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May 24, 2017

Board of County Commissioners
 Broward County Governmental Center
 115 South Andrews Avenue.
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Attn: Honorable Barbara Sharief, Mayor

**Re: Request for Appropriation – Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf)
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County – Transportation Program**

Dear Mayor Sharief and Board Members:

Request is hereby made for the following described appropriation from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf).

- I. **AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$100,000.00
- II. **LETf ACCOUNT** State/Local Federal/Justice
 Federal/Treasury
- III. **AMOUNT & TYPE:** \$100,000.00 State/Local
- IV. **USER:** BSO Other
- V. **STATUTORY PURPOSE:**
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u> </u> Crime prevention | <u> </u> Drug abuse education/prevention |
| <u> </u> Grant matching funds | <u> </u> Other law enforcement purpose |
| <u> </u> Safe neighborhood | <u> </u> School resource officer |

VI. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETF for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County Transportation Program. The funding will provide afterschool transportation for low-income children from Title I Schools in Broward County to their local Boys & Girls Club. Funds will ensure children, who may not have anywhere to go afterschool to have a safe passage to the Club where they are fed a healthy snack and hot supper, assisted with homework and participate in developmentally appropriate recreational activities.

VII. EXHIBITS ATTACHED: X___ Budget X___ Correspondence

1. Budget
2. Request for Funding
3. Sunbiz Certificate of Status
4. IRS Form 501(C)(3)
5. IRS Form W-9

VIII. CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- a. These funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the Broward Sheriff's Office; and
- b. This request complies with the provisions of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes.

Reviewed and Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Ronald M. Gunzburger
General Counsel



for Scott J. Israel
Sheriff of Broward County

J. Dale



**BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF)
REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Sheriff Scott Israel

The Broward Sheriff's Office has a long standing commitment to the reduction of crime and the implementation of crime and drug prevention initiatives throughout the county. Use of LETF Funds requires approval from the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with F.S. 932.7055, upon request by the Sheriff. The Statute requires that a portion of the revenues be donated or expended for the support or operation of drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood or school resource officer programs in accordance with F.S. 932.7055.

All applications must be scanned and emailed in PDF Format to Letf@sheriff.org with the agency name on the subject line by 11:59pm Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Applicant Agency Information

Applicant Agency Legal Name: Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County	
Main Administrative Address: 877 NW 61 st Street	
City & State, Zip Code: Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 33309	
Telephone Number: 954-537-1010	
Website: www.bgcbc.org	
CEO/Executive Director: Brian Quail	
Office Phone Number: 954-537-1010	Office Phone Number: 954-537-1010

Applicant Agency Fiscal Year: Beginning (mm/dd): 07/01 Ending (mm/dd): 06/30

- 1. Organization's Background:** concise description of the Applicant Agency, including its history, years of operation, general mission statement, and primary services provided.

Chartered in 1965 by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) has grown from one Club to 12, serving 12,500 young people between the ages of 6 and 18 years. The agency's mission is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." Clubs provide Broward County youth with a safe, nurturing environment during out-of-school time, when many children are often left unsupervised, where they receive academic assistance, healthy snacks and meals and opportunities to learn about and prepare for multiple career paths.

With a 4-star rating (highest rating attainable) from Charity Navigator six consecutive years, BGCBC has a proven track record of fiscal responsibility and is recognized as a leading advocate for youth, providing girls and boys with diverse after-school and summer activities that meet the interests and developmental needs of its members. Clubs are guidance-oriented in order to help young people develop a system of values related to family, community and country and to make appropriate and satisfying choices in all aspects of their lives. To address this goal, Clubs offer "core programs" in three youth outcome areas:

- 1) Academic Success -- increase in grade-level advancement and reduced high school dropout rates; including mentoring, homework help, access to computers, i-ready reading and math programs, career opportunity exposure and college and career fairs.
- 2) Good Character and Citizenship -- increased community service and reduced juvenile crime rates; safe, nurturing environment promotes strong, healthy relationships among peers, staff and parents.
- 3) Healthy Lifestyles -- increase in healthy behaviors and a decrease in drug use and obesity rates. Offers free, nutritious snacks and hot suppers to all who attend directly affecting food insecurity and opportunity to participate in organized sport / gym activities promoting healthy eating and food choices. Offers connection to social services offered in Broward County such as 211 Broward.

It has been the goal of BGCBC to provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors. We want all members to graduate from high school with a plan for the future; demonstrate good character and citizenship by participating in leadership training and volunteering in community service projects; and engage in nutrition education and physical fitness activities that promote living a healthy lifestyle.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Title:	BGCBC Transportation Program
Name/ Title of Program Contact:	Dayanand Maharaj
Phone: 954-537-1010	Email: dmaharaj@bgcbc.org
Program Activity Location	877 NW 61 st Street
City, State, Zip Code	Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 33309

Program is	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Total LETF Request:	\$100,000
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2. Program Summary (1-3 sentences): Provide an overview of program services.

LETF funding will provide afterschool transportation for low-income children from Title I Schools in Broward County to their local Boys & Girls Club. Research shows that the greatest proportion of juvenile crime has been found to occur on school days between 3:00-7:00 pm, the hours immediately afterschool (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention). Funds will ensure children, who may not have anywhere to go afterschool to have safe passage to the Club where they are fed a healthy snack and hot supper, assisted with homework and participate in developmentally appropriate recreational activities. Transportation provided by the LETF shows the community that the Broward Sheriff’s Office priority is getting kids to a safe place afterschool.

LETF CATEGORY/STATUTORY REQUIREMENT (Place an “X” to the left of one program area for which you intend to Apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Crime Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Safe Neighborhood
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Drug Abuse Education and Prevention

SHERIFF’S PRIORITY AREA (Place an “X” to the left of one program area for which you intend to Apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Diverting Youth from Criminal Justice System
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Reducing Gun Violence/Violent Crime
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Programs that assist the Homeless/Mentally Ill

3. How do you feel your proposed project addresses the LETF Criteria as well as the Sheriff's Priority Area?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County serves over 12,500 at-risk youth ages 6 – 18 annually living in over 9,000 households. In support of our mission, our Clubs are intentionally located in areas that provide access to low income and high-risk youth populations. Data collected through our membership application process reveals that 51% of members' families earn less than \$20,000 annually and 84% qualify for free or reduced lunch in their schools, demonstrating that most of our parents are supporting households on a limited income. In addition, 81% of members are attending Title I schools in Broward County. The BGCBC Transportation Program will target children who qualify for free/reduced lunch and attend Title I Schools to be safely bused to a Boys & Girls Club facility where they will receive program services, including nutritious meals and academic assistance.

Additionally, 68% percent of families are headed by a single-parent, whereas 63% of all Florida children live in married parent families (Florida ALICE Report). Statistically, more than half of single parents live in extreme poverty with incomes below half of the federal poverty level- about \$9,900 for a family of three¹. At almost 50%, single parent poverty rates are higher for African Americans and Hispanics; ethnic groups making up 88% (72% African American and 16% Hispanic) of BGCBC's membership. Single parents and their children are more likely to be food insecure, lack access to health care and reliable transportation, and are more vulnerable to homelessness². These factors can lead to household instability and lack of parent's ability to find beneficial care for their children when school is out.

Transporting these children to our Clubs not only offers a safe haven after school but also gives access to much needed homework help, computer labs, structure and mentoring guidance, sport and physical activities and access to art and other programing that most could not otherwise afford or have access to. Transportation will also guarantee access to free snack, hot suppers and additional wrap around support for families dealing with food insecurity in our most fragile families. With consistent transportation to their local Boys & Girls Club facility, youth are less likely to commit crimes in their communities and enter the juvenile justice system.

4. Why is this program needed (What community problem does it address)? What data suggests that this program should be implemented with this population or in this geographical location?

Over the past seven years, BGCBC and the Broward Schools Transportation Department (BSTD) have met to coordinate transportation for children from schools to their Boys & Girls Clubs. In the past three years there has been a steady reduction in seats available for BGCBC members. The numbers of seats available have been reduced from 1,869 in 2014/2015 to just 875 in 2016/2017. Each year, BGCBC parents fill out paperwork requesting transportation for their child or children for the following year to receive this needed transportation assistance. Requests from parents far exceed the anticipated availability with 3,000-4,000 seats sought after each year. Club Directors then submit all requests to the Broward County School Board and once it is reviewed, are notified of buses, available seats and timeline for implementation.

Due to budgetary constraints and greater efficiency to upgraded routing software by BSTD, modified pickup/drop-off routes were implemented. BSTD's improved transportation efficiency has led to fewer buses on the road. Fewer buses mean fewer seats available for our members. While producing savings for the Broward County School Board, it costs many children the opportunity to have a positive Club experience. Currently, there are 10% less children at the

¹ Shaefer, H.L. & Edin, K. (2014). The Rise of Extreme Poverty in the United States. Pathways Summer 2014.

² Entmacher, J., Robbins, K.G. , Vogtman, J. & Morrison, A. (2014). Insecure & Unequal Poverty and Income Among Women and Families, 2000-2013. National Women's Law Center, Washington, DC.

Clubs each day compared to last year.

BGCBC's partnership with the Broward Schools Transportation Department has been a beneficial one, with BSTD providing as many seats as possible to Club members as the demand for transportation to Clubs increases. However, with parents forced to choose between adequate supervision for their children and their job, leaving children to walk to the Clubs or spend their time possibly unsupervised either at home or in their communities. It is our responsibility to fill the gap and provide the means for children to spend afterschool time, when juvenile crime is the highest, in the safe and beneficial environment of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County.

5. Describe the program in detail and how it will be implemented: (Describe Who, What, Where, and When)

Please make sure that your response includes program successes or challenges if previously funded, why the agency needs the funding and its impact on the community. All programs must address a specific population and the narrative should indicate the number of clients served, services provided etc.

For over 50 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County's emphasis has been on positively affecting children by ensuring that they have a safe and nurturing place to go when school is not in session. Having grown from 1 Club staffed by volunteers to 12 chartered locations with 235 employees, BGCBC has proven itself as a staple in the Broward County community. Many of our members come from neighborhoods with higher crime rates and lower standards of living than Broward County as a whole. Surveys have shown that when a new Boys & Girls Club opens, juvenile crime in the immediate area drops dramatically. In Broward County, this reduction has been as high as 46%.

Each Club is equipped to provide positive stimulation for school aged youth. In addition to gameroom areas, there are computer labs, which are outfitted with desks, computers and appropriate educational software, gymnasiums, art rooms and reading rooms. Anti-gang and anti-bullying programs, along with community service and leadership groups help foster social skills, open-mindedness and emotional maturity. Hours of operation complement the school board's calendar to ensure that members always have a positive outlet for their time and energy outside of school hours. Summer and holiday hours are adjusted to provide service whenever school is not in season.

With funding from BSO LETF, BGCBC will have an opportunity to duplicate and expand the transportation services afforded to Club members and parents by the Broward Schools Transportation Department. Buses will provide seats for an additional 300 students from Title I schools to be transported to their local Boys & Girls Club each day during the school year. This would lead to an additional 54,000 rides each year, where children would receive the full benefit of activities and services offered at BGCBC. To capture the benefits of the program to members, their families and the surrounding communities, BGCBC will capture significant information about each program participant. Data will measure the number of visits to the Club, number of hours each child spends in the Club and the number of snacks and meals each child receives as a result of having transportation to the Boys & Girls Club.

BGCBC knows that Club facilities provide a safe haven for youth to escape the streets, meet with friends and be part of a positive peer group. Club programs teach life skills, conflict resolution and focus on character development. Perhaps most importantly, caring adult staff and volunteers at the Clubs serve as role models, giving youth someone to turn to when they need help and guidance. Those who attend the Boys & Girls Clubs are in a safe environment afterschool away from temptations that can lead to criminal activity. A BGCBC Economic Impact Study completed by Damoei Global Research revealed that 133 Club members were saved from being arrested as compared with their peers who do not attend the Clubs. The lower arrest rate among members was shown to generate savings of \$8,246,931 per year for taxpayers.

Every day, thousands of students end their school day by heading to the Clubs. These youth are able to make friends and engage in programming that ranges from educational to recreational. Without the Clubs, many of these young people would be without proper supervision and susceptible to negative influences. By partnering with the Broward Sheriff's Office for the BGCBC Transportation Program, together we can increase the number of vulnerable children who make it safely to a Boys & Girls Club each day and begin preparing for their future as productive citizens of their

community.

PROJECT BUDGET

LETF Line Item Budget	Calculation	Total Amount
Program Expenses		
Personnel Costs/Salaries	\$	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel	\$	
Equipment	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Printing and Copying	\$	
Other (specify)		
Transportation costs	\$555.55 (daily cost for bus rentals and drivers) x 180 school days	\$100,000
Total LETF REQUEST:		\$ 100,000

BUDGET NARRATIVE (Required for ALL applications)(Provide an explanation of what the budget will include)

100% of the budget will fund the cost of hiring school buses to pick up children from their schools and bring them safely to three Boys & Girls Clubs locations in Broward County. Routes will vary from Club to Club based on the locations of the schools. Buses will operate for 180 days during the school year, every day schools are open to kids.

Has your agency received LETF Funding in the past 3 years? If yes, identify the source, \$ amount and type of program and performance data.

2016-\$10,000 for StreetSMART bullying prevention program to teach youth ages 6-12 about conflict resolution and social skills

2015-\$10,000 for StreetSMART bullying prevention program to teach youth ages 6-12 about conflict resolution and social skills

2011 - \$50,000 for SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) prevention and education program addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity.

2010 - \$50,000 for SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) prevention and education program addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity.

2009 - \$75,000 for NAACP Partnership

SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION

Applicant Agency Name: Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County

OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND BIND APPLICANT AGENCY TO APPLICATION:


Signature: 


Chris Gentile, Chief Development Officer
(Printed Name & Title)

Date: 5/3/2017

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWARD

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 3 day of May 2017, by (name of person making statement). 

(NOTARY SEAL) 
(Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida)
(Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped)

Personally Known OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

