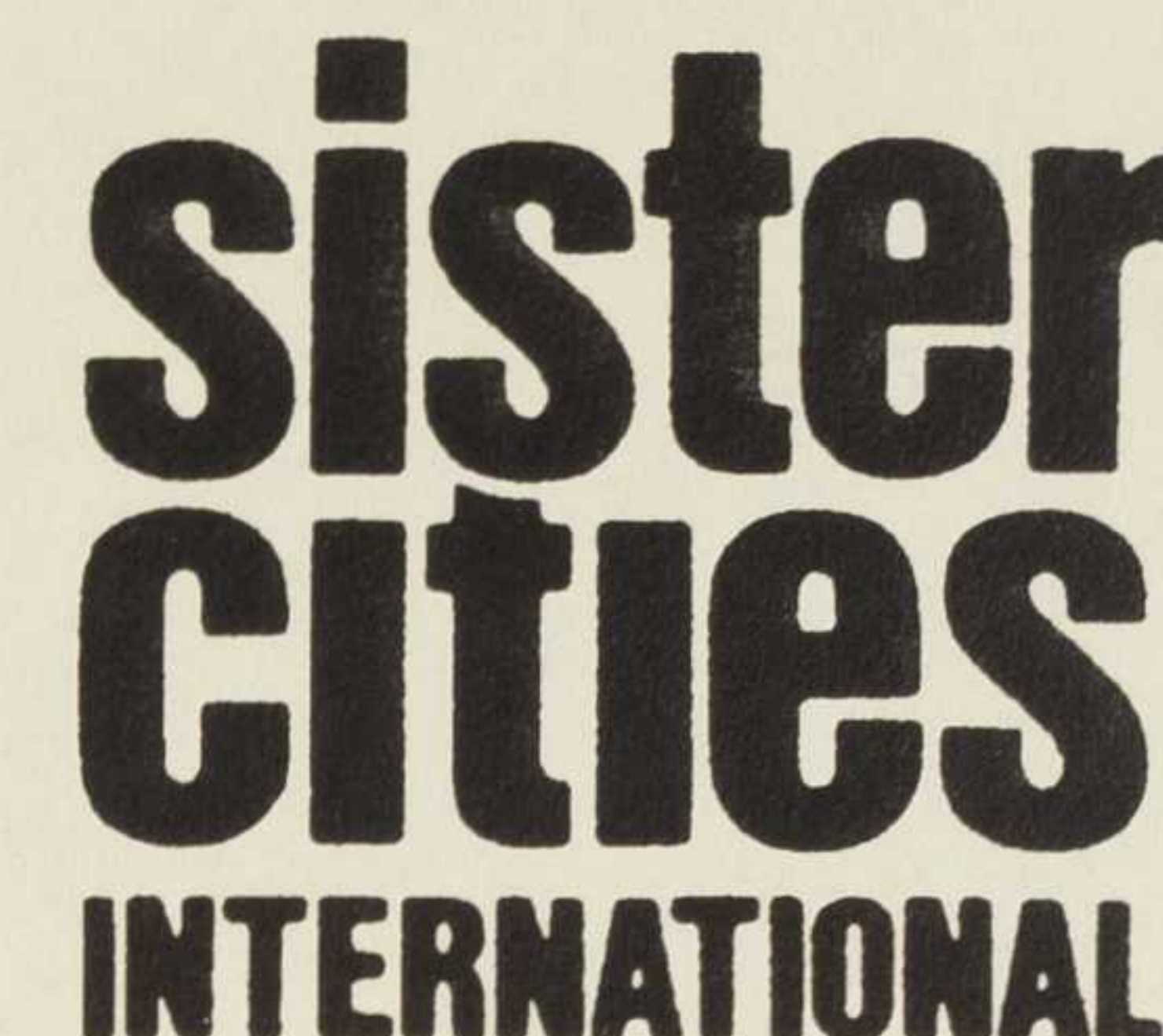




COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING:

An International Youth Exchange Initiative

For Sister Cities Programs

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Over the next two years--July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1994--Sister Cities International [SCI] will select 20 US sister cities programs and their overseas counterparts to plan and conduct youth exchanges that focus on community service learning.

The vision is to have teams of young Americans traveling to far corners of the world, similar teams coming from other lands to America, all for the purpose of "rolling up their sleeves together" and doing something concrete to help their sister communities.

The 20 pairs of sister cities will be prototypes for models of youth exchange that are substantive in nature and that ensure that the youth exchangees are involved in community service in both sister city communities.

Each of the 20 pairs will receive a seed grant of \$6,500 to assist with the costs incurred to implement the exchange projects. The grant is to be shared between the pairs of sister cities.

EXCHANGE PROJECTS MUST BE:

- reciprocal - a minimum of 5 high school age youth each way
- structured - local project coordinator in each community;
 - recruitment, selection and orientation
 - training and language instruction, if needed
 - fundraising strategies
 - evaluation
- action oriented - the service performed by the exchangees
- provide substantive community service to both communities and it must respond to the needs of the communities
- a minimum of 3 weeks in each community
- conducted in collaboration with an existing community service agency in the community
- incorporate the 7 principles of service learning (attached)

HOW TO BECOME ONE OF THE TWENTY PROTOTYPES:

1. Request 2 sets of basic information and application guidelines from SCI. Send 1 to your sister city for review. All information is in English. Both cities must comply with all requirements described in the materials.
2. JOINTLY, submit a concept paper to SCI by Tuesday, December 15, 1992.

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