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Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

Name of Individual or Community Group *

Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York

Address

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On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.

Friday, March 7, 2025
Town of Aurora
100 John West Way, Box 1000
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Att: Town of Aurora's Mayor's Golf Classic Fund Committee

Who we are:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York (BBBSPY) has been providing essential mentoring services for children and youth across Peel and York Regions for over 50 years. The young people within our agency are facing adversity and in need of an additional consistent and supportive developmental relationship. With the guidance and support of a mentor it is our vision that every young person realizes their full potential and achieves their dreams.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York's mission is to enable life changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people. Our mentors advise and challenge these young people, act as their champions, provide greater consistency in their lives, connect them to broader experiences, opportunities and networks, and provide safe, nonjudgmental environments in which the child or youth can confide anything. This leads to higher incomes, higher self-esteem, achievements, better health and belonging.

Young people enrolled in BBBSPY programs have experienced an average of five adverse childhood experiences, such as living in poverty, social isolation, abuse, family breakdown, bullying, systemic racism, or mental health issues. Families and young people are referred to BBBSPY by schools, social workers, mental health agencies, Children's Aid Societies, and community partners. BBBSPY has long standing partnerships with local school boards, the Black Community Advisory Council of the United Way of Greater Toronto, the Black Youth School Success Initiative, the Rainbow Support Network, the Regional Diversity Roundtable, and local settlement organizations.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York, continues to be committed to reducing wait times for the young people we serve, who are waiting to access our programs. Presently, our staff is engaged in Mentor recruitment efforts. The goal is to better serve our community's most vulnerable youth through timely matching with shared identity Mentors, and those with similar lived experience.

The Ask:

Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York is requesting \$5,000 from the Town of Aurora's Mayor's Golf Classic Fund that would go to specifically support Aurora mentoring programs & mentor recruitment where needed.

What will the request be used for:

The funds that are being requested through the Town of Aurora's Mayor's Golf Classic Fund are to be used to support all mentoring programs that BBBSPY offers within Aurora. This would include our



community based one-to-one mentoring programs, our In-School Mentoring and also our group wellness programs which are Go Girls, Game On and Wellness Warriors.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York is committed to offering mentoring programs that meet the needs of marginalized children and youth who are facing adversity. BBBSPY offers a range of one-to-one and group mentoring programs in York Region, both in the community and in schools, which all adhere to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC) National Standards of Service Delivery. These National Standards ensure child safety and quality assurance. The Standards include thorough screening of Mentors and an in-depth Needs Registry of children/youth, including an assessment of the adversities they face in their lives. Experienced Casework staff conduct regular touchpoints with matches following a National Match Support Framework. These touchpoints provide ongoing assessment of mentoring relationships and timely problem-solving.

The funding that is being sought will serve the Aurora community by providing these life changing mentoring experience to youth between the ages of 6 and 17 within the community, through these current programs that we offer within Aurora:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring - one to one mentoring relationships in the community
- In-School Mentoring – one to one mentoring relationships in schools
- Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds – 7-week group mentoring program for adolescent youth who identify as female, ages 11-14, offered in schools. The program curriculum promotes active living, healthy eating and positive self-esteem. Female mentors between the ages of 18 – 25 years are trained to lead the fun and interactive sessions.
- Game On! Eat Smart, Play Smart, Live Smart – A school based mentoring program for boys ages 11 – 14. This program provides young men with the information and support to make informed choices about healthy living through physical activities, healthy eating and facilitated discussion. Male mentors are trained to lead the interactive sessions over 7 weeks.
- Wellness Warriors – A gender-inclusive group mentoring program for children and youth in grades 3-8. Facilitated by trained Mentors, Mentees are provided with the opportunity to engage in fun and interactive discussions and activities. The program promotes mental, physical, and social wellness. It is delivered once a week during the school day for 7 consecutive weeks.

Should funding be approved for BBBSPY, it would help support the above programs with covering the costs of food, program supplies, rentals for running the programs etc. Along with

Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York programming is not only helping the children and youth we serve by helping them with various societal struggles and barriers that they may face to help them realize their full potential. Which in turn is helping to shape and guide them to become community members who are caring, inclusive, collaborative and trusting. With every \$1 invested in our programming returns between \$18-\$23 to society through taxes, higher incomes, volunteerism, and charitable donations.

The funding from the Mayor's Golf Classic Fund would assist in furthering the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York, by helping us to continue supporting and growing the youth we serve in Aurora. We are fortunate to have strong relationships with many of the schools in Aurora, having had programs running in 10 schools in the town in 2024. Not only will the funds allow us to continue



supporting these partnerships we have and running the community and school programs that are already in place, but it will also help us to continue to grow our programs, through recruiting new mentors and volunteers. Currently BBBSPY has about 300 youth on waiting lists (across all of Peel & York) and is deeply committed to reducing wait times for the young people we serve.

Presently, our staff is engaged in Mentor recruitment efforts. The ultimate goal is to better serve our community's most vulnerable youth through timely matching with shared identity Mentors, and those with similar lived experience. We currently have 5 young people waiting to either be matched or interviewed for the waitlist from Aurora that are waiting to become part of the Big Brother Big Sisters program. With the changes in our current economy, and the continued increase in the need for mental health supports for youth, the need for our services continues to grow across all regions we serve and receiving funds that can help us to support the supplies, food, rental costs etc. that are involved with these programs helps us greatly to be able to continue offering them, and hopefully expanding them to help diminish the waitlist. We hope to achieve that in the Town of Aurora if successful in receiving these funds

****Please note**** Although we serve all of Peel York the funds requested here would specifically be to help us serve the youth and mentors that we work with and programs we provide specifically in the Town of Aurora.

Any questions or further information required please contact:

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