



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1163

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Through the Bigs in Blue program, BBBSAF and member BBBS agencies partner with law enforcement agencies and first responders to build positive relationships with local communities. Each month, youth meet with a volunteer mentor who is a law enforcement officer or first responder as defined in the 2021/2022 fiscal year project contract. The meetings may occur in the community or at sites such as schools, community centers or in the workplace. The Bigs in Blue program serves a majority of youth in the African American and Hispanic communities and has the benefit of helping youth attain their potential while strengthening trust between law enforcement and the community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	750,000	1300A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Not aware of any other revenue sources at this time.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funds in the amount of \$55,256 were received as a loan in May 2020. The full amount of the PPP loan was forgiven on April 7, 2021 by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The PPP funding was used to retain employees during the period of economic uncertainty caused by the COVID crisis.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salaries, payroll taxes and benefits for the CEO allocated based on the amount of time of direct involvement in monitoring the project, communicating with BBBS local agencies regarding project goals and objectives, as well as maintaining contact with the funding agency to ensure contract goals are met along with compliance with contract terms.	7,840
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary, payroll taxes and benefits for staff responsible for direct services and hours worked in the Bigs in Blue project. Effort is dedicated to monitoring BBBS local agency compliance with the Bigs in Blue contract, preparation of monthly reporting to the Attorney General's Office, invoicing and payment to BBBS local agencies for services provided to youth.	28,203
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, liability insurance, communications and mileage reimbursement for travel to support the Bigs in Blue program. Additional expenses for access to technology services or other expenses incurred in support of the project. The expenses are allocated in proportion to the project needs for management and administration.	1,457
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A financial statement audit to comply with the Florida Single Audit Act. The cost is allocated in the proportion of State funding represented by the Bigs in Blue project.	2,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contract services for Bigs in Blue support through BBBS local agencies serving youth in Florida. The expenses incurred by the local agencies include the cost for continuing support for Bigs in Blue program participants, recruitment of new volunteers and youth, assessment for eligibility to participate, background screening, and professional support staff who are monitoring and supporting service delivery.	960,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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



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The Bigs in Blue program goal is to help students obtain their potential and strengthen the community relationship with law enforcement. Through one-to-one mentoring youth meet monthly with a volunteer mentor who works in law enforcement or is a first responder as defined in the 2021/22 project contract. The time that youth spend with the volunteer provides encouragement and makes a world of difference as students improve their grades, gain in self-esteem, reduce at-risk behaviors and increase their potential. The immediate benefit from the Bigs in Blue program is that youth develop a trusting relationship with a mentor in law enforcement, building youth confidence and strengthening community support.

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

The Bigs in Blue program goal is to provide support, guidance and a trusted mentor relationship for youth in the program. Overall, the positive benefits include increased self-confidence and self esteem. Youth in a site-based mentoring service model may also receive guidance and support in academic goals. The potential for each youth is supported for a positive outcome.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Facilitated through BBBS local agencies, BBBSAF will match seven hundred sixty-eight students, identified as at-risk youth, with mentors who are a law enforcement officer or first responder as defined in the 2021/2022 project contract. Each month, youth in Bigs in Blue meet with a volunteer mentor who provides support and guidance. The matches may meet in the community, in school sites or in the workplace. Community matches may participate in and experience meaningful activities in evenings or weekends, build a trusting relationship. Site-based matches may meet at a school, library, after school center or in the community and engage in activities such as games, homework and conversation.

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

Young people across the state of Florida are eligible for participation in the Bigs in Blue program with the majority of at-risk youth served being of African American and Hispanic descent. Big Brothers Big Sisters local agencies identify at-risk youth for participation in the Bigs in Blue program during the enrollment process. The program is expected to provide one-to-one mentoring for seven hundred sixty-eight youth (768) between the age of five (5) and eighteen (18).

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

In addition to the benefits of youth having a caring adult mentor from law enforcement and first responder agencies as a successful role model, the Bigs in Blue program offers opportunities for youth to learn skills and establish trust with these mentors. BBBS staff provides support to law enforcement and first responders regarding the youth and mentoring strategies. The relationship between the local community and law enforcement is enhanced and improved through the mentor program.

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 the contract?

Financial consequences for failure to meet the deliverables are charged at a fixed price per unit of youth matched with a mentor in the Bigs in Blue program. If the contract number of youth (768) are not matched with a mentor the funding will be reduced on a per youth basis during the budget period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

N/A



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

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

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number