

Report to Twinning committee

1 October 2015

Report of The twinning officer

Subject Application for a twinning committee grant

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Purpose

To consider a grant application received from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

Recommendations

To grant £200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2016 which promotes friendship with Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia and fosters appreciation of the music and culture of Novi Sad.

Financial consequences

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 *City of character and culture* and the service plan priority of providing a range of cultural and leisure opportunities and events for people.

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

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1. The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association has submitted an application for a twinning committee grant for the sum of £200 to support its annual Paul Cross Memorial concert, to be held in January 2016.
2. The committee has granted £200 towards the costs of the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert since 2004.

Application

3. The association has applied for a grant towards the cost of organising the 2016 Paul Cross Memorial concert which will be held in January 2016 at the Assembly House, Norwich at 7.30pm.
4. The purpose of the concert is to promote the aims of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to promote friendship and foster an appreciation of the music and culture of Novi Sad and its surrounding area. The association extends hospitality to the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Chairman of Norfolk County Council, the two Norwich MPs and representatives from the Serbian Embassy in London. The concert is therefore a platform for the twinning of the two cities.
5. The total cost of the event is approximately £1,600. The association has received grants in previous years 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 it is likely that the association will also seek grants for the 2016 concert. The association also sells tickets to the event and there is a raffle to raise funds. The association has not provided information on the amount that is realised from ticket sales. However in recent years, with rising costs, it has been difficult to break even.
6. The concert 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 granting of £200 towards the costs incurred in arranging the concert is therefore within the aims of the committee. It is therefore recommended that the grant is used for the travel expenses for the young pianist to travel to Norwich and perform at the concert.



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 + NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION

Address c/o 6 COLLEGE ROAD, NORWICH

Postcode NR2 3JJ

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

Name MRS WENDY QUINN

Address AS ABOVE

Postcode '

Contact daytime phone number or mobile 01603 458665

Email dwendyquinn@googlemail.com

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

Chair ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐

Other (please state) CHAIR of CONCERT COMMITTEE 2016

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

THE PAUL CROSS MEMORIAL CONCERT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY 2016 AT THE NORWICH ASSEMBLY HOUSE, 7.30pm. A PIANO RECITAL TO BE GIVEN BY ALEKSANDAR DJERMANOVIC FROM NOVI SAD.

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? _____

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

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?

The Paul Cross Memorial Concert is held annually to promote the friendship with our twin city of Novi SAD and to raise awareness of their music + culture.

b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? £1,600 (Expenditure list attached)

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?

Yes - The John Jandl Trust + The Fitzmaurice Trust

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

By sale of concert tickets + raffle.

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

Estimated Budget for NNNSA January Concert 2016

Expenditure

Hire of venue/ The Norwich Assembly House Noverre Suite	
Incl. PRS Fee (£40)	£550
Grand piano hire	£400 + VAT
Hobart room hospitality for Lord Mayor and other VIPs	£50
Performer's travel and expenses	£200
Printing of 1,500 flyers	£110
Printing of 100 programmes	£75
Sundries incl Postage/ mailshot advertising	£150
TOTAL	£1,600 approx

Estimated Income

Sale of concert tickets through membership and Theatre Royal	
Excl. Theatre Ticket printing & card charges	To be assessed
Box office @ £16/£6 students	
NNNSA Members @ £15/£5	
Programme sales @ £1	
<u>Fundraising</u>	
Raffles	£200
<u>Grants</u>	
Applications being made	
TOTAL	To be assessed