

Report for Resolution

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Report to Twinning committee
13 October 2011
Report of The twinning officer
Subject Application for a twinning committee grant

Purpose

To ask the committee to consider application for a grant from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

Recommendations

That the committee considers making a grant of £200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to facilitate the attendance of a performer from Novi Sad to travel to Norwich to perform at the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2012.

Financial Consequences

The financial consequences of this report are that there are sufficient funds to pay for this grant which fulfils the aims of the council to promote and foster links and exchanges between the people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Corporate Objective/Service Plan Priority

The report helps to meet the strategic priority "Opportunities for all – communities to be able to access the wide range of services in the city provided by the council" and the service plan priority of promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and those in the twin cities.

Contact Officers

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Background Documents

Application form attached.

Background

1. An application form for a twinning committee grant has been received from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association and is appended to this report.
2. The purpose of the request is to enable the association to hold the Paul Cross Memorial Concert on 21 January 2012 at the Norwich Playhouse, St George's Street, Norwich. The concert is an annual classical music concert with performers attending from Novi Sad. The proceeds from the concert support an educational project which benefits children and young people with disabilities and special needs who attend the Milan Petrović School in Novi Sad. The association has close links with the school.
3. Since 2004 the committee has granted the association £200 every year for the concert. The request for £200 is therefore reasonable.

Paul Cross Memorial concert

4. It is proposed that the £200 funding from the twinning committee will assist with the travel expenses for one of the performers to fly from Novi Sad for the concert. It is estimated that the cost of flights will be around £200. A visa costs £90. The performer Rita Kinka is an internationally renowned pianist.
5. The association has been successful in receiving grants from the Fitzmaurice Trust, the John Jarrold Trust and the Goodman Trust. The amount of grant received from these organisations has not been specified. However the costs for putting on the concert are high, as can be seen from the expenditure sheet which accompanied the grant application form, and last year the concert did not break even. The association is hoping to avoid making a loss this year. Income from sales of tickets is uncertain but tickets will be priced at £15 and programmes at £1 which should cover the cost of printing.
6. It is highly commendable that the association aims to raise funds for the Milan Petrović School from the concert and as reported to the committee in March 2011, the association is committed to hold the concert as it has become a "tradition" despite making a loss. However the concert itself fulfils the aims of the twinning associations in that it promotes a better understanding of a shared culture and helps to promote informal links between people and organisations in the city of Norwich and the county of Norfolk and is dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities. The recommendation to grant £200 towards the costs incurred by the performer is therefore within the aims of the committee.



NORWICH
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Application for Twinning Committee Grant

The aims of the Twinning Committee are to "promote and foster Civic links and exchange activities of all kinds with Rouen, Novi Sad, Koblenz and El Viejo in Nicaragua and any other towns and cities abroad with which friendly associations are, from time to time, established". The policy of the Committee is to concentrate on making grants to assist visits by young people (excluding regular school exchanges), an initial visit to set up a new link and in cases of particular financial hardship.

1. Name and address of organisation/group applying for the grant

Name NORFOLK AND NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION

Address +(See Below) Secretary: Peter Beckley, Glebelands, Star Lane, Rockland St. Mary, Norfolk Postcode NR14 7BX

2. Name, address and contact details of individual applying for the grant

Name MRS WENDY QUINN, CHAIR* CONCERT COMMITTEE, NNNSA

Address 6 COLLEGE RD,
NORWICH

Postcode NR2 3JJ

Contact daytime phone number or mobile 01603 458665

Email dwendyquinn@googlemail.com

3. Position held within the organisation/group (please tick)

Chair Secretary Treasurer Other (please state) * SOCIAL SECRETARY

Chair of concert committee

4. Please describe fully why you are applying for a grant and which city or town you are forming links with?

NOVI SAD

1) To enable the NNNSA to hold the Paul Cross Memorial Concert 21st JANUARY 2012 at Norwich Playhouse, St. Georges St.

* 2) To support educational project at Milan Petrovic School, Novi Sad

3) To promote understanding & awareness of the culture of our twin city

If the grant is to help towards the costs of a visit, please answer the following questions:

a) How many people will be in the group making the visit? _____

b) How many of these are under 18 years old? _____

c) How many people in your organisation/group live in the Norwich City Council area? _____

d) We need to establish if there is any particular financial hardship, please say if any members of the visiting group are unemployed or receiving other benefit support?

* for children + young people with disabilities special needs

e) Has your organisation/group received any previous grant from the Twinning Committee? If yes, please say how much and when?

2010 - £200 towards the Paul Cross Memorial Concert 2011

f) What is the total cost of this visit? _____

g) How much grant are you applying for? _____

h) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

i) How will your organisation/group be paying for the visit? _____

5) It is a condition of the grant that your travel arrangements are made with a bonded travel company, which is a member of ABTA. Please confirm this requirement and give the name of your travel company

6) If the grant is for another purpose other than a visit, please give as much detail as you can by answering the following questions:

a) Please describe your project/event/activity and explain how it will further the aims of the Twinning Committee? To further links between Norwich + Novi Sad -

Please see letter sent 6/6/11 with expenditure sheet.

Renowned pianist, Rita Kinka from Novi Sad will be playing (free) pieces incl. Serbian composer Vasilje Mokranjac - Profits to special needs children

b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? £2,300 approx. in Novi Sad.

c) How much grant are you applying for? £200

d) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

John Sandold Trust / Fitzmaurice Trust. (Not specified)

e) How will your organisation/group pay for the project/event/activity? Concert: -

Through ticket sales / Raffle / Social events.

If you need any help, have any questions about completing the application or require the application in another format or language please contact Democratic Services on 01603 213022 or email twinning@norwich.gov.uk Please use extra paper if you need more space and enclose a copy of you last set of accounts, if appropriate.

Please return your completed form to:

Twinning Grant Application
Democratic Services
Norwich City Council
City Hall
Norwich NR2 1NH

ANNUAL
CONCERT
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CHARITY

Budget for NNNSA January Concert 2012

Estimated Expenditure

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| Hire of venue/Norwich Playhouse | £750 + VAT |
| publicity in Playhouse brochure + PRS fee(4.8%of Box Office) | £125 + VAT To be assessed |
| Hire of grand piano | £300 |
| Theatre Ticket printing & card charges | £100 |
| Performer's travel expenses from Novi Sad | £400 |
| Printing of flyers and programmes | £150 |
| Hospitality for Lord Mayor and other VIPs | £40 |
| Sundries incl Postage/ mailing | £60 |
| TOTAL | <u>£2,300 approx</u> |

Estimated Income

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| Playhouse Tickets Sales | To be reviewed |
| Programme sales | |
| Programme advertising revenue | |
| <u>Fundraising</u> | |
| Raffle | £150 |
| Coffee Morning | £120 |
| TOTAL | To be assessed |