

Olympic Games

Salt Lake City 2002

Cultural Olympiad

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC), in partnership with the Utah Arts Council, is offering 30 grants of up to US\$ 3,000 each to community and arts organizations throughout the state. The Community Heritage Invitational grants must be used to stage a performance, exhibition or other event in individual Utah communities between 29 January 2002 and 19 March 2002. The Utah Arts Council will administer the programme for the Cultural Olympiad. The grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis in cash or value-in-kind.



The Community Heritage Invitational is one of many grant programmes provided by the 2002 Cultural Olympiad. For example, the Cultural Olympiad On Tour programme provided grants to museums throughout Utah to bring selected exhibitions to the state during the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Community Heritage Invitational cultural events should reflect the theme of the Cultural Olympiad which is to celebrate Utah, embrace the West and its cultures, and to highlight America's contribution to the arts and humanities.

Turin 2006

The Turin Organizing Committee for the XX Olympic Winter Games was formally inaugurated at an official ceremony attended by the IOC President in Turin on 5 February. The 28-member Organizing Committee is to be chaired by the Mayor of Turin, Valentino Castellani, and includes, as first Vice-president, Evelina Christillin (president of the original bid committee); as Vice-presidents Rinaldo Bontempi, Giovanni Petrucci (Italian



NOC president) and Bruno Rambaudi; and as secretary general, Renato Cigliuti. The remaining members appointed form a representative cross-section of those who will be involved with the organization of the XX Olympic Winter Games, namely: the Italian NOC, the International Ski Federation (FIS), the ice-sports federations, the city and province of Turin and the region of Piedmont.



Evelina Christillin and Valentino Castellani.

Games of the XXIX Olympiad

The NOCs had until midnight on 1 February to notify the IOC that a city within their jurisdiction was interested to apply. Ten cities have now expressed their interest in hosting the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008. They are, in alphabetical order: Bangkok (Thailand), Beijing {People's Republic of China}, Cairo (Egypt), Havana (Cuba), Istanbul (Turkey), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Osaka (Japan), Paris (France), Seville (Spain) and Toronto (Canada).

The host city election procedure, as amended by the 110th IOC Session in December 1999, means that these ten cities will have to go through a bid acceptance procedure that will review their organizational capacity before accepting them as candidates. The NOCs/applicant cities will be briefed on this new system, currently being finalized by the IOC, during an information meeting in Lausanne on 24 February. No city will become a candidate until it is selected as such by the IOC Executive Board later this year. After being accepted as candidates, cities and their NOCs will sign a contract. The candidates would then be required to submit their candidature file and prepare for the visit of the IOC Evaluation Commission. Individual visits by IOC members and vice versa, will not be allowed. The host city of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008 will be elected in July 2001 in Moscow.