



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1873

1. Title of Project: Big Brothers Big Sisters - Mentoring Children

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 02/07/2019

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. As a prevention program, our long-term goal is to break the generational cycle of crime in families who have experienced the incarceration of a family member. In the past year our success rate has been 100%, not one child or youth participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters MCIP program has had involvement with the juvenile justice system.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 1,500,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,500,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percent |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 1,500,000 | 100.00% |
| Federal | 0 | 0.00% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0.00% |
| Local | 0 | 0.00% |
| Other | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 1,500,000 | 100.0% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
| 2018-19 | | 1,500,000 | 1173A | No |

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1,500,000

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|---|--|-----------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Salary, Payroll Taxes and benefits linked to senior leadership of the project. Senior leadership will engage in communication with Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) regarding contractual negotiation, project monitoring, quality control, as well as, facilitate program compliance with BBBS local agency Chief Executive Officers to ensure contract terms and service goals are accomplished. | 27,223 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Salary, Payroll Taxes and Benefits linked to operational and financial management of the project. The operations and finance position will engage in communication with BBBS local agencies regarding financial and operational matters. Regular monthly contact with Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) regarding project invoicing and program reporting, quality control, and tracking of youth program participants. (Additional info if needed) | 57,584 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Local Mileage and Travel: Travel necessary to conduct quality and monitoring visits to BBBS local agencies to verify program compliance. Postage/Shipping: Mailing correspondence and reports. Supplies for office administration. | 19,573 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Consultants and contractors working independently on a monthly basis to monitor program services provided to youth through the BBBS local agencies and to report project outcomes to the managing State agency (DJJ). An independent audit firm will also conduct a financial audit and prepare a Single Audit Report as required under the Florida Single Audit Act. | 15,620 |
| Operational Costs: | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Salaries, benefits and payroll taxes for an estimated 35 full-time equivalent employees in BBBS local agencies providing direct support and contact services to youth and adult mentors in the Mentoring Children of an Incarcerated Parent (MCIP) program. | 1,315,800 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Rent for facilities used by BBBS local agency staff in support of mentors and youth engaged in direct service delivery. Program materials and supplies provided to youth, parents and volunteer mentors for direct program delivery. | 54,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Background screening of volunteer mentors and employees in direct contact with youth in the DJJ MCIP program. | 10,200 |



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| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | |
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| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | 1,500,000 |

11. Program Performance:

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

The overall goal 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). First, at least 85% of youth served in the program are expected to remain crime free while in the program. Second, at least 90% of youth completing the program should remain crime free for six months.

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 agencies provide mentoring services and support for youth between the ages of 5 and 18, in elementary, middle and 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. 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.

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

The Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parent (MCOP) 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 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.

d. 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 18, in elementary, middle school and high school. Youth are determined eligible for program participation when there is a history of incarceration of their parent or family members. One thousand two hundred (1,200) 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.

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



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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 in the last 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.

f. 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. The goal is that 1,200 youth are matched with a mentoring during the fiscal year 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020.

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

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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