

May 14, 2015

Executive Committee of Council (Grants)
Clerk's Department
Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1M2
Attn: City Clerk's

Dear Grant Selection Committee,

Re: City of Burnaby 2015 Grant

I am pleased to submit the attached grant application for your review, and hopeful the City of Burnaby will consider providing increased support for our prevention-based mentoring programs in your community. We have had much success with our School-based Mentoring Programs in Burnaby, and we are working hard to try to meet the growing needs of the local population.

Your financial support is critical in order for us to deliver these programs and support the growing needs of the Burnaby community. As such, we are requesting a grant of \$4,500 to help fund our Burnaby In-School Mentoring and Teen Mentoring Programs. Please note that we operate these programs from our Burnaby office with one Mentoring Coordinator dedicated to running our School-based Programs serving the Burnaby community.

Research has indicated that children in the middle childhood years are becoming increasingly isolated and need more connection to supportive adults or peers. Your increased contribution would make it possible for us to provide valuable friendship and support for local children who need it now. Witnessing the transformation of a child into a confident, concerned and motivated young person is a remarkable thing, and seeing them grow into successful, responsible members of their community and society at large is even more satisfying. We need you to help us *Start Something* incredible in the City of Burnaby.

Included in this package:

- Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver 2015 Grant Proposal
- Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Audited Financial Statements

We welcome the opportunity to discuss our request further and would be pleased to provide you with any additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Wilson, Program Director of Service Delivery and Operations, at (604) 876-2447 x309 or via email at melissa.wilson@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Sincerely,

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver



Valerie Lambert, C.A.
Executive Director