

Charlottesville–Huehuetenango Sister City Partnership

Draft Two-year Activity Plan

Total Preliminary Budget: \$15,000

This list represents initial ideas developed in Charlottesville to guide discussion with our colleagues in Huehuetenango. It is meant as a starting point for collaboration, to be refined jointly so the first phase of our partnership reflects shared priorities and true reciprocity.

Activity / Project	Proposed Timing	Preliminary Budget (USD)	Notes / Purpose
Community Reception (Charlottesville)	February 2026 (annually)	\$500	Annual public gathering to celebrate and build awareness of the Huehuetenango–Charlottesville partnership.
Books for Huehuetenango Schools / Libraries	December 2025	\$2,000 (fundraised)	Support access to educational materials. Explore shifting from paying for international shipping to purchasing books locally in Huehuetenango, supporting local vendors.
Visit by Mayor Cano & Delegation to Charlottesville	May 2026	\$2,000	Strengthen official and community ties; opportunities for cultural exchange and planning. (Seek cost-sharing or external funding.)
Teacher Exchange – Pilot Program	August 2026	\$2,000	One educator from each city participates in a reciprocal exchange. Prioritize schools serving underserved or first-generation students to ensure equitable access.
Marimba Music & Dance Performance	Summer 2026	\$2,000	Bring Huehuetenango musicians to Charlottesville for a joint concert with local and UVA performers. Celebrate shared cultural heritage and encourage community engagement.

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Traditional Arts and Textiles Collaboration	January–September 2027	\$1,000–\$1,500	Joint project with artisans and cultural institutions in Huehuetenango to share textile traditions through exhibitions, workshops, or digital storytelling. May include a small display or sale benefiting artisans, and a bilingual presentation in Charlottesville (potential collaboration with UVA or Fralin Museum).
City Representative Visit to Huehuetenango	February 2027	\$2,500	Strengthen collaboration, assess progress, and plan next-phase priorities with Huehuetenango partners.
Cultural Exchange: Artifacts, Literature, and Student Collaboration (UVA Latin American Studies)	September 2027	\$1,000	Joint cultural showcase curated by students and artists from both cities. Could include visual arts, literature, and bilingual interpretation.
Student Exchange – Pilot (1:1)	September 2027	\$1,500	Reciprocal student homestay or virtual exchange; focus on inclusion and equitable access.
C'ville Sabroso Festival – Guatemala Focus	Annually	\$1,000 (\$500/year)	Feature Guatemalan food, music, and art at Charlottesville's annual Latin festival in partnership with the local Guatemalan community.