



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
To create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington.

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TULALIP 2023 REPORT

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Reporting Period: Q2 2023 14.2

Outcomes & Evaluation

In order to monitor our work and measure the effectiveness of our mentoring programs, BBBS administers multiple surveys throughout the year to both the mentor and mentee. We demonstrate our success through these survey results to make sure we are best meeting the needs of our community and most vulnerable populations.

Our Strength of Relationship Survey is administered three months after a Big/Little match is made, and then every year thereafter. This survey is designed to measure the connectivity of the match and ensures it stays strong. The annual survey is used as a "check-in" between Bigs and BBBS program staff where they can ask questions and address issues. Of youth surveyed in 2023, 88% reported that their relationship with their "Big" was important to them "Mostly" or "Always" and 87% said that their Big takes their mind off of things by doing something with them "Mostly" or "Always."

Our Youth Outcomes Survey is administered before each match is made, and again at the end of each year. This survey tracks changes in seven outcome measures that are designed to support BBBS's three main strategic objectives: school-related performance, avoidance (or reduction) of risky behaviors, and socio-emotional competency (higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships). In our 2023 surveys, 80% of youth reported that doing well in school was important to them, 78% are confident they will finish high school, and 88% reported that they had not skipped school in the last year, which is significant when compared to the average students.

Match Stories provide a narrative of the positive impact our programs have on a child/youth's life. These stories describe the friendship built between the mentor (Big) and child/youth (Little) and the Little's new outlook in life. They give insight on the Bigs' role in helping their Little reach major milestones or overcome something difficult.



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Elijah's Story "When we first moved here, [Elijah] did not know anyone and he was misdiagnosed with ADHD instead of Autism. Making friends was hard for him until he met Talan [his BBBS Big Brother], Talan took the time to really get to know Elijah (quirks and all) and he helped him with conversing with others, playing sports, being a good sportsman when he lost at games, and just giving him that friend that he truly needed being the new kid. Elijah used to come home and tell me all about Talan and what they did during their meetings and he was so excited that he finally had a friend." –Kelli, Parent of Little Brother Elijah

Youth Served

In 2023, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington served 326 youth. Our Site-based Programs served 278 youth as mentees and high-school mentors and our Community-based Programs serve 78 youth as mentees.



Expansion and Future Plans

We are expanding our Career Mentoring Exploration program. In our pilot year, 2021-2022, we had one program. Last school year, 2022-2023, we had two programs: architecture and technology. We have had excellent feedback from students, workplace partners, and schools. Students are asking for real-world experiences and pathways to achieve success. Workplace partners are having excellent employee engagement and satisfaction from their time in the program. Schools are excited to have their students connect with a free program to help explore potential careers. Given this feedback, we expanded our CME programs for the 2023-2024. We have programs in the following areas and industries:

- Construction and Property Management in Olympia
- Architecture in Olympia
- Finance and Real Estate in Olympia

We have enrolled mentors and prepared curriculum in a Forestry and Natural Resources program in Shelton and another in Aberdeen. These programs will enroll students and match them with mentors for the 2024-2025 school year.



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