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Dear Belinda

As Secretary of the Helensburgh and District Twinning Association, I am once again, on behalf of the committee, applying for the Argyll and Bute Twinning Grant for the forthcoming visit to Helensburgh in July 2013.

This year sees the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning between the Towns of Thouars in France and Helensburgh and District. We are expecting 40 adults and 10 children to visit us this time. As in previous years the visiting group will stay with Scottish host families for the ten days of the visit.

We have put together a very varied programme for this years visit. We are especially proud to show them Scotland at its best with visits to Cruachan, Inveraray, Loch Lomond, Stirling, Bo'ness and Edinburgh. Also this year the visit will include the Rosneath Highland Games which will be a memorable occasion for them all to attend. We have a Ceilidh planned, as we have learned from previous visits that our French friends are always very willing to participate in Scottish dancing. The climax of the visit will be the official dinner in the Victoria Halls for the 30th celebrations and an informal street party the day after.

This is the first time the whole group will be travelling by air and not by coach. So we will be hiring a coach to transport them during these trips.

We have been fund raising continually for the visit in many ways, bag packing and mainly running the Tea Bar at the locally held 'Food and Craft Fair'.

As you can see, we have a very full programme for this visit. If it is possible to have any help with money from the Argyll and Bute Twinning Budget, we would be most grateful. If you require a breakdown of our expenses, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary, Helensburgh and District Twinning Assoc.