

May 16, 2017

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

Dear Grant Selection Committee,

Re: City of Burnaby 2017 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. This past year, we continued our new school-based program, *Between Generations* for seniors or retirees to get involved in their community. The goal is to help bridge the intergenerational gap between seniors and young children. We are working hard to meet the growing needs of the local community.

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 \$5,000 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 2017 Grant Proposal
- Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver 2016 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, Service Delivery and Operations at (604) 876-2447 x309 or via email at [melissa.wilson@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:melissa.wilson@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca)

Sincerely,  
**Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver**



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