



What are Sister Cities?

- Sister Cities International was established in 1956 under President Eisenhower
- "To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation one individual, one community at a time"
- Formal process to establish a mutually beneficial relationship that can include:
 - Arts and Culture
 - Business and Trade
 - Youth and Education
 - Community Development







Alignment



SisterCities
INTERNATIONAL
Connect Globally. Thrive locally.

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mutual respect,
understanding, and
cooperation - one individual,
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*ONE Aurora - celebration of
resident's cultural heritage;
focus on education and
economic development*

Benefits + Examples

- Educational Opportunity
- Cultural (art and music)
- Sports events
- Tourism
- Innovation
- Collaborative problem-solving
- Business development & growth opportunities
- Medical training & partnerships
- Humanitarian assistance

- SCI Exchange Scholarships
- Visiting artists & musicians
- Exhibition games
- Strategic advertisement
- e.g. Climate resilience; universities; public art
- Nashville, TN-Edmonton, Canada: transportation
- Birmingham, AL-Liverpool, UK EB-5 Visa program to attract investors
- Hosting medical conferences; training and collaboration Boulder, CO-Lhasa Tibet
- e.g. Karachi, Pakistan-Houston, TX

Choosing Sister Cities

Seek partnerships that make sense:

- Demographics/Diversity
- Population
- Geography
- History
- Commerce/Industry
- Existing relationships



Next Steps?

- Establish a Commission
- Work on budget details for FY25
- Identify cities, begin exploring relationships
- Utilize resources available from SCI



