

# SECTION I: Cover Sheet

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

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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 FY23/24:** City \$ 45,000 County \$ 10,000

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

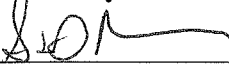

Yes       No

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

\$ 372,549       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.*** Supporting 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.

<b>Agency Director</b>		Steve Hamaker	2/20/2023
	Signature	Print Name	Date
<b>Board President</b>		Todd Pearson	2/20/2023
	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.

BBBS has served the Albany County community for over 50 years. In 1971, Laramie recognized a need for "fatherless children" to have positive role models. Since then, the grassroots organization has grown to serve nine counties across the state for any and all interested youth ages 5 to 18. The mission of BBBS 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 2022, the agency served 418 Albany county youth through community-based mentoring, site-based mentoring, three SOAR elementary afterschool programs, Innovation Academy and Mentoring Center afterschool 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.

Steve Hamaker, Chief Executive Officer  
Roberta Eslinger, Chief Finance Officer  
Megan Wild, Mentoring Programs Officer  
Brooke Benson, Adolescent Programs Officer  
Hanna Eslinger, Community Relations Officer  
Laure Laabs, Grants & Data Officer  
Todd Pearson, Chair, 2 year term  
Sally Patton, Secretary/Treasurer, 2 year term

**SECTION III. *Funding Request Justification***

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**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.*

BBBS utilizes funds for at-risk youth to engage them in mentoring services, as well as provide support to family. 42% of youth served last year lived at or below poverty. Over 15% of BBBS youth served have two or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and 17% shared they have a diagnosed mental health condition like anxiety or depression. One in four youth served are either involved or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. When surveying teachers of youth in grades 6-12, teachers reported 76% of youth needed to improve in attendance; elementary teachers reported that 42% of BBBS youth needed to improve in engagement in learning.

Mentoring services for Albany County/Laramie youth can improve academics, mental health, and social skills of youth. Carefully trained professional and volunteer mentors can help youth learn, cope, and grown in safe, supportive environments. And, BBBS case managers can also provide support services to families or connect them to other organizations/services in the area. Staff work to build connection and trust with youth and families; especially during the pandemic and since, more parents and guardians have reached out to BBBS to find resources.

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

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**Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022:**

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>Other Financial Information You Wish to Include:</i>
<p><b>Current:</b>  Cash: \$ 37,265.00  CDs, etc.: \$ 0.00  Receivables: \$ 66,261.00</p> <p><b>Fixed:</b>  Equipment: \$ 645,678.00  Building: \$ 0.00  Less Depreciation: -\$ 302,521.00</p>	<p><b>Current:</b>  Payables: \$ 0.00  Withholding: \$ 0.00</p> <p>Long Term: \$ 0.00  Promissory Notes: \$ 0.00  Mortgage: \$ 0.00</p> <p>Owner’s Equity: \$ 446,683.00</p>	

**SECTION V. Fiscal Year Budget Information**

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

**Revenue**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Secured or pending?</b>
City of Laramie, Community Partner	\$ 45,000.00	Pending
Albany County, Community Partner	\$ 10,000.00	Pending
United Way	\$ 45,500.00	Pending
Donors	\$ 26,000.00	Pending
Fundraisers	\$ 13,800.00	Pending
Interest	\$ 0.00	Pending
Other	\$ 639,149.00	Pending
Other	\$ 97,704.00	Pending
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 877,153.00</b>	

**Expense**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Salary, Director	\$ 10,900.00	Pro-rated
Salary, Other(s)	\$ 576,750.00	
Benefits	\$ 92,280.00	
Rent		
Utilities	\$ 18,000.00	Pro-rated
Client Service	\$ 63,209.00	
Client Aid		
Equipment	\$ 16,667.00	
Other	\$ 60,695.00	
Other	\$ 40,463.00	
<b>Total Estimated Expense</b>	<b>\$ 878,964.00</b>	

**Section VI: Interim Report for FY 2022/2023 Awardees Only**

**Complete this section if your agency was awarded Community Partner Funding in Fiscal Year 2022/2023**

**Amount Awarded?**

\$ 23,067+8,000

**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.**

\$ 0

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe the impact that the FY 2022/2023 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?*

In 2022, 418 Albany County youth between the ages of 5 and 18 benefited from direct use of our services; an additional 1,325 family members were also supported. BBBS served 798 youth statewide. A majority of the youth attend activities on a daily or weekly basis, including afterschool programs, on-site mentoring activities, and juvenile justice programs. About 42% of youth met or exceeded poverty levels. And, about 2% were American Indian, 1.2% were Black or African American, 68% were white, 15% were Hispanic, and 13.8% were some other race or multi-racial. BBBS utilized the Youth Outcomes Survey tool that was developed and tested by BBBS of America. In analysis of pre/post surveys, 71% of youth maintained or improved in academics, 62% increased in protective behaviors, 54% had decreased depressive symptoms, and 98% could identify a positive adult in their lives. This past year, Littles, volunteers, and parents have shared successes and stories about how programming impacted their lives. In our mentoring program, a Big shared about how much her Little has opened up since they were first matched--the Little even tried out for The Nutcracker this past holiday season. Some afterschool youth expressed anxiety about starting high school; staff facilitated a conversation between seniors and the anxious freshmen. Our elementary school staff have shared about students that have difficult days or need more attention in the afternoons. Staff shared that BBBS approach of forming relationships and focusing youth strengths has not only made their jobs easier, but they've also seen improvements in behaviors and student growth. And, juvenile justice programs continue to see strong relationships built as well. One staff member highlighted how she had been intentionally reaching out to a mom; this not only impacted her engagement, but the youth's engagement as well.