

3. All concept papers will be reviewed. Twenty (20) will be selected and will be asked to submit full proposals.
4. Full proposals will be due by Tuesday, March 16, 1993. Full proposals must be jointly developed by the pairs of sister cities.
5. From the 20 proposals, 10 finalists will be chosen to receive the seed grants of \$6,500. Finalists will be notified on/about April 27, 1993.
6. These 10 finalists must complete their exchange projects not later than August 31, 1993.

This process will be repeated between September 1993 and March 1994 to select the next 10 finalists. All projects must be completed by August 31, 1994.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THE 20 PROTOTYPES:

As in any decision making process, a somewhat subjective and complex combination of factors will be considered as a panel makes its final selections. Among those factors, for both communities, will be:

- *commitment to implementing the 7 principles of effective service learning exchanges (attached)
- *evidence of general community commitment to support the initiative
- *capacity of communities to provide homestay accommodations for youth community service volunteers
- *ability of communities to supplement the seed grant of \$6,500
- *evidence of support from appropriate community organizations to implement the specific exchange activity
- *diversity (ethnic, gender, socio-economic, etc.) of youth participants and number of youth participants
- *substantive and functional role for youth at all levels of local decision making process
- *structured opportunities for exposure to the language and culture of the sister city
- *geographic diversity (both U.S. and global)
- *structural followup -- defined activities which will enable youth participants to reflect upon their experience AND share that experience with their peers and the community-at-large
- *ability to meet the technical requirements of the program -- insurance coverage for all exchangeers, appropriate visa eligibility, etc.
- *diversity of the types of service activities
- *commitment to the time frame of exchanges -- a minimum of 3 weeks of service learning exchanges in each community