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April 27, 2016

Adriana de Bruin

Business Manager, County Executive Office

105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 406

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Ms. de Bruin,

We remain grateful for the County of Santa Barbara's generous support and for the opportunity to submit a \$30,000 funding request for Family Service Agency's Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Recognized as the single most effective prevention-based mentoring program in the United States, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program utilizes professionally trained staff who carefully match and serve children ages 6-18 with caring adult mentors. The youth participants in our program achieve positive, measurable outcomes. Last year, with 23,158 hours of mentoring provided to 221 youth: 74% saw improved academic performance; 86% improved their ability to avoid substance abuse; 89% improved their ability to avoid early parenting; 72% had improved relationships with family, adults and peers; and, 84% showed improved self confidence. Currently, the program has a list of 70 youth throughout Santa Barbara County waiting to be matched with a mentor.

Again, thank you for your past support and for your consideration of our request today. Please do not hesitate to call our Director of Development, Denise Hinkle, at 965-1001, ext. 267 should you require further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brabo, Ph.D.

Executive Director



County of Santa Barbara

FY 2016-17 Outside Agency Funding Request Form

Deadline for Submission: Monday, May 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors *may* consider funding requests from outside agencies during the FY 2016-17 budget hearings in June 2016, if funding is available. An allocation of funding to outside agencies is not guaranteed.

Please submit the following by **5:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2016, NO EXCEPTIONS, via Email or Hardy Copy (postmarks will not be accepted)**:

1. Provide a cover letter explaining your request; and
2. Fill out this application (no more than 2 pages); and
3. Attach the Line Item Budget spreadsheet (no more than 2 pages) for the agency's program request

Hearings are scheduled for June 13, 15, and 17, with Outside Agency Requests considered on one of these days (yet to be determined). The **requesting agency must be represented and present**; please plan accordingly.

Total Request: \$ 30,000

Name of Organization: Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara

Title of Program: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Barbara County New or ongoing program? Ongoing

Location(s) of services delivered: Throughout Santa Barbara County, primarily Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc and Santa Maria

Name of Agency Executive Director: Lisa Brabo, Ph.D.

Phone #: 805-965-1001, x240 Email: lbrabo@fsacares.org Website: www.fsacares.org

1. Briefly summarize the purpose of the program, why the funds are needed, and the benefit to the community:

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) is to provide at-risk children with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. The children we serve are often from single-parent families or families where parents are working multiple jobs to make ends meet. Many are experiencing turmoil at home in the form of parental incarceration, involvement in the foster care system, a history of child abuse, domestic violence, family member involvement with drugs or alcohol abuse, or other issues. The BBBS program's mentoring relationships are designed for children in need, based on a proven model for which we seek funding that includes careful, professional recruitment, screening, training, matching, and ongoing support for mentors, vulnerable youth and their parents/guardians. The youth participants in our program achieve positive, measurable outcomes. Last year, with 23,158 hours of mentoring provided to 221 youth: 74% saw improved academic performance; 86% improved their ability to avoid substance abuse; 89% improved their ability to avoid early parenting; 72% had improved relationships with family, adults and peers; and, 84% showed improved self confidence.

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2. Briefly summarize the service to be provided and how many people will be served:

Our goal is to serve 220 or more at-risk youth throughout Santa Barbara County during the coming year. Recognized as the single most effective prevention-based mentoring program in the United States, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program utilizes professionally trained staff who carefully match and serve children ages 6-18 with caring adult mentors. Each volunteer mentor ("Big") spends six to eight hours per month with his or her "Little." Through their activities, mentors help youth realize their full potential by providing a relationship built on trust, friendship, consistency, support and guidance. Volunteers help youth to experience new passions and interests, focus on their futures, and connect with their community. Program participants receive ongoing, comprehensive support throughout the life of the match relationship, along with vital educational, cultural and social enrichment activities, and referrals to other community resources. Along with serving at-risk youth, FSA's BBBS program positively impacts their parents, guardians and mentors as well. It is often the case that the youth's family has needs, which can be met through FSA's other counseling and support programs. Positive mentoring relationships also impact the mentors' health and well-being by increasing their roles and connectedness within their community.

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3. Detail the timeline for providing the service:

Big Brothers Big Sisters in an ongoing program provided year-round to at-risk youth throughout Santa Barbara County. Volunteer mentors are committed to a minimum of one year of spending six to eight hours per month with their mentee. While the average length of a match relationship is 34 months, many last through high school and beyond.

4. Describe key outcomes to be achieved with the funding and how they will be measured:

Our program goals for the coming year include: serving 220 or more at-risk youth; 70% or more of parents surveyed will report that their child's academic performance has improved; 75% or more of parents surveyed will report an improvement in their child's relationships with family, peers, and other adults; 75% or more of youth surveyed will demonstrate improvement in one or more of the asset development areas of competence, confidence and caring. Program impact is evaluated using the POE (Performance Outcome Evaluation) tool developed and tested by the national BBBS organization.



5. Describe if this is a one-time or ongoing request, and if funded in prior years and amounts:

This is a one-time request, which has not been funded in prior years.

6. Describe the agency's expertise and capacity to deliver services including fiscal stability:

Established in 1899, FSA programs ensure access to food, shelter, and other basic needs, as well as youth mentoring, case management, advocacy, and a wide-array of mental health programs. With a highly qualified staff of 80, forty-eight percent of whom are bilingual, FSA is committed to providing services that are responsive, effective and reflective of the communities we serve. FSA's careful financial management of its steady \$4 to \$5 million budget is shown through many years of clean fiscal audits and contract with Balance Financial Management.



7. Agency staff responsible for application: Denise Hinkle, Director of Development

County Staff Comments Only:

Address submittals to:

Adriana de Bruin
Business Manager, County Executive Office
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 406
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Requests can be emailed to: outsideagency@countyofsb.org

Questions: Please contact Adriana de Bruin, Business Manager, County Executive Office, at 568-3400.

**FY 2016-17 Line Item Budget
For Program**

Agency: Family Service Agency
 Program Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Amount \$\$ Requested: \$30,000

Program Budget Funding Sources/Revenues	FY 2016-17	
	Committed	Uncommitted
County of Santa Barbara		\$30,000
SB County Dept. of Behavioral Wellness		\$90,200
Cities (Santa Barbara; Goleta)	\$13,500	\$7,000
Private Funding (Foundations & Donations)		\$202,295
Total	13500	329495

Funding Uses/Expenses	Budget
Salaries and Benefits	261,891
Consultants/IT	\$5,855
Mileage	\$1,300
Program Supplies	\$13,000
Telephone	\$4,856
Program Outreach	\$1,000
Occupancy	\$18,477
Training	\$540
Indirect (accounting; insurance; audit; and HR)	\$36,076
Total	342,995