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**Economic Development Grant Application - Submission #298**

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Date Submitted: 9/28/2018

**Title of Project\***

Rural Professional Mentor Expansion Project

**Funds Requested\***

\$4,000

**Grant Manager/Contact\***

Amanda Squibb

**Organization Applying\***

Friends of the Children of the Klamath Basin

**Applicant Type\***

Please check one

Non Profit

Private Business

Public Body

Other

Tribe

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**Brief Description of Project\***

Klamath Basin children inspired us to launch an initiative to serve 40% more children over the next two years. This expansion will include the hiring of two new "Friends"- full time salaried professional mentors. These Friends will serve an additional 16 of our community's most vulnerable children. Eight of the children served by this project will reside in the under-served rural community of Chiloquin. A second cohort of eight children will be selected in partnership with high-poverty Klamath Basin schools and through foster care.

Also provide a project schedule if possible.

**Explain the source of all funds for this project\***

Total Project, Year 1=\$36,213. Cash investment <30%= End of Year Appeal \$7,306, Collins Foundation proposal \$15,000, Klamath County School District \$1,000, Cascade Health Alliance proposal \$8,907. County Fund= remaining \$4,000 required to meet proposed budget for described support services.

In addition to this answer, a project budget is necessary. A detailed budget is not required; in the box below provide a general financial description. Identify how this project would be modified if only partial funding from the County is obtained. Be sure to include the required 30% cash match in your budget

**Explain what exactly the project funds (and especially the county funds) will pay for\***

Funds will cover project personnel (Chiloquin Friend wages and benefits), Friend transportation and technology, and program activities (including children's activities, Friend's expenses with children, kid's Clubhouse pantry).

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**Identify the specific economic development benefits from this project\***

Job creation as we hire a Friend in FY19 and another in FY20. In addition, our Klamath Basin program youth have achieved profound success despite their circumstances: 92% graduate from HS with a diploma or GED, 100% have avoided the juvenile justice system and 96% have avoided early parenting. As our program graduates overwhelmingly achieve these positive outcomes, they thrive and become contributing members of society.

Reference to economic development objectives in section 5 in grant memorandum

**Identify how this project is consistent with regional or local economic development plans\***

Friends ROI data shows a 1:7 investment return in investment to the Klamath Basin in savings to the juvenile justice and welfare systems and increases to taxes due to higher wages. This analysis did not include savings to the foster care system so the return could be even higher. Our evidence based and proven success supports our long term intentional work with the most vulnerable populations. The ripple effect is seen through the community and across generations. Our program growth has also provided new and expanded professional opportunities.

<http://www.scoedd.org/docs/2013%2020CEDs%20Final.pdf>

**Describe the prospective applicant's experience in administering and/or delivering similar types of projects\***

We are very effective at identifying and communicating programmatic needs, developing a formalized plan and budget to address such needs, and then engaging with funders which the project best aligns. Our Friends are full-time, salaried professional mentors who work intensively with program children to help them meet individual goals. By making mentoring a profession rather than a volunteer position, Friends of the Children is able to recruit and retain mentors with the skills and capacity to effectively intervene in the lives of children and youth that might be exhibiting negative behaviors early on. Recent research has found that most volunteer mentoring interventions are not equipped to serve vulnerable youth like those in the Friends of the Children program. Short-term mentoring relationships have even been found to be counterproductive for the highest risk youth that receive our services. That is where we are different: Friends of the Children achieves successful outcomes through programming that builds pro-social resiliency.

**Describe how the prospective applicant intends to publically acknowledge the assistance received from the County:\***

Press release provided to local media, partner acknowledgement on website, social media coverage in which we'd love to include a presentation photo. We are open to additional acknowledgement avenues.

At a minimum, the applicant will provide a press release to local media

**Let us know of any questions, comments or concerns that you would like to give us about the Economic Development Grant Program or any feedback you would like to offer**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal for consideration!

**Supporting Docs (put them all in one file)\***

KCED 2018 grant attachments.pdf

\*\*\*Proof of federal tax id (if one is issued, do not upload docs for SSN) \*\*\*Entity's W-9 form (omit SSN) \*\*\*Grant Budget - Use the grant budget template provided  
 \*\*\*Support letters - All entities are required to obtain support from 3 businesses/organizations \*\*\*If your grant project involves signage of any kind, you are required to gather and submit letters from all required local, regional or state sign authorities involved demonstrating approval to place signage on their land/property during the timeframe of the grant \*\*\*If your grant project involves infrastructure development/construction you must include plan drawings and approval from permitting authorities if required locally

**Insurance Requirements**

**Insurance Acord 25-S with County required minimums, Klamath County as additional insured, additional insured endorsement, proof of workers comp and auto coverage (if needed). If no employees or autos will be used for grant fulfillment, a document on letterhead stating no employees or autos will be used for grant fulfilment must be submitted.**

**Electronic Signature Agreement**

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I agree.

**Electronic Signature**

Amanda L. Squibb