



Bellingham Sister Cities Peace Grant

The *Bellingham Sister Cities Peace Grant* is funded by the Bellingham Sister Cities Association. The objective of this grant award is to improve and expand existing relationships between Bellingham and its seven Sister Cities: Cheongju, Korea; Nakhodka, Russia; Port Stephens, Australia; Punta Arenas, Chile; Tateyama, Japan; Tsetserleg, Mongolia; and Vaasa, Finland.

The *Peace Grant* exchange funding program supports Bellingham-Sister City partnerships by providing funding for up to \$1,000 to outbound exchanges for local U.S. citizens. The Bellingham Sister Cities Association is a community based organization providing opportunities for citizens of Whatcom County to develop relationships and build a sense of community with our sister cities around the world. Our mission is to seek to achieve international understanding, cultural sensitivities and encourage trade and tourism. This is accomplished through cultural exchanges, educational programs and community events. The *Peace Grant* was created to help facilitate this mission.

Members should submit questions via email to peacegrant@bsca.org.

Important Dates

Aug. 28, 2015	Applications available
Nov. 13, 2015	Application deadline
To be discussed	Announcement of selected recipient(s)

Instructions

Applications will only be accepted by email. Mailed or faxed applications will be considered ineligible. Write "Peace Grant Application" in the subject of your email. You will receive an email confirming the receipt of your application. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Nov. 13, 2015**

Email your application materials to: peacegrant@bsca.org

Criteria

Only dues-paying members are eligible for this funding opportunity. Current board members are not eligible. Applications will be reviewed based on the following qualifications. The applicant must:

- Follow application instructions *carefully* and submit all required information.
- Be a paid member of Bellingham Sister Cities and a resident of Whatcom County prior to application
- Be traveling to one of Bellingham's seven Sister Cities in 2016.

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2015 Exchange Funding Application

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Email your application materials to: peacegrant@bsca.org
Subject line: Peace Grant Application

Complete the application below. *Please pay careful attention to answer each question completely.*

I. Applicant Information

Name:
Contact address:
Email:
Phone:

II. Peace Grant Requirements

- A. List the dates of proposed travel and to which Bellingham Sister City.
- B. List the grant amount requested (*limit of up to \$1,000*).
- C. Describe how your project will support the mission of the BSCA, as defined on page one of this application.
- D. Please describe your proposed project, including relevant partner agencies.
- E. Describe how you will report on your project to the BSCA Board and the greater Bellingham community before, during and after your trip.
- F. Do you agree to make a presentation to the Association at either the annual membership meeting or a fundraiser, and do you agree to give the Association permission to record the presentation for future use in promotional materials?
- G. Describe how your project will appear on our website.