

INTRODUCED: June 28, 2010

AN ORDINANCE No. 2010- **146-145**

To appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 received from Sister Cities International to the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Richmond Sister Cities Commission by \$10,000 for the purpose of providing funding for project management as part of the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: **JUL 26 2010** AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, The Chief Administrative Officer has accepted a grant of \$10,000 from Sister Cities International pursuant to section 2-102 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That funds received from Sister Cities International in the amount of \$10,000 are hereby appropriated to the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 by increasing estimated revenues by \$10,000, increasing the amount

AYES:   **9**   NOES:   **0**   ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:   **JUL 26 2010**   REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

appropriated for expenditures by \$10,000 and allotting to the Richmond Sister Cities Commission the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing funding for project management as part of the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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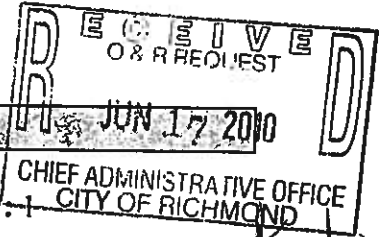
*Lon Brown*  
City Clerk



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

#2207



**O&R REQUEST**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** Dwight C. Jones, Mayor *ASJ*

**THROUGH:** Byron C. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer *BCM*

**THROUGH:** Marcus D. Jones, Deputy CAO for Finance and Administration *Michael Jones FOR MARCUS JONES*

**THROUGH:** Rayford L. Harris Jr., Director of Budget and Strategic Planning *RLH*

**FROM:** My Lan Tran, Richmond Sister Cities Commission *MLT*

**RE:** Appropriation of funds from Sister Cities International

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To amend the FY11 Special Fund Budget by appropriating an award of \$10,000 from Sister Cities International to the FY2011 Special Fund Budget for Non-Departmental.

**REASON:** Richmond Sister Cities Commission has been awarded a grant by Sister Cities International as part of the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program to perform projects that address sanitation, health, and water issues in urban areas of Africa. The City of Richmond Sister Cities Commission will collaborate with Richmond's Sister City Segou, Mali to conduct a feasibility study of a possible water purification project. The award of \$10,000 is below the \$25,000 threshold for acceptance by the Chief Administrative Officer, but the funds must still be appropriated by Council. The \$10,000 dollars will be used by the City of Richmond Sister Cities Commission for project management purposes. The \$10,000 should be appropriated into Non-Departmental's Special Fund Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Administration recommends adoption of this Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND:** In October 2009, Mayor Jones and Mayor Osmane Simaga of Segou, Republic of Mali signed a sister cities agreement. Richmond and Segou have many things in common, which, along with a mutual commitment to cooperation, has formed the basis of the sister

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cities relationship. Far from being a symbolic gesture of support, Richmond signed a sister cities agreement with Segou in order to build on our shared strengths in order to better address our common challenges.

The Richmond Sister Cities Commission with its partner the Virginia Friends of Mali (a registered non-profit), secured a grant from Sister Cities International – Richmond Sister Cities Commission was one of a select group of 17 cities that were awarded. The grant from Sister Cities International will fund a feasibility study for a possible water purification project in Segou, which represents the first step in taking concrete steps toward improving outcomes for Segou residents, focusing on the basic needs for clean water, sanitation improvements, and other environmental changes related to the health and quality of life.

The total grant amount from the Sister Cities International is up to \$115,000 in total funding. The Richmond Sister Cities Commission will only receive \$10,000 of the total award funds. This amount will be solely for the purposes of project management that the Commission will perform in accordance with Sister Cities International requirements. All of the other funds will be managed directly by the funder, Sister Cities International. They will make final determination on the funding requests received from the Mali-based project team and then disburse the project funds to Mali. The City will not receive nor be responsible for any of these funds in any way. In addition, Sister Cities International will hold a pot of money for purchase of plane fare (up to 5 trips) for the Richmond-based project team to travel to Mali. Again, Sister Cities International will make determination on use of these funds and will purchase the tickets directly; the City will not see any of this money. The City will therefore only be responsible for the \$10,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Revenue in the amount of \$10,000 will be received from the Sister Cities International and requires no matching City funds.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The Richmond Sister Cities Commission will utilize \$10,000 for project management purposes.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** This amends the FY2011 Special Fund Budget, Ordinance number 2010-73-86.

**REVENUE TO CITY:** \$10,000.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** July 12, 2010

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** July 26, 2010

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Finance Committee

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**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** None

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** The Department of Budget and Strategic Planning and the Department of Finance

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Amends Ordinance number 2010-73-86.

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Email award notification from Sister Cities International and Press Release from Sister Cities International.

**STAFF:** My Lan Tran, 646-6046.

## **Johnston, Christopher H - Budget**

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**From:** Adam Kaplan [AKaplan@sister-cities.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 11:09 AM  
**To:** allanlevenberg@comcast.net  
**Cc:** Frances Reimers  
**Subject:** AUPAP Phase 2

Dear Mr. Levenberg,

Congratulations! Richmond has been selected to participate in Phase II of Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program.

A conference call has been designed to help you fully understand the roles and expectations of the program. Please respond to this e-mail as soon as possible indicating which of the following sessions you plan to attend. Attendance is mandatory, so please contact us if you are unable to participate.

- Thursday, April 1 at 10 a.m. EST
- Thursday, April 1 at 5 p.m. EST
- Friday, April 2 at 11 a.m. EST
- Friday April 2 at 5 p.m. EST

The call should last approximately 15-30 minutes. Your entire committee does not need to be present.

You must NOT make any external announcements such as press releases nor internal announcements such as group e-mails, Facebook announcements or newsletters. Any announcement that you have been selected will jeopardize your participation in the grant. No public or internal announcements can be made before the project Memorandum of Understanding is signed with Sister Cities International.

Congratulations again, and we look forward to working with you on this program.

Best,

Adam Kaplan  
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*Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation- one individual, one community at a time.*



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 19, 2010

**SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL SELECTS 17 U.S. CITIES TO LEAD  
INFRASTRUCTURE-BUILDING PROJECTS IN AFRICA**  
*Projects to address sanitation, health, and water issues in urban areas*

**WASHINGTON, DC** — Sister Cities International announces today that 17 U.S. cities and their African counterparts were selected to develop projects to address sanitation, health, and water issues in urban areas of Africa. The new selection brings the total to 24 U.S.-African city pairs participating in the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program (AUPAP), a three-year project funded by a \$7.5 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"This Sister Cities International program represents a major effort to address the fundamental needs of citizens of urban areas in Africa," said Patrick Madden, President and CEO, Sister Cities International. "As we've seen during the first year, U.S. communities are eager to roll up their sleeves, identify areas of need, develop cooperative solutions and get to work. I'm very confident these 24 city projects will have an immediate impact on urban poverty and leave an enduring legacy."

The 17 cities were part of a competitive proposal process and selected by an independent panel of experts in the areas of city-to-city assistance, and international development. Each city pairing will have a budget of up to \$115,000 to apply to their projects, in addition to travel funds. The recipients include:

- **Baltimore, Maryland, and Luxor, Egypt**
- **Chicago, Illinois, and Casablanca, Morocco**
- **Delray Beach, Florida, and Moshi, Tanzania**
- **Durham, North Carolina, and Arusha, Tanzania**
- **Jacksonville, Florida, and Port Elizabeth, South Africa**
- **Long Beach, California, and Mombasa, Kenya**
- **Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and Buffalo City, South Africa**
- **Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and uMhlathuze, South Africa**
- **Oakland, California, and Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana**
- **Richmond, Virginia, and Segou, Mali**
- **Riverside, California, and Obuasi, Ghana**
- **Seattle, Washington, and Mombasa, Kenya**
- **Sonoma, California, and Aswan, Egypt**

- **St. Louis, Missouri, and St. Louis, Senegal**
- **Toledo, Ohio, and Tanga, Tanzania**
- **Urbana, Illinois, and Zomba, Malawi**
- **Wilmington, Delaware, and Osogbo, Nigeria**

AUPAP, administered in cooperation with the Africa Global Sister Cities Foundation, is designed to address urban poverty through water, health, and sanitation projects developed collaboratively by U.S. and African sister city programs. This includes involvement and support from the private sector, NGOs, community-based organizations, municipal governments and traditional leaders in Africa to provide sustained technical assistance and community development strategies.

Beyond improving the state of sanitation, health, and water infrastructures in urban areas of Africa, this project is aimed at accomplishing Sister Cities International's mission of promoting peace and prosperity through international people-to-people collaboration.

Visit <http://www.sister-cities.org/africa> to learn more about the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program.

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Frances Reimers, (202) 347-8630 x8251 or at [freimers@sister-cities.org](mailto:freimers@sister-cities.org).

#### **ABOUT SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL**

Sister Cities International promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation by focusing exchanges and public programs on sustainable and economic development, youth and education, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance. More information about Sister Cities International can be found at [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org). Facebook: Sister Cities International; Twitter: SisterCityIntl

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