

**FUNDING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BRAZOS COUNTY AND
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF BRAZOS VALLEY**

THIS FUNDING AGREEMENT ("Agreement") IS ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN **BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS**, acting by and through its duly elected County Commissioners hereinafter referred to as ("County") and **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH TEXAS SERVING THE BRAZOS VALLEY**, hereinafter referred to as ("BBBS") a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of Brazos County, and is effective October 1, 2025.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, BBBS conducts the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. It has been the leader in one-to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, BBBS serves children, ages 6 through 16, in communities across the country – including Brazos County; and

WHEREAS, BBBS seeks to help Brazos County children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact by providing successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to better schools, brighter futures, and stronger communities for all; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the above stated public purposes, BBBS recruits, screens, trains, and matches adult mentors with Brazos Valley youth who desire a mentoring relationship; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to assist BBBS in their efforts to promote the public purpose of providing successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to better schools, brighter futures, and stronger communities for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, both parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

AGREEMENT

1.
FUNDING

The County, for and in consideration of the services provided to County, hereby agrees to pay BBBS a total payment of **\$40,000.00** (Funds") for the year beginning **October 1, 2025 and ending September, 30, 2026. Payment of such sum will be**

paid upon receipt of invoice. Invoice should be submitted to the accountspayable@brazoscountytx.gov email address.

2.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be for a term of twelve (12) months commencing on the **1st day of October 2025** and terminating on the **30th day of September 2026**.

3.
ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT

BBBS will provide, no later than March 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026, a detailed account of how the Funds were expended in comportment with this Agreement. BBBS agrees to furnish any information requested by the County Auditor, including documentation of the use of Funds received from the County. In the event it is determined by Brazos County Commissioners Court that the Funds provided herein by the County to BBBS have not been expended in comportment with this Agreement, this Agreement shall automatically terminate and BBBS may be required to return to the County such Funds that were not properly expended.

BBBS agrees that County, or its designated representative, shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. BBBS agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after the termination date of this Agreement unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. BBBS agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. BBBS agrees that County, or its designated representative, shall further have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation for prior years in which County provided funds to BBBS under prior Agreements.

Brazos County Commissioners Court may, in its sole discretion, require that an independent financial audit be performed on the records of BBBS. If an independent financial audit is performed, a management letter will be prepared by the auditor as part of the process and a copy of said management letter shall be delivered to the Brazos County Commissioners Court. The management letter shall identify issues that might not otherwise require disclosure in BBBS annual financial report, but which are of concern to or under the suggestion of the auditor. If the Brazos County Commissioners Court determines that the audit will be conducted by an independent third party, all costs and expenses associated with said audit will be solely paid for by BBBS.

4.
RECORD RETENTION

BBBS shall be responsible for record keeping on all services provided and agrees to maintain and make available for inspection by the County upon request consistent with federal and state law, any and all records the County determines, in its sole discretion, to be necessary for the Court to justify its continued participation in supporting BBBS with funding.

5.
INDEMNITY

The parties agree to indemnify one another for and hold one another harmless from and against all suits, claims, demands, liabilities, or actions resulting or alleged to result from the breach, violation or non-performance of the services stated herein and for any damage to any person resulting from any action or omission or negligence on the part of each party hereto.

6.
INSURANCE

The parties hereto agree that BBBS shall be an independent contractor and not any employee or agent of the County and that each shall maintain at its own expense, adequate liability insurance to insure against damages and liabilities which may arise due to the duties and obligations funded herein.

7.
COUNTY INVOLVEMENT

The County and BBBS state that to the best of their knowledge, no officer, agent, or employee of the County who exercises any function or responsibility in connection with the carrying out of this Agreement or the services to which it relates has personal interest direct or indirect, in this Agreement.

8.
GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall lie exclusively in Brazos County, Texas. The Parties agree that all obligations under this Agreement are performable in Brazos County, Texas and that this Agreement has been executed in Brazos County, Texas. Venue shall lie exclusively in Brazos County, Texas, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

9.
NOTICES

All notices required to be given hereunder shall be deemed to be duly given by delivering such notice or by mailing it certified mail to the other party at the following addresses:

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Denise Barkhurst
315 Tauber St.
College Station, TX 77840

Brazos County
c/o Commissioners Court
200 S. Texas Ave. No. 310
Bryan, Texas 77803

10.
IMMUNITY

As a result of its execution of this Agreement and performance of the functions and obligations described herein, Brazos County does not waive or relinquish any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its commissioners, officers, employees, or authorized representatives.

11.
FURTHER ASSURANCES

Each party hereto agrees to perform any further acts and to execute and deliver any further documents which may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

12.
SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provisions or portion of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable or invalid, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions or portions shall not be affected.

13.
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter contained herein. There are no representations, agreements, arrangements, or understanding, oral or written, between or among the parties hereto, relating to the subject matter of the Agreement, which are not fully expressed herein.

14.
ASSIGNABILITY

This Agreement is not assignable by the BBBS without the prior written consent of the County.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this 15 day of September, 2025.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH TEXAS



Denise Barkhurst, Authorized Representative

BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Kyle Kacal, Acting County Judge

Karen McQueen, Brazos County Clerk

LEGISLATIVE CERTIFICATIONS

Brazos County is federally mandated to adhere to the directions provided in the President's Executive Order (EO) 13224, Executive Order on Terrorist Financing – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism, effective 9/24/2001 and any subsequent changes made to it via cross-referencing respondents/vendors with the Federal General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List System (EPLS, <https://www.sam.gov>), which is inclusive of the United States Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated National (SDN) list. Respondent certifies that the responding entity and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state or local governmental entity and that Respondent is in compliance with the State of Texas statutes and rules relating to procurement and that Respondent is not listed on the federal government's terrorism watch list as described in Executive Order 13224. Entities ineligible for federal procurement are listed at <https://www.sam.gov>. The undersigned affirms the non-debarment statement above, that they are duly authorized execute this contract. The company representative below further affirms, that the company submitting this proposal, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2271:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, and 2274.002 Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made or ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.
3. If Respondent is required to make a verification pursuant to Section 2276 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent verifies that Respondent does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract. If Respondent does not make that verification, Respondent must so indicate in its Response and state why the certification is not required.
4. If Respondent is required to make a verification pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent verifies that it (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If Respondent does not make that verification, Respondent must so indicate in its Response and state why the verification is not required.

Company Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brazos Valley

Authorized Company Representative: Denise Barkhurst

Address: 308 College Main Street

College Station, TX 77840

Signature: 

Date: September 15, 2025

Contract #: 26-013