

SECTION I: Cover Sheet

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

Recreation/ Arts and Culture Civic/Quasi-Governmental
 Social Service Other _____

Requested Amount for FY19/20: City \$ 30,000 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.

\$97,810 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:

Requested funding will be used to support core prevention and intervention programs for approximately 758 local youth through five mentoring programs. Funds will be used for operating funds to continue to provide youth with life changing mentoring services.

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	3/6/19
	Signature	Print Name	Date
Board President		Todd Pearson	3/6/19
	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 48 years, the small grassroots organization grew in to Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters (GWBBBS), serving six 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 provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. The organization’s vision is that all children achieve success in life. In 2018, the agency served about 773 Albany County youth through community-based mentoring, site-based mentoring, Innovation Academy and SOAR drop in after school programs for adolescents, the Nellie Iles Mentoring Center, 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 6/20

Josh Hannes, 1 year term renewable 06/20

Sally Patton, 1 year term renewable 06/20

Steve Hamaker, CEO

Roberta Eslinger, CFO

SECTION III. *Funding Request Justification*

Briefly explain how the 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 improves the overall quality, character or health of the community; and*

SECTION V. Fiscal Year Budget Information

Revenue

	Amount	Secured or pending?
City of Laramie, Community Partner	30,000	Pending
Albany County, Community Partner	8,000	Pending
Albany County Other	95,863	Partially Secured
United Way	41,000	Pending
Donors, Foundations & Contractual	40,600	Pending
Fundraisers	12,000	Pending
Interest		
Other: Federal	497,575	Partially Secured
Other: Local	40,000	Pending
Other: State	3,000	Pending
Other: Federal	32,211	Secured
Total Estimated Revenue	800,249	

Expense

	Amount	Comments
Salary, Director	10,700	Prorated
Salary, Other(s)	496,400	
Benefits	75,436	
Rent	46,560	
Utilities	19,830	
Client Service	60,250	
Client Aid		
Equipment		
Other: Operational Support	53,746	Communication, Public Relations, Supplies & Maintenance
Other: Operational Costs	37,250	Training, Dues, Affiliation Fees & Insurance
Total Estimated Expense	800,172	

Section VI: Interim Report for FY 2018/2019 Awardees Only

Complete this section if your agency was awarded Community Partner Funding in Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Amount Awarded? \$5,000 (county)
\$20,000 (city)

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. \$ 6,501.55
Date: 06/30/2019

Briefly describe the impact that the FY 2018/2019 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?*

GWBBBS provides a hub for Albany County youth services. This includes community based mentoring, on-site mentoring, afterschool programming, and two restorative justice programs. In 2018, approximately 773 youth between the ages of 5 and 18 benefitted from direct use of our services, and the organization served over 1,300 youth statewide. Of those making regular use of the facility, the majority attends activities on a daily or weekly basis. Fifty-one percent (44%) of youth meet or exceed federal poverty levels. About 4% of youth were American Indian, 2% were Asian, 2% were Black or African American, 68% were white, 15% were Hispanic, and 9% were some other race or multi-racial.

GWBBBS 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, 100% of GWBBBS participants maintained or improved in the two areas (juvenile justice

and having a special adult in their lives); eighty percent maintained or improved in the areas of educational expectations and parental trust.

Staff also share successes of youth and families served in Albany County: one of our newer matches has bonded over a shared love for strategic games. Recently they have been exploring Dungeons & Dragons together in hopes of creating a group of matches who would like to play. Recently, the Little has started to open up about social situations at school that he does not know how to handle. The Big can relate to this, and he incorporates more intellectual challenges for the Little to solve in their D&D games. This encourages the Little to think critically, but to also make quick decisions when needed. The Big has also been researching different articles and blogs for ways to incorporate different social situations into their role-playing game. He wants to provide similar situations to what the Little has been struggling with. His hope is that when his Little is in character in the game it will provide a safe space for his Little to explore different ways of handling a situation, opportunities to grow and how to work through social awkwardness without the repercussions of taunting peers. The Big is helping the Little to use humor, empathy, charm and wit as a way to empower his Little and to help him feel comfortable to “stand his ground.” The Big is hoping that by giving the Little these challenges in their game, the Little may feel more prepared and comfortable when these situations happen in his real life.

Currently, GWBBBS has expended 74% of funds, putting the organization on target for expending funds by the end of the fiscal year. Funds will continue to support mentoring programming in Albany County.

Awarded funds will continue to be used as matching funds for several grants sources and have been instrumental in helping leverage additional programmatic and operational funding.