

SECTION I: Cover Sheet

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name:	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wyoming
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Type of Organization:

<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/ Arts and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Civic/Quasi-Governmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Requested Amount for FY22/23: City \$38,000 **County \$**8,000

Will this amount be used to leverage additional funds either through grants or other means?

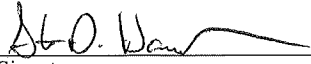

Yes No

If you marked YES, indicate the amount of additional funds that will be leveraged and note whether these are estimated or actual.

\$557,149 Estimated Actual

Description of request: Using the space below, *briefly* describe how your organization will use these funds and how the proposed program/project will benefit the community. A more detailed description is requested in Section III. To support Albany County youth in prevention or intervention mentoring programs.

Declaration: I hereby certify that the information give in this application for Community Partner funding is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Agency Director		Steve Hamaker	02/18/2022
	Signature	Print Name	Date
Board President		Todd Pearson	02/18/2022
	Signature	Print Name	Date

SECTION II: Organization History

Organizational History and Mission

Provide a mission statement and brief history of your organization in Laramie and/or Albany County, including services provided to area residents.

In 1971, a small group of adults in Laramie recognized a need for “fatherless children” to have positive role models. Through the last 52 years, the small grassroots organization grew into Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), serving eight additional Wyoming counties outside of Albany County. Services are free and are available to all interested youth between the ages of 5 and 18. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. The organization's vision is that all children achieve their full potential. In 2021, the agency served about 418 Albany County youth through community-based mentoring, site-based mentoring, SOAR elementary afterschool programs, Innovation Academy and Mentoring Center after school programs for adolescents, and the Progressive Youth and Diversion programs for juvenile justice involved youth.

Organizational Structure

List your officers and director(s), indicating their terms of office.

Todd Pearson, Chair 2 year term, renewable 6/23
Sally Patton, 1 year term renewable 06/22
Donny Rood, 1 year term renewable 06/22
Steve Hamaker, CEO
Roberta Eslinger, CFO

SECTION III. *Funding Request Justification*

Briefly explain how these funds will be used and why public funds are necessary to accomplish this goal. Some discussion items to cover in this section may include:

- *whether or not the funding request has increased from prior years;*
- *whether or not this is a one-time or on-going request;*
- *description of any large program or staff expansion occurring in this fiscal year;*
- *large equipment or other fixed assets that will be purchased fiscal year;*
- *how your project relates to city or county goals, or how it improves the overall quality, character or health of the community; and*
- *whether or not funding will be used to leverage additional monies for your organization either through grants or other means.*

Last year, BBBS served 430 youth in Albany County; 39% of those youth (168) were newly enrolled during 2021. While programs and services are available to all interested youth, many participants become involved in programming due to challenges such as involvement (or risk of involvement) in the juvenile justice system, living in a single-parent home, low academic engagement, struggles to control emotions and/or behaviors, or living at or below poverty levels. Census data (2019) indicates over one in four (27%) youth are in a single- family household; currently, about 44% of Albany County youth served by BBBS are in single family households, live in foster care, or live with grandparents or other relatives. Schools in Albany County have about 25% of youth receiving free or reduced-price lunches, while about 50% of Albany County youth served by BBBS meet federal poverty levels. BBBS mentoring services have repeatedly been shown to have significant long-lasting changes in several areas of youth’s lives. Research indicates that youth in successful mentoring relationships are making academic improvements, have increased confidence in their scholastic abilities, are less likely to begin using illegal drugs or alcohol, are improving their relationships with their families and peers,

Section IV. *Financial Information—a current balance sheet can be submitted to satisfy this requirement.*

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021:

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>Other Financial Information You Wish to Include:</i>
Current: Cash:\$38,414 CDs, etc.:0 Receivables:\$226,189 Fixed: Equipment:\$545,806 Building:\$0 Less Depreciation:-\$445,313	Current: Payables:\$0 Withholding:\$0 Long Term:\$0 Promissory Notes:\$0 Mortgage:\$0 Owner’s Equity:\$365,096	

SECTION V. Fiscal Year Budget Information

If your organization follows a different funding cycle (i.e. Calendar Year), indicate your budget cycle here:

Revenue

	Amount	Secured or pending?
City of Laramie, Community Partner	\$38,000	N/A
Albany County, Community Partner	\$8,000	N/A
United Way	\$43,000	N/A
Donors	\$25,500	N/A
Fundraisers	\$12,500	N/A
Interest	\$0	N/A
Other	\$623,023	N/A
Other	\$105,870	N/A
Total Estimated Revenue	\$855,893	

Expense

	Amount	Comments
Salary, Director	\$10,850	prorated
Salary, Other(s)	\$571,434	
Benefits	\$87,043	
Rent	\$0	
Utilities	\$17,075	prorated
Client Service	\$64,764	
Client Aid	\$0	
Equipment	\$0	
Other	\$63,670	communications, public relations, supplies, & maintenance
Other	\$40,730	training, dues, affiliation fees, & insurance
Total Estimated Expense	\$855,566	

Section VI: Interim Report for FY 2021/2022 Awardees Only

Complete this section if your agency was awarded Community Partner Funding in Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Amount Awarded?

\$ 25,945

Have you used all of the funds awarded?

Yes

No

If you have not used all of the funds awarded, please include *amount remaining* and *date* by which you intend to use those funds.

\$ 5,892

Date: 06/01/2022

Briefly describe the impact that the FY 2021/2022 award has had on your program, project or organizational operations. Some discussion items to cover in this section may include:

- *Number of persons served and demographics of persons served (income level, age, race, etc.)*
- *Describe the overall impact of these funds on your program, project, or organization.*
- *If your agency has not yet to spent all of the awarded funds, please briefly describe your plans to expend the funds by the end of the fiscal year.*
- *Did your agency use Community Partner funding to leverage additional funds, either through grants or other means?*

BBBS serves as a hub for Albany County youth services. This includes community-based mentoring, on-site mentoring, afterschool programming, and two restorative justice programs. In 2021, 430 youth between the ages of 5 and 18 benefitted from direct use of our services, and the organization served over 1,000 youth statewide. Of those making regular use of the facility, the majority attends activities on a daily or weekly basis. Fifty-one percent (51%) of youth meet or exceed federal poverty levels. About 3% of youth were American Indian, 0.5% were Asian, 1.5% were Black or African American, 60% were white, 22% were Hispanic, and 13% were some other race or multi-racial. BBBS uses a tool called the Youth Outcomes Survey (YOS) that was developed, tested, and provided by the national BBBS organization. It is a pre/post instrument that measures seven components the organization is impacting. Last year, Albany County youth maintained or improved in the following YOS areas: educational expectations (100%), risky behaviors relating to school discipline (89%) or misbehavior (78%), personal conduct (88%), and risky behaviors relating to substance abuse (100%). 33% of youth reported an improvement in depressive symptoms. Over the last year, staff connected regularly with volunteers, parents, and youth despite the pandemic. Many matches began resuming in-person meetings when everyone felt comfortable and agreeable to safety protocols. Youth and matches utilized free passes to LEAP gym, Snowy Range Ski Area, the 4-H Carnival, Laramie Recreation Center, and the Laramie Ice Rink. To keep youth, matches, and families connected with the agency outside of case management, BBBS hosted a trivia night, a virtual