


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-200	Meeting:	May 19, 2025
	Agenda Item:	21	Roll Call:	25-0738
	Submitted by:	Matthew A. Anderson, Deputy City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Travel and Training for Sherill Whisenand (Chair), Kelly Simmons (Vice Chair), and Georgia Martin (Commissioner) to Pristina, Kosovo, from June 14, 2025 to June 21, 2025.

SYNOPSIS:

Travel and training request from Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission for Sherill Whisenand (R-0), Kelly Simmons (R-0), and Georgia Martin (R-0) to Pristina, Kosovo, from June 14-21, 2025. The estimated cost of this trip is \$8,355.93. As of May 19, 2025, \$2,568.07 would be remaining in the Sister Cities Commission travel budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$8,355.93

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025; Sister Cities Commission; G001; CM021000; General Fund; Page 35

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission has had a relationship with Pristina, Kosovo, since November 29, 2018.
- The exchange of delegations between countries is critical to the Sister Cities relationship. The President of Kosovo recently visited the City of Des Moines in October 2023.
- All commissioners who are requesting travel funding are Des Moines appointees to the Commission.
- Estimated cost per commissioner:
 - Sherill Whisenand (Chair) - \$2,785.31
 - Kelly Simmons (Vice Chair) - \$2,785.31
 - Georgia Martin (Commissioner) - \$2,785.31

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission

Date: April 8, 2025

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Mr. Nowadzky motioned to allocate all \$10,924 of the Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission's remaining Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 travel budget to the Kosovo travel on June 15-20, 2025. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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