

POLICY: EXEC-CEO-005

SISTER CITY SELECTION PROCESS

PURPOSE

To provide the selection and evaluation process for establishing and reviewing Sister City relationships and Friendship Agreements within Australia or Overseas.

DEFINITIONS

Nil

STATEMENT

Sister City relationships and Friendship Agreements are based on formal analysis of the proposed city's request. The analysis is completed with respect to economic and cultural benefits, community support and mutual benefits to both cities.

Friendship Agreements

Friendship agreements are established as an initial stage of establishing a Sister City relationship or to meet short term needs. Potential relationships will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1 Community involvement** - degree of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community involvement including any involvement from any formal association or groups.
- 2 Cultural development** - The potential to promote Kalgoorlie-Boulder's cultural community and institutions, existing cultural links, opportunities for links between creative industries including museums, art organisations, libraries and heritage organisations
- 3 Immigration** - size of local immigrant community, potential to attract immigrants from the Friendship city.
- 4 Sport and Recreation** - presence of sport and recreation facilities, opportunities for exchange and collaboration.
- 5 Economic relationship** - existing economic cooperation and business ties, potential for increasing economic cooperation and investment.

- 6 **Research** - opportunities for knowledge transfer, collaboration and sharing between academic institutions through exchange programs, field research or joint projects.
- 7 **Tourism** - existing tourism to Kalgoorlie-Boulder from Friendship City, or opportunity to increase tourism activity.
- 8 **Mutual Interest** - genuine sustained interest must be expressed from both cities.

If an agreement proves to be both beneficial and viable, a recommendation on the proposed relationship is then brought forward to the Sister City Relationship Committee. Upon approval, the proposal is then brought forward to council for a formal motion.

Sister City Relationships

All requests for Sister City relationships are brought before the Sister City Relationship Committee for further discussion. As per policy 14.3, requests for Sister City relationships can only be established by cities that currently have a Friendship Agreement with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Potential relationships will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1 **Population-** comparable to Kalgoorlie-Boulder or larger.
- 2 **Growth-** favourable growth rates.
- 3 **Economic activity-** strong export and import activity.
- 4 **Economic linkages-** entry point to an economic region
- 5 **Academic Organisations-** presence of academic institutions such as colleges, universities and research centres.
- 6 **Industry clusters-** similar or compatible industry profile.
- 7 **Investment-** opportunity for mutual investment opportunities.
- 8 **Affiliation-** presence of chamber of commerce or other business and industry association.
- 9 **Innovation-** emergence of new technologies, research and invention.
- 10 **Tourism-** existing tourism to Kalgoorlie-Boulder from Friendship City, or opportunity to increase tourism activity.

- 11 Mutual Interest** - genuine sustained interest must be expressed from both cities. Current relationships must be reviewed plus the capacity to support an additional relationship.

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Principals of Sister Cities and Friendship Cities

The following principles apply to all affiliated cities:

- 1** The city must be in a country with which the federal government has some form of relationship.
- 2** The proposal must be supported by a member of the proposed city's Municipal Council.
- 3** Geographical concentration of affiliated cities in one region should be avoided.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS