



Motion to approve a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the 2015 SoRo Festival

Agenda Item: SB011515-1
Date: 15 January 2015
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

For sixteen years, the SoRo Community Festival has built bridges amongst our neighbors, local businesses and public service organizations and celebrated the cultural diversity of our community. The Festival is organized by the SoRo Community Foundation, Inc.

The single-day Festival includes activities for kids, a wide range of food, a live music stage and lots of exciting artist and vendor booths.

The Festival has been the Neighborhood Council's largest single outreach effort each year, attracting over 8,000 residents. It helps build pride in our community, and gives stakeholders a chance to talk with their NC board members and tell us about their priorities for the neighborhood. The Festival also provides unique opportunities for representatives of City departments and non-profit organizations to meet with residents and give them information about their services, and for local businesses to promote themselves to their community.

Proposed Motion

- I. To approve a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the SoRo Community Foundation, Inc., for the purposes of putting on the 2015 SoRo Festival.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For:

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$5000
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Reductions to our NC budget and removal of our rollover funds has left us with less than we've had in past years.

This is our largest outreach effort to the immediate community.

Arguments against:

The funds could be spent for some other purpose.

The festival is structured to attract a small local audience at time when we need to raise the profile of our business community to a broader audience.

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This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council, upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of Neighborhood Council you are seeking the grant from: South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORO INC)
Neighborhood Council Name

SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION

1A) SoRo, Inc. 95-4756212 California 08/10/2000
Organization Name **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)**

1B) 1836 1/2 S. Robertson Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90035
Organization Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1C) N/A
Business Address (if different) **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1D) N/A
Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Name and address of person designated to receive official/legal notices: **Name:** Laurence R. DeMers

2) 1836 1/2 S. Robertson Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90035
Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

3) **Type of Organization- Please select one: (Organizations must be located within the City of Los Angeles)**
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* or 501(c)(3) Non-profits *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) **Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.**

See Attachment 1.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.**

See Attachment 1.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE- Please outline the project budget below.

6A) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
N/A	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6B) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Operating expenses incl. Festival set up, entertainment for children, advertising	\$ 5,000	\$ 32,000
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? Yes, please describe below No

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
See Attachment 2 (Budget)	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

8) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 5,000

9) What is the expected completion date? 06 / 07 / 2015 (mm/dd/yyyy) (required)

SECTION IV - PROJECT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide the name, telephone number, fax and e-mail address (if applicable) of the person(s) responsible for the funds and program(s) listed in Section II of this application.

10A) Laurence DeMers MI
First Name Last Name MI
(310)836-0340 (310)836-1008 Larry@DeMerAndAssociates.com
Telephone Number Fax Number E-mail

10B) Christel Wilson MI
First Name Last Name MI
(310)836-0340 (310)836-1008 TVMom@gmail.com
Telephone Number Fax Number E-mail

SECTION VI - AFFILIATIONS

11) Does anyone in your organization have a former or existing relationship with any of the NC board members?

Name of Organization	Status
<i>Example: XYZ Non-profit Corporation</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>
N/A	
SoRo INC supports the neighborhood on community projects and outreach efforts. We invite one NC board member to attend our meetings to be fully informed about what we are doing. SoRo INC also sponsored the creation of the NC and was the group that originally had applied to DONE to create the NC. As such, our board members were the original NC board, replaced entirely at the first NC election. The SoRo INC board are all volunteers and receive no compensation. We are in the process of reorganizing, including a name change to SORO Community Foundation, Inc.	

City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Neighborhood Council Funding Program
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)
SoRo, Inc.

4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.

This grant is intended to support an event: the 18th Annual South Robertson Community Festival will be held on June 7, 2015, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on South Robertson Boulevard. This Festival, held annually since 1998, has become a community tradition, growing gradually each year in size, sophistication and reputation. Each year, an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 people attend.

Open to the public, the Festival features local and regional entertainment, special ecological and greening pavilions (featuring energy and water conservation and waste recycling), and 60 to 70 booths featuring neighborhood businesses and information. A particularly popular feature, which has grown each year, is the “Camp SoRo” area for children; this all-day activity engages leadership students from Hamilton High School, children from the community and their parents in creative arts and crafts activities.

The Festival celebrates the broad cultural diversity and sense of unity that exists among the some 45,000 residents in the seven neighborhoods encompassed in the South Robertson community area. It attracts local businesses and organizations and elected representatives including local legislators and heads of our public agencies. The Festival encourages beautification and revitalization of the SoRo corridor where people can shop, dine, and enjoy a good quality of life, and it is committed to strengthening local educational institutions.

This annual Festival has broad and continuing community support and involvement, including: the City’s Department of Cultural Affairs; the two local Councilmembers (CD-5 and CD-10) who represent our community; the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council; local businesses, schools, houses of worship, non-profit organizations, and individuals; and local representatives of City agencies including LAPD and LAFD.

With the Festival area bounded on the south by Cattaraugus and on the north by Beverlywood, with the central point at approximately 2730 South Robertson, this site has proven to be logistically optimal for managing the event efficiently and for ensuring optimum accessibility for the community.

The Festival is managed under the auspices of SoRo, Inc. (South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, Inc. – a name that pre-dates the founding of the Neighborhood Council system), a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of South Robertson Blvd. between the Santa Monica Freeway and Pico Blvd. and its surrounding residential neighborhoods. SoRo, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization, and its largest activity is this Annual Festival.

The Festival is organized and implemented by the Festival Organizing Committee, comprised of volunteers from SoRo, Inc., the South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORO NC), the local community, and staff of the offices of Councilmembers Koretz (CD-5) and Wesson (CD-10). The Committee begins its work early in the calendar year, contacting hundreds of local businesses and organizations by mail and email with invitations to participate in and/or contribute to the Festival and firming up logistical arrangements. Committee members also visit personally many businesses and organizations to discuss the Festival and post flyers in local businesses to raise residents' awareness. Two weeks before the Festival, Committee members post some 200 eye-catching lawn signs in strategic locations throughout SoRo neighborhoods. Articles in local media, wherever possible, as well as emails to community members, also help to encourage broad community participation. Publicity provided by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (listing in its Festival Guide) and our own press releases to local media outlets help spread the word even more broadly in the community.

The Festival budget (Attachment 2) and SoRo, Inc. 501(c)3 letter (Attachment 3) are attached. As part of the City's application and permit process for the event (Bureau of Street Services), SoRo, Inc. obtains the insurance coverage required by the City before the permit is issued.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.

This lively and highly successful annual event provides fun and education for the whole family. The Festival is open to the public with no admission fee. It features local and regional entertainment, emphasis on environmental issues and emergency preparedness, arts and crafts and games for children. The Festival attracts local businesses and organizations and elected representatives including local legislators and heads of our public agencies. More than 60 neighborhood businesses, non-profit organizations, and city service representatives have booths so they can provide information about their services. The Festival involves local schools, their students and their parents in arts and crafts projects and environmental issues. The Festival provides the community an opportunity to honor individuals who volunteer in their communities and businesses that practice sound environmental policies.

The Annual Festival brings community members together to recognize, learn about, and celebrate the cultural, economic and social well-being of the South Robertson neighborhoods. The enhanced feeling of community the Festival engenders, and the ties with public service providers it strengthens, serves to promote, market and enhance the South Robertson neighborhoods and make them a cleaner, more attractive and safer environment in which to work, visit and live.

**SoRo Inc.
FESTIVAL BUDGET**

	2015 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions, Gift & Grants	
Direct Public Support UR	12,100.00
Total Contributions, Gift & Grants	12,100.00
Program Service Revenue	
Food	2,100.00
Booths	6,000.00
Paid Attraction Ticket sales	3,700.00
T-Shirts	1,200.00
Total Program Service Revenue	13,000.00
Total Income	25,100.00
Expense	
Advertising	2,700.00
Equipment Rental	12,000.00
Festival Event Expenses	
Decorating & Setup	460.00
Entertainment	
Paid Attractions Camp SORO	2,400.00
Music & Stage	2,800.00
Camp SORO Arts & Crafts (free)	900.00
Total Entertainment	6,100.00
Merchant C.C. Expense	40.00
Project Management	3,000.00
Insurance, Permits & Fees	5,000.00
Total Festival Event Expenses	14,600.00
Postage and Delivery	200.00
Printing and Publications	300.00
Supplies	300.00
Total Expense	30,100.00
Net Ordinary Income	-5,000.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
SORO NC Sponsorship & Exp Paid	5,000.00
Total Other Income	5,000.00
Net Other Income	5,000.00
Net Income	0.00

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
South Robertson Neighborhood Association, Inc

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ Exempt payee
 Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
1836 1/2 S Robertson Blvd

City, state, and ZIP code
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Requester's name and address (optional)

List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
or	
Employer identification number	95 4756212

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ *[Signature]* Date ▶ *10/29/2010*

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity.



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BUSINESS TAX RENEWAL FORM – 2014

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DELINQUENT AFTER

February 28, 2014



1. **Small Business Exemption** - Enter the total of your worldwide gross receipts here: \$ 33,738.14 and enter your in City gross receipts in Column D (Basis for Tax).
2. **Newly Established Business**
3. **Creative Activities Exemption**: Check this box only if the worldwide gross receipts attributable to "Creative Activities" are \$300,000 or less. Enter the total gross receipts from Creative Activities inside the City of Los Angeles \$ _____ and enter '0' in Column D (Basis for Tax).
4. **Application of Overpayment**: Check this box only if you have an overpayment that you want to apply to your 2014 renewal. Please note that an overpayment cannot be applied if the original payment date was over three years ago. If applicable enter the overpayment amount \$ _____
 (Deduct this amount from your Total Amount Due on Line 18)

	Col. A Business Activity	Col. B Fund Class	Col. C Primary Class <small>- Refer to instructions</small>	Col. D Basis For Tax	Col. E Tax Rate	Col. F Tax Computation <small>Multiply Column: (D x E)</small>	Col. G Back Tax <small>- Refer to instructions</small>	Col. H Tax Due <small>Add Columns: (F + G)</small>
5.	Professions/Occ	L049	<input type="checkbox"/>	33,738.00	5.07	1,710.50	N/A	1,710.50
6.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00
7.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00
8.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00
9.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00
10.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00
11.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00
12.			<input type="checkbox"/>	.00				.00

13. Add Lines 5 through 12 in Column H. Enter result here.
 14. N/A

Late Payment 15. N/A

16. Interest (If paid after February 28, 2014) - See Instruction Sheet

17. Penalty (If paid after February 28, 2014) - See Instruction Sheet

Total Amount Due 18. Add Lines 13 through 17. Enter result here.

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS RENEWAL IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

19. Signature: [Signature] Print Name: Larry Demers

20. Title: Treasurer Phone No.: (310) 836-0340 # _____
area code daytime phone # ext. if any

21. Date: 2/24/14 Email: _____

All payments of \$50,000 or more must be made electronically via Automated Clearing House (ACH) through your bank. See instruction sheet for further information. **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Office of Finance City of Los Angeles.** Please write your account number on your check. Checks and money orders must be drawn on United States banks only. **NO SPLIT PAYMENTS.**

22. Payment Type: Check MasterCard
 Visa Discover ACH

23. Name on Credit Card: _____
 Acct#:

24. Exp. Date: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____
 Authorized Signature: _____

Fee Disclosure: All Visa Debit Card payments will be assessed a flat fee of \$3.95 per transaction with a maximum allowed payment amount of \$1,200. All other Credit or Debit Card payments will be assessed a fee equal to 2.7% of the payment amount with a minimum fee of \$3.95. This fee will be assessed to the same Credit/Debit card provided above.

Account #: 0000445350-0001-5
 2861 S ROBERTSON BLVD
 LOS ANGELES CA 90034-2439

C/O LARRY DEMERS
 LARRY DEMERS
 SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS
 COUNCIL
 1836 1/2 S ROBERTSON BLVD
 LOS ANGELES CA 90035-4362

Change of Information: Check this box if there are any changes regarding your taxpayer information. Record the changes on the Information Update section (back of this form).

PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Julie, Inc.
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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: AUG 10 2000

SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS
COUNCIL
C/O SUSAN BURSK
822 S ROBERTSON BLVD STR 102
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035

Employer Identification Number:
95-4756212
DLN:
17053117005030
Contact Person:
JULIE Y. CHAN ID# 95051
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
June 30
Foundation Status Classification:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Advance Ruling Period Begins:
July 8, 1999
Advance Ruling Period Ends:
June 30, 2004
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and

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contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return. Because you will be treated as a public charity for return filing purposes during your entire advance ruling

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period, you should file Form 990 for each year in your advance ruling period that you exceed the \$25,000 filing threshold even if your sources of support do not satisfy the public support test specified in the heading of this letter.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 957, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipients' names, addresses, purposes of awards, manner of selection, and relationship (if any) to members, officers, trustees or donors of funds to you, so that you can substantiate upon request by the Internal Revenue Service any and all distributions you made to individuals. (Revenue Ruling 56-304, C.B. 1956-2, page 306.)

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

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Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Steven T. Miller *SM*
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure(s):
Form 872-C

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Motion to approve \$150 for a Board strategy and planning meeting

Agenda Item: SB011515-2
Date: 15 January 2015
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

In order to preserve options for the soon-to-be-seated SORO NC Board, the 2014-15 budget passed by the previous Board was necessarily lacking in detail. The upcoming strategy and fiscal planning meeting will allow us to discuss the NC's priorities and create a more developed budget.

The Executive Committee is proposing holding the meeting at the Relational Center on Robertson Blvd. There is a \$100 room rental fee. An additional \$50 would be for snacks and beverages for the meeting.

Proposed Motion

- I. To approve \$150 for a Board strategy and fiscal planning meeting.

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Considerations

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Arguments against:

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Another venue might be cheaper.

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