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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida, Inc. Mentoring Children of an Incarcerated Parent (MCIP)

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/14/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The overall goal of Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida (BBBSAF), Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents (MCIP) is to change the lives of at-risk youth in our communities and end the cycle of incarceration by participating in BBBS' high quality, evidence-based, one-to-one mentoring. The main goal of the program is prevention (i.e., no or minimal involvement with the juvenile justice system). Children served by the MCIP program have a greater opportunity to grow up to be confident, competent, and caring adults.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Juvenile Justice

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
1,000,000		1,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0%

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,000,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 3

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
 e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:	1,000,000		1,000,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

- a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The goal of Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents is to change the lives of at-risk youth in our communities and end the cycle of incarceration by participating in BBBS' high quality, evidence-based, one-to-one mentoring. The main goal of the program is prevention (i.e., no involvement with the juvenile justice system). Children served by the MCIP program have a greater opportunity to grow up to be confident, competent, and caring adults.

- b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida through our network of BBBS member agency provides one-to-one mentoring services and support for youth in the MCIP program ranging in age from 5 to 17 years, in elementary, middle or high school. We invest a tremendous amount of time and energy into screening and matching a child and volunteer and we continue each year to invest in that relationship. We provide match support, coaching, training, and recreational and community activities. Match support consists of contact by BBBS professional staff who speak with the mentors, the parents, and each youth to provide guidance and support while enrolled in the program. We know that the stronger and longer the match the deeper the impact to the child. Our program is a long-term program with long-term impact. Once matched with a mentor, qualified professional BBBS staff conduct monthly support contact with the mentors, the parent, and the youth to provide guidance and support.

- c. How will the funds be expended?



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The executive provides senior level direction and management in contractual relationships with BBBS local agencies in Florida. Benefits are approximately an additional 7.5% of the salaries and wages. Payroll taxes are also an additional 7.65% of the salaries and wages.	13,808
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	The wages, payroll taxes and benefits for the Director of Operations and a Program Manager. The Program Manager maintains ongoing communication with BBBS local agencies' program team and is in direct contact with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. The Program Manager provides support to the BBBS local agencies and completes the monthly reporting to maintain compliance with the DJJ contract. The Director of Operations communicates with the BBBS local agencies regarding financial reimb	65,422
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost attributed to communication with BBBS local agencies and office supplies. Travel expenses are budgeted for mileage reimbursement for use of vehicles and transportation for	724



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	BBBSAF staff to attend monitoring visits at BBBS local sites throughout Florida.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Background screening for the BBBSAF staff assigned to the MCIP project.	144
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contract service agreements ensuring quality one-to-onementor services for youth in following the BBBS national standards. Costs for direct services for youth including professional academic assessment, preparation of youth development plans, monthly contact by a BBBS professional for support offered to the youth and parent as well as professional support for volunteer mentors. The costs include screening, assessment and training provided to volunteer mentors for program quality and safety.	919,900
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		999,998

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parent (MCIP) program is a delinquency prevention program offering direct program services and support for youth who are at-risk and have a parent or immediate family member



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who has a history of incarceration. With an annual cost per youth served of \$1,250, BBBS local agencies will support delivery of one-to-one mentoring to individual youth. Mentor support activities including intake of volunteers and youth, assessments of prospective youth and volunteers; background screening; case plan and youth development planning; case management monthly support; volunteer mentor training; community and school needs assessments; activity reports, tracking and safety evaluations; fiscal and program accountability activities. The investment of \$1,250 per youth will help these youth to engage in nurturing relationships with a caring adult mentor so that they can begin to envision a safe and productive future.

e. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentoring Children of an Incarcerated Parent (MCIP) provides mentor services and support for youth between the ages of 5 and 17, in elementary, middle school or high school. Youth are determined eligible for program participation when there is a history of incarceration of their parent or family members. Eight hundred (800) youth, after being matched with a qualified mentor, will meet with the mentor for approximately four (4) to eight (8) hours each month during the year.

f. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentoring Children of an Incarcerated Parent (MCIP) is a prevention program for at-risk youth intended to prevent delinquency and reduce risk factors for negative behaviors. The goal is for youth who participate in MCIP to have no involvement in the juvenile justice system due to delinquency. The Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents program has been highly successful, as demonstrated by the results of the initial contract. At the end of that contract, because of their participation in MCIP, not one child or youth became involved or re-involved with the juvenile justice system---a 100% success rate.

g. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Financial consequences for failure to meet the deliverables are charged on at a fixed price per unit of youth determined eligible for MCOP and who do not receive one-to-one mentoring services with the goal that 800 youth are matched with a mentoring during the fiscal year 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida, Inc.
- b. **County:** Statewide



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c. Organization Type:

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

d. Contact Name: Joanna Clifford

e. E-mail Address: jodyclifford@bbbsflorida.org

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