



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1986

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 engaging in social activities. 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 2021-2022

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 750,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 750,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 750,000 | 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 2021-2022 | 750,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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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.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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No

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

No Federal Assistance

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. | 5,055 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Salary, payroll taxes and benefits for the Director of Operations and Grant Manager 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 funder, processing invoicing and payment for BBBS local agencies contracting services provided to youth in the Bigs in Blue program. | 24,051 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Supplies, liability insurance, and communications to support the Bigs in Blue project. The expenses are allocated in proportion to the project needs for management and administration. | 894 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Contract services for the Bigs In Blue mentoring support through the BBBS local agencies serving youth in Florida. The expenses incurred by the local agencies include the cost for recruitment of volunteers and youth, assessment for eligibility to participate, background screening, and professional support staff who are monitoring and supporting the program operations. Youth and mentor meetings occur monthly with a duration of 4 to 6 hours each month. | 720,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 750,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

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 with a volunteer mentor who works in law enforcement or is a first responder for just a few hours each month. 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?



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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 positive outcomes.

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

Facilitated through BBBS local agencies, BBBSAF will match five hundred seventy six students, identified as at-risk youth, with mentors who are actively employed in law enforcement or employed as a first responder with a partnering local agency. 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 fun activities in evenings or weekends, build a trusting relationship. Site-based matches may meet at a school, library or after school center 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 five hundred seventy-six youth (576) 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, establish trust with these mentors. BBBS staff provides support to law enforcement and first responders regarding the youth and mentoring strategies.

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 on at a fixed price per unit of youth matched with a mentor in the Bigs in Blue program. If the contract number of youth (576) do not receive one-to-one mentoring services at a corporate partner site, the funding will be reduced on a per youth basis during the budget period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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