

Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission

Powers and duties. Ordinance 15,288; Sec. 2-1118

The powers and duties of the greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission are to:

- (1) Further the economic cooperation and cultural exchange on the basis of mutual friendship and amity between the cities in the greater Des Moines area and other cities of the world.
- (2) Develop, compile, coordinate and exchange information with officials and citizens of the designated sister cities, and other cities and foreign visitors.
- (3) Plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities with officials and citizens of the designated sister cities, and other cities and foreign visitors.
- (4) Encourage and cultivate mutual understanding of the respective economic problems and cultural development between the cities in the greater Des Moines area and other cities of the world.
- (5) Recommend to the City Council of Des Moines and the other participating cities such cities of the world as, in the opinion of the commission, are appropriate, in view of the goals of the commission, for designation as sister cities.
- (6) Prepare an annual budget for the commission for recommendation to the City Councils of Des Moines and the other participating cities.
- (7) Make and enforce rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and affairs, and for the expenditure of funds available to the commission.
- (8) To contract for the expenditure of funds for activities, supplies, travel, and events as necessary to promote the purposes of the commission as set forth herein, subject to a specific allocation of funding for such purpose, and subject to the total yearly budgetary allocations available to the commission from the municipalities.
- (9) To contract for personnel on a part time or full time basis, subject to a specific allocation of funding for such purpose, and subject to the total yearly budgetary allocations available to the commission from the municipalities.
- (10) To accept grants, gifts, and contributions from public bodies and private persons, firms, or corporations to assist the commission in the accomplishment of its goals.
- (11) The commission shall not have the power to purchase or contract for the purchase of real estate, nor to bind the municipalities to any expenditure of funds beyond that which is contained in the then current operating budget of the commission.