 - *Approved!*
- 8677 - McGill Students Naginata Club - requested \$2803.03 from the Club Fund to cover operating expenses (particularly gym rental costs). The cost for gym rental has risen since last semester & with 44 hours of practice a semester that creates additional expenses. Renting the aerobics room &/or mind and body room in the McGill gym is essential for our club's mandate of practicing correct naginata & footwork.
 - **APPROVE \$981.02 from Club Fund**
 - *they included a \$1500.00 desired closing balance as an expense in their budgets but taking that out, their deficit is only \$3319.99 - \$4628.02 = \$1308.03. 75% of the actual deficit is \$981.02.*
 - *Approved!*
- 8681 - Elena Sales - requested \$1559.00 from the Ambassador fund to help fund her travel to Egypt to participate in the COP30 Simulation Conference, where she will take on a negotiating role & contribute to drafting the COP Simulation Declaration. This youth-led declaration, built from research-based resolutions & simulated negotiations, will be formally presented to world leaders @ the actual COP30 in Brazil.
 - **APPROVE \$500.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *\$500.00 limit for individual applicants to the Ambassador fund*

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- *Approved!*
- 8682 - McGill Table Tennis Club - requested \$796.536 from the Ambassador fund to cover participation costs in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) tournament, 1 of the most prestigious intercollegiate table tennis competitions in N.A.
 - **APPROVE \$524.28 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *\$699.04 is the actual projected event deficit; \$524.28 is 75% of that.*
 - *Approved!*
- 8683 - Mosaica Dance Company - requested \$10815.84 from the Club Fund to cover costs for their annual showcase, which serves as a key activity in supporting their mandate by providing all members with equal opportunities to perform & choreograph. This event embodies their focus on diversity, encouraging students to explore various dance styles & express their individuality through movement.
 - **APPROVE \$2000.00 from Club Fund**
 - *\$2000.00 limit*
 - *Approved!*
- 8684 - People's Fair Organizing Team - requested \$954.00 from the Community Engagement Fund to help fund the People's Fair, a gathering for McGill students who want to get involved in their neighborhood communities but don't know where to start.
 - **APPROVE \$715.50 from Community Engagement Fund**
 - *75% of requested amount*
 - *Approved!*
- 8685 - McGill Diversity in Math - requested \$868.53 from the Club Fund to cover costs to support the events they have planned for the remainder of the school year. Each event aims to promote their mandate of creating an inclusive community that fosters an open learning environment in mathematics for underrepresented minorities.
 - **APPROVE \$426.40 from Club Fund**
 - *they included a \$300.00 desired closing balance as an expense in their budgets but taking that out, their deficit is only \$1581.47 - \$2150.00 = \$568.53. 75% of the actual deficit is \$426.40.*
 - *Approved!*
- 8687 - Desautels Women in Business - request \$2,316.82 from the Ambassador Fund to cover their conference's expected deficit. The National Women in Business Conference is a professional development and networking event that brings together around 100-150 students who identify as women from McGill University for conferences on leadership.
 - **APPROVE \$1,970 from Campus Life Fund**
 - **85% of projected deficit as per funding guidelines**
 - *Approved!*
- 8689 - McGill Chinese Orchestra - requested \$2100.00 from the Club Fund to cover costs for their annual showcase, a concert with the objective of promoting traditional Chinese music culture, and revealing the club members' achievements after all their

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rehearsals throughout the year. The event takes place after the Chinese Spring Festival.

- **APPROVE \$1518.75 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of event deficit*
- *Approved!*
- 8690 - Egyptian Student Association - requested \$65.43 from the Club Fund to help cover expenses from the ESA Start-of-School Picnic, their annual community picnic. The event provided food, outdoor activities, & icebreaker games that encouraged students to connect, share cultural traditions, & build friendships.
 - **APPROVE \$49.07 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of deficit only because this is the second application submitted for the same event & that one on its own was over \$200.00.*
 - *Approved!*

Rejected

No application was rejected in September

Postponed

The following applications were postponed to a future date to allow for consultation or clarification:

- 8701 - Jam for Justice - requested \$42.47 from the Club Fund to help cover expenses from the J4J Park Jam, their integration event for interested students in joining the club. The event provided food, soft drinks, in an outdoor and accessible place, that brought together around 20-30 students interested in joining the club.
 - **Need more information**
 - **Postpone**

October

In October, the Committee received 36 applications for a total of \$98,323.23. The Committee approved 24 applications; rejected 8 applications; and postponed 4 applications, for a grand total allocated of \$43,479.25. The breakdown per Fund is as follows:

- Ambassador Fund - 8 applications - \$21,237.31
- Campus Life Fund - 4 applications - \$10,070.00
- Club Fund - 12 applications - \$12,171.94

Grand total: \$43,479.25

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Approved

The following applications were approved:

- 8703 - McGill Armenian Students Society - requested \$90.00 from the Club Fund to help support an introductory event to new Armenian McGill students with snacks and soft drinks and make the community come together.
 - **APPROVE \$90.00 from Club Fund**
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8704- McGill Armenian Students Society - requested \$415.00 from the Club Fund to help a community BBQ organized in collaboration with Concordia and UdeM ASA's to share culture and get the community together.
 - **APPROVE \$311.25 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of event deficit as per guidelines for events and because this event will not only benefit SSMU members and collaboration with other ASA's*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8705 - McSway Poetry Club - requested \$126.00 from the Club Fund to pay for a license used in all of McSawy's communication and promotional materials.
 - **APPROVE \$126.00 from Club Fund**
 - 100% of costs as it is an operating expense that will support many activities.
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8706 - McSway Poetry Club - requested \$1,000.00 from the Club Fund to help support their open mic events where participants can share original work with sometimes guest poets in addition to some workshops and Snaps Online Journal
 - **APPROVE \$850.00 from Club Fund**
 - *85% of requested amount as per guidelines for events (some operating expenses included, but majority are events).*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8709 - Queer Engineers - requested \$2,000.00 from the Ambassador fund to help send 5 delegates to represent McGill at the EngiQueer Canada National Conference in Vancouver in January 2026. This will help them in 3 areas: Professional Development, Education and Advocacy, Social Connection.
 - **APPROVE \$2,000.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8710 - Enactus McGill - requested \$2,000.00 from the Ambassador fund to help send 15 members to represent the club at the Enactus Regional Competition (Central Canada) in Toronto in March 2026.
 - **APPROVE \$2,000.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - **APPROVED!**

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- 8712 - McGill Cricket Club - requested \$2,380.00 from the Ambassador Fund to help send a 11 member delegation to the Canadian College Cricket Annual National Championship in September 2025, in Toronto.
 - **APPROVE \$1,785.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *75% of deficit, doesn't meet the members' or fundraising significant contribution for sporting events so the limit is fixed to 75% of the event as per guidelines.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8713 - McGill Game Development Student Society - requested \$3,000.00 from the Campus Life Fund to help fund the McGameJam 2026, Quebec's biggest game jam with 250 participants last year. Teams come from McGill and elsewhere to compete to create the best game within 48h. Skills and career development.
 - **APPROVE \$2,250.00 from Campus Life Fund**
 - *75% of requested amount; Club has significant resources to invest in the project and can contribute more to the event than what is presented.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8719 - Sarah Petrecca - requested \$2,464.00 from the Ambassador Fund to help fund their participation in the 2025 Plastic Surgery The Meeting in New Orleans in October 2025 for podium presentation. Only abstract presented by McGill. No Funding from the Faculty of Medicine.
 - **APPROVE \$500.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *\$500.00 limit for individual applicants to the Ambassador fund*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8721 - RTP McGill - requested \$300.00 from the Club Fund to help pay for their operating deficit for their volunteers to play days (part of their normal activities).
 - **APPROVE \$266.00 from Club Fund**
 - *The event has a \$900 deficit, but the annual budget shows only a \$266 deficit for the club. Lesser of Request or Annual deficit.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8722 - McGill Students Table Tennis Club - requested \$85.43 from the Club Fund to help pay for prizes and treats given to students during the Activity Night and their October Carnival. Part of operating expenses.
 - **APPROVE \$85.43 from Club Fund**
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8724 - McGill Students Table Tennis Club - requested \$15,902.10 from the Ambassador Fund to help send a team of 20 athletes to the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Competition First Division in Waterloo, ON from Nov 14-16.
 - **APPROVE \$10,000.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *20 members x 500\$/person max = \$10,000 max; lower than 75% limit.*
 - **APPROVED!**

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- 8725 - Enactus McGill - requested \$1,500.00 from the Club Fund to help support their Workshop session which will welcome an alumni to share insights with the club's members.
 - **APPROVE \$210.49 from Club Fund**
 - *Deficit in the budget only shows \$210.49.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8726 - Syrian Student Association of McGill - requested \$456.69 from the Club Fund to help finance their Syrian Food Festival that happened in September 2025 with the objective to showcase the richness of Syrian cuisine and culture to McGill students.
 - **APPROVE \$388.19 from Club Fund**
 - *85% of events' deficit as per guidelines.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8734 - United Groove - requested \$3,800.00 from the Club Fund to help finance their UG Fall Show 2025 mainly for the theater and practice room reservation and costumes.
 - **APPROVE \$2,910.83 from Club Fund**
 - *75% of deficit as per guidelines for events; Clubs have some financial capacity to absorb the rest.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8737 - McGill iGEM - requested \$2,500 from the Ambassador Fund to help them finance their participation in the iGEM Grand Jamboree in Paris, France with a team of 17 students. They finished 1st at the competition.
 - **APPROVE \$2,407.18 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *Deficit is only \$2,407.18*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8740 - Indian Students Association - requested \$2,056.00 from the Club Fund to help fund their annual Diwali celebration which hosts 400 students for celebrations including traditional food and cultural activities. ISA is one of the biggest cultural clubs of SSMU.
 - **APPROVE \$2,056.00 from Club Fund**
 - *Significant funding efforts meet 100% deficit capacity. This event has a high impact on membership and specific community.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8741 - McGill Students Classical Music Club - requested \$4,250.32 from the Club Fund to help support their regular activities, including 2 End-of-term Recitals, a Recital at la Maison Symphonique and a volunteering program to bring music to the community, targeted to vulnerable people and elderly. It's for the club's annual budget, not just one event.
 - **APPROVE \$3,079.50 from Club Fund**
 - *Eligible for the whole year budget deficit instead of per event basis. Deficit of main activities related to the club. Clubs can request for per event or total year activities funding as per the IRs of Finance and Guidelines.*

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- **APPROVED!**
- 8744 - McGill Women in Leadership - requested \$2,000.00 from the Community Engagement Fund to help fund their joint conference with JMSB which is a full day conference on professional development and community building. Expected attendance of 120-150 participants from McGill and JMSB.
 - **APPROVE \$775.00 from Campus Life Fund**
 - *100% of deficit; more in line with Campus Life Fund; they contribute 85% of the funding as per guidelines giving possibility for 100% deficit funding.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8748 - Poseidon Water Polo - requested \$545.13 from the Ambassador Fund to help fund their team of 10 people participation in the Raven's Cup at Carleton University in October 2025.
 - **APPROVE \$545.13 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *75% of the deficit as per guidelines*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8749 - McGill Savoy Society - requested \$11,798.25 from the Club Fund to help finance their annual performance of an opera in February 2026
 - **APPROVE \$1,798.25 from Club Fund**
 - *100% of the event's deficit; contributed 92% which meets significant contribution requirements. Wants a closing balance of 10k for next year which would go against the Guidelines for more than a year period.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8751 - Concours Charles-Rousseau - requested \$4,000.00 from the Ambassador Fund to help fund their participation in the Charles-Rousseau Moot in Public International Law in Paris, France. The team of 4 students will represent McGill University - Faculty of Law in 2026.
 - **APPROVE \$2,000.00 from Ambassador Fund**
 - *4 participants @ 500\$/person max.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8754 - The Bull & Bear - requested \$2,045.00 from the Campus Life Fund to help fund their Fall 2025 print issue for students of McGill.
 - **APPROVE \$2,045.00 from Campus Life Fund**
 - *Since it is not an event, there is no requirement for funding activities. Free publication is beneficial for the membership at large.*
 - **APPROVED!**
- 8760 - McHacks - requested \$5,000.00 from the Campus Life Fund to help finance their McHacks 13, the largest annual hackathon where 600 students participate in a competition for 24h. The event will be held at McGill in January 2026.
 - **APPROVE \$5,000.00 from Campus Life Fund**
 - *Request is less than 75% of the deficit, so eligible for 100% of request.*

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Prize money is not eligible as per guidelines, reduced from expected deficit, but numbers stay the same.

- **APPROVED!**

Rejected

The following applications were rejected:

- 8708 - ExTracktors Run Club - requested \$500.00 from the Club Fund to...
 - **REJECT**
 - *Not eligible for Club Fund; Not a request for a single event; Event budget doesn't match Club's Annual or the request itself.*
 - **REJECTED!**
- 8718 - Women in International Security - requested \$1,790.00 from the Equity Fund to help fund 7 different events for the rest of the year linked to International Security
 - **REJECT**
 - *Request is for 7 events in one from an interim status club which is not eligible for the Club Fund. They could request per event to different Funds but not for the bulk.*
 - **REJECTED!**
- 8720 - McGill Association of Mechanical Engineers - requested \$800.00 from the Ambassador Fund to help fund Mech Madness in Quebec City, a 3-day educational excursion to visit businesses. A delegation of approximately 50 engineering students are expected to participate.
 - **Reject**
 - *Does not fall under the goals of the Ambassador Fund as the objective is not to represent McGill at a competition or conference. No other funds seem to be alternatives either.*
 - **REJECTED!**
- 8720 - McGill Association of Mechanical Engineers - requested \$800.00 from the Ambassador Fund to help fund Mech Madness in Quebec City, a 3-day educational excursion to visit businesses. A delegation of approximately 50 engineering students are expected to participate.
 - **Reject**
 - *Does not fall under the goals of the Ambassador Fund as the objective is not to represent McGill at a competition or conference. No other funds seem to be alternatives either.*
 - **REJECTED!**
- 8742 - Little Forests McGill - requested \$379.70 from the Club Fund to help fund 2 initiatives taken last year; one being planting trees and the other decorating flower pots.
 - **DECLINE**

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- *Events were done in Feb 2025 and April 2025, which should have been requested last financial year. Can't fund for the prior year.*
 - **REJECTED!**
- 8745 - McGill Women in Leadership - requested \$2,000.00 from the Community Engagement Fund.
 - **REJECT**
 - *Duplicate of 8744*
 - **REJECTED!**
- 8755 - Moroccan Students Society at McGill - requested \$1,500.00 from the Club Fund to help finance their Paintball activity night.
 - **Reject - Retracted their proactive funding request**
 - **REJECTED!**
- NR 001 - Oral Surgery Interest Club - requested \$700.00 from the Club Fund for their year's activities.
 - **REJECT - NOT ELIGIBLE**
 - *Not a SSMU Full Status Club - not eligible for Club Fund*
 - **REJECTED!**

Postponed

The following applications were postponed to a future date to allow for consultation or clarification:

- 8723 - McGill Students Table Tennis Club - requested \$8,362.08 from the Club Fund to buy 3 professional table tennis tables to replace three broken ones on their 6 total in inventory.
 - **Postpone for more consultation**
 - *Would better qualify under Space Improvement Fund as this is not operating expenses and are assets. Need more clarity on how to manage this request from accounting.*
 - **POSTPONED!**
- 8727 - McGill Faculty of Law Student - requested \$277.53 from the Equity Fund to pay for Notability and Speechify as academic resources to help with their ADHD and academic performance. One of potentially many of these requests.
 - **Postpone - Consultation with Equity Commissioner**
 - *Consultation with Equity Commissioner*
 - **POSTPONED!**
- 8732 - Top Gun Surgeon/Laparoscopic Skills Club - requested \$6,500.00 from the Equity Fund to help purchase a Surgical Simulator to hold simulation and training for STEM and Med students interested in laparoscopy.
 - **Postpone for consultation**
 - *Would better qualify under Space Improvement Fund as this is not*

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operating expenses and are assets. Need more clarity on how to manage this request from accounting. I don't see the relevance with Equity Fee upfront.

- **POSTPONED!**
- NR 002 - North African Law Student Association - requested \$5,000.00 from the Equity Fund to help fund their Law and Diversity annual event
 - **POSTPONE**
 - *Need more information and or consultation with Equity Commissioner*
 - **POSTPONED!**

November and December

Summary of requests

As of November 30, 2025, the Funding Committee received 43 applications in November 2025 for a total of \$89,804.58 which will be reviewed by the Committee by the end of December 2025. The last day of the Fall 2025 application period is on December 1st, 2025.

Conclusion

Recruitment of Members at Large

The recruitment of Members at Large will be made in January 2026 for the remainder of the year.

Recruitment of a Funding Commissioner

The recruitment of a new Funding Commissioner will begin in early January 2026 to help the Committee until May 31, 2025.

Process moving forward

Once the backlog from the Fall 2025 semester is taken care of, the Committee will resume with its weekly meeting as per the Committee Terms of Reference to evaluate applications in a timely manner in line with the Guidelines 2025-2026 and improve the quality of service provided to our members and groups.