



## **Bellingham Sister Cities Peace Grant 2019**

### **Tell us what you'd do!**

The Bellingham Sister Cities Association is a community based organization helping the citizens of Whatcom County to develop relationships and build a sense of community with our sister cities worldwide. 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. The ideal proposal would reach out into the community of one of these cities and make a lasting impression on its citizens and possibly even the world.

Our mission is to promote world peace through international understanding, cultural sensitivity and also by promoting tourism and economic exchange between the seven cities. This mission is accomplished through cultural exchanges, educational programs and community events. The *Peace Grant* was created to help facilitate this mission. The *Peace Grant* exchange funding program supports Bellingham-Sister City partnerships by providing funding for local U.S. citizens to make outbound exchanges to one of our sister cities. A total pool of \$500-\$1500 is available this year to be awarded to one or more individuals who apply and are chosen. This amount will be finalized by-midyear 2018. Members should submit questions via email to [peacegrant@bsca.org](mailto:peacegrant@bsca.org).

#### **Important Dates**

April 1, 2018	Applications available
November 1, 2018	Application deadline
December 1, 2018	Announcement of selected recipient(s)

Winners will be notified ahead of December 1st. They will be asked to be present to receive the grant at the 2019 Japanese New Year Celebration in January of 2019 (Date TBD).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2018**

**Email your application materials to: [peacegrant@bsca.org](mailto:peacegrant@bsca.org)**

#### **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. We are under no obligation to award any of the money for the grant, so please take your application seriously. We want quality impactful ideas.

#### **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 2019

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**Tsetserleg, Mongolia--Vaasa, Finland**

**Cheongju, Korea--Nakhodka, Russia--Port Stephens, Australia-- Punta Arenas, Chile--Tateyama, Japan--**

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**2019 Exchange Funding Application**

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**Subject Line: "Peace Grant Application"**

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

**YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE BELLINGHAM SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION  
BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY**

**I. Applicant Information**

Name:
Mailing 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. *Note: The entire amount of the grant may be awarded to an applicant in the case of an extraordinary proposal with the potential to make a lasting impact. **Think big. Let your imagination run wild!***
- C. Describe how your project will support the mission of the BSCA, as defined on page 1 of this application, including how it will make a lasting impression on the world and contribute to world peace.
- 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.



