



**County of Marin
Community Service Fund Program
Application Form**

Application Date August 16, 2016

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay

Organization URL: www.bbbsnorthbay.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally supported one-to one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. After being matched with their mentor for one year (most matches last 3 years on average, the youth served through BBBSNB show the following outcomes: • 98% Graduate from high school • 95% Avoid use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco; • 53% Feel better about themselves • 47% Achieve better report cards; • 35% Get along better with their parent/guardian; Studies have shown that mentored youth are 52 percent more likely to stay in school. A meta-analysis of 73 independent evaluations of mentoring programs showed that evidence-based mentoring offered by programs like BBBS improve outcomes across behavioral, social, emotional, and academic spheres of a young person's development simultaneously. In addition to providing youth with the confidence, resources, and ongoing support they need to achieve their potential, mentors increase

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Community-Based Mentoring

Amount Requested Dollar: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$153,533.00

Description of the proposed project/program, including the proposed project's goal(s), and the nature of the costs in specific terms, i.e. materials, labor costs, etc. Specifics of how the requested County funds will be used.

Program: This program matches Marin County underserved and disadvantaged youth, one-to-one, with caring adult mentors from the community who serve as trusted friends and role models to start something positive in their lives. Goal: In 2015-16 we aimed to serve 77 children. We served 121. Out of those served, 103 are currently active (the remaining graduated or closed for natural reasons). In 2016-17 we aim to serve a total of 125 children while recruiting and training at least 50 new mentors for the following year. We will measure the following results with our youth participants: • Educational success and future goals • Avoidance of risky behaviors (especially juvenile delinquency) • Higher self-esteem, confidence, and the ability to relate to others • Improved peer and adult relationships: 84% of youth surveyed reported improvement in peer and adult relationships. Costs: Designated to maintain and expand the Community-Based Mentoring Program in Marin County by supporting the professional bilingual counseling staff critical to our services.

List of all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it:

We have thousands of Marin families who are in desperate situations due to the high cost of housing and the lack of higher paying jobs for working class families. If it is a single parent household, foster care, or a family with an incarcerated parent, the situation is even more precarious. In these circumstances, the emotional health of a child is vulnerable to destructive forces. And as you know, even under the best circumstances it is challenging to be a young person today. Having a mentor can change negative life choices because a child experiences the modeling of positive behaviors, healthy habits and emotional competency. The support of a committed and caring mentor who provides a stable adult relationship can change a child's life forever. Our mentors consistently show up for our Littles. Many adults in their lives do not have the time or skills to be present for needed parenting skills. Our Community Based Mentoring Program creates a lifetime of positive behaviors that help our children grow into adults who model themselves after their supportive, positive mentor. They not only survive, but thrive!

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2015 - 2016	\$15,000.00	Community-Based Mentoring Program
2014 - 2015	\$15,000.00	Community-Based Mentoring Program
2013 - 2014	\$15,000.00	Community-Based Mentoring Program

No County funding was received for this project or others.

Project/program cannot be completed if amount received is less than requested amount of Community Service funds.

Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding from other non-County sources, and priority will be given to requests that represent no more than 50% of total project cost. To demonstrate all sources of project funding, including other County sources, please provide a project/program budget below. Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar.

Project Funding Sources	Funding Agency	Funding Requested	Received	Notes
County CSF		\$10,000	\$0	
Federal Grant		\$0	\$0	
State Grant		\$0	\$0	
Individual Contributions		\$45,000	\$20,000	
Other Local Agencies		\$0	\$0	
In kind services		\$0	\$0	<i>Volunteer Hours = \$225k</i>
Other	Events and Grants	\$104,000	\$40,000	<i>25% of 3 events and 20+ grants</i>
Total Sources		\$159,000	\$60,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$107,000	\$18,000	
Services and Supplies		\$25,033	\$500	
Capital		\$0	\$0	
Other		\$21,500	\$4,000	<i>occupancy, insurance, materials</i>
Total Expenses		\$153,533	\$22,500	