

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	August 1, 2022
Action Required:	For review
Presenter:	Daman Irby
Staff Contacts:	Maxicelia Robinson, Deputy Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council
Title:	Sister Cities Commission Annual Report (written report only)

Background

The Charlottesville Sister Cities Commission was established on June 19, 2006, to provide leadership on international outreach programs with partner cities.

The purpose of a sister city is to promote understanding and foster relationships among individuals, communities, and cities of the world through cultural, economic, educational and humanitarian activities.

Discussion

According to its Bylaws, the Sister Cities Commission is responsible for filing an annual report of activities and finances with the Clerk of Council at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Sister Cities Commission actively contributes to the Vision for Economic Sustainability, C'Ville Arts and Culture, and A Center for Lifelong Learning.

Community Engagement

Citizen engagement is a major part of the Sister Cities grants program and the CSCC plans to expand community engagement through showcasing completed grants projects.

Budgetary Impact

The Sister Cities Commission has traditionally received an allotment of \$15,000 annually to carry out programs. During several recent budget cycles, the annual allotment was not granted. The Sister Cities Commission budget request for \$30,000 during the FY23 budget cycle was approved.

Recommendation

The Sister Cities Commission looks forward to continued support from City Council.

Alternatives

This is a report only.

Attachments

1. CSCC Annual Report FY21-22 Report 7-20-22