

Hickory International Council Work Plan

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

| | Objective | Financial Impact (budgeting request) | Community Impact | Alternatives |
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| 1 | Plan and carry out the Annual Children's International Film Festival. | \$ 2,000 in addition to business donations and City in-kind services. Covers student poster awards, film and auditorium costs, advertising, and bussing the students to and from their schools. | Emphasize the national and international cultures. Educate our young children the value of international diversity. Involve over 5,000 students in school activities relating to the origin of the movies being screened. | No similar educational festival in the Unifour. |
| 2 | Co-sponsor the Annual PANGEA Model UN Conference for middle and high school students (grades 6-12). This is another Hickory International Council link to the Greater Hickory educational institutions. | \$ 3,000 for major sponsorship of this event. Sponsorship will be used to cover conference technology, facilities, publicity, and awards. | Community impact: Participants take on the roles of diplomats to learn the means of global cooperation & effective international decision making, to discover the world of diplomacy, to explore current events on the international political scene, and to engage in the democratic process. | Someone else will take the lead and the HIC can be a supporting member. LRU may fill this role in the future. |
| 3 | Plan and carry out the Annual Folkmoot, USA community event. This is the official International Folk Festival of NC coming to Hickory. | \$ 3,500 in addition to ticket sales. Covers advertising, the differential cost of tickets, and any auditorium costs. | Emphasize the national and international cultures. Educate the community the value of international diversity. | No similar international festival in the Unifour. |
| 4 | Award grants to individuals and community organizations that provide programs supportive of the goals, purposes, and mission of the HIC. | \$ 1,500 Annual awards of ≤ \$ 500 as long as the total grant is less than 50% of the cost of the total project. | Solidify the International Council's commitment and involvement in the community. | Do not provide a grant but acknowledge such initiatives in public. |
| 5 | Community Connections: Collaborate with local agencies and organizations to share information such as international movies in collaboration with Footcandle Film Society. | \$ 1,500 for programming and publicity including membership to Footcandle Film Society, movie rentals, and theater fees. | Expose the community to different cultures, encourage newcomers to civic participation & action, and strengthen the social networks of the total community. | Support local educational institutions in some of their programming. |
| 6 | Community Conversations: Plan and conduct Great Decisions Discussion programs and International Seminars. | \$ 2,000 Books, discussion materials, advertisement, handouts, and guest honoraria. | Engage the community in discussions over 8 weeks that cover the most important topics of the year relevant to the interests of the United States. | Collaborate with local agencies and educational institutions. |
| 7 | International Christmas Concert: Plan and Carry out the Annual International Christmas Concert. | \$ 1,500 Donations, guest fees, auditorium security charges, and stage decorations. | Involve the community in an international setting. Sing-a-long, enjoy international delicacies. | No alternative international Christmas concert in this area. |

Total requested budget: \$ 15,000

Hickory International Council
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