

City of Lawrence, Kansas
2007 Outside Agency Funding Request Form

This form is not to be used for Alcohol Tax Funding Requests

AGENCY NAME:	Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence
PROJECT /ACTIVITY NAME:	Afterschool Programs
CONTACT PERSON:	Janet Murphy
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AMOUNT REQUESTED:	\$148,722

When does the fiscal year for the program being funded begin? 1-Jan

Has your organization received funding from the City previously ? Yes

If so, what was the source and amount of funding received ?

Alcohol Tax 2006 \$101,278	Alcohol Tax 2005 \$101,278	Alcohol Tax 2004 \$52,000
Outside Agency 06 \$143,722	Outside Agency 05 \$82,000	Outside Agency 04 \$57,950

Description/Justification (Using 300 words or fewer, describe the program for which funding is being requested, the importance of the program and why City funding is needed.)

Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) is requesting funding from the City of Lawrence for afterschool and summer programming. We operate nine sites and offer transportation from eight additional locations. Our mission is to develop contributing members of society in a positive environment, providing a safe place for children to grow and learn under the supervision of caring adults. Our high quality afterschool program offers a structured and fun atmosphere, with a curriculum in educational and career, character and leadership, cultural arts, physical education, and health and life skills. We collaborate with Lawrence Afterschool Alliance, Lawrence Public Schools, and Parks and Recreation, among others.

Lawrence's need for affordable afterschool and summer care continues to grow. According to KSDE, 29.76% of U.S.D.#497 children now qualify for Free and Reduced School Lunch. Their families struggle to pay for basic needs of food, shelter, clothing, and utilities, let alone afterschool care. Kansas Action for Children reports children with no afterschool care are at higher risks for failing in school, using drugs and alcohol, becoming crime victims and/or perpetrating juvenile crimes, and becoming teen parents. In 2005, B&GC served over 2,200 club members, with an average daily attendance of over 800. Through special events, we served an additional 2,583 non-members as well. Our 2005 demographic breakdown was: African-American 19.03%, American Indian 9.96%, Multi-Racial 21.22%, Hispanic 1.03%, and Caucasian 48.11%. 74% of families meet federal low-income guidelines, 66% are single parent households, and 87% have incomes under \$40,000 per year. B&GC relies on many funding sources - fundraisers, state and federal grants, limited participant fees, and community dollars. As we help increasing numbers of children in need, we depend on City of Lawrence funding even more. In turn, B&GC provides Lawrence the service of helping transform some of its youngest and most vulnerable citizens into engaged community members who will make a positive difference.

This request should be supported (maximum of three pages) with the following information:

1. Description of funding support received from all other sources such as the United Way, Douglas County, USD 497, state/federal grants and private funding.
2. Total budget for the agency, number of personnel, and how the requested funding would be used (e.g., personnel, equipment, material, etc.).
3. Does the agency anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007?

Additional information may be provided within the **three (3) page limit**.
Submit this form and any additional supporting material electronically by April 10, 2006 to
Debbie Van Saun, Asst. City Manager, via email to: dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us

**City of Lawrence, Kansas
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1. Description of Funding Support Received from All Other Sources.

B&GC works hard to connect with a wide range of community stakeholders and funders who are invested in afterschool programming. The budget comes from a diverse range of sources:

United Way	\$117,000	
School District	\$107,000	
Bureau of Justice	\$ 90,000	
JJA	\$ 42,000	
Douglas County Community Fdn.	\$ 10,000	
Learn And Serve	\$ 10,000	request pending
City Alcohol Tax	\$106,278	request upcoming
Outside Agency	\$148,722	request pending
Other Grants	\$ 30,000	requests pending
Fundraising Events	\$100,000	
Program Fees	\$200,000	
Individual Donations/ Contributions	\$ 35,000	
 <u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	 <u>\$996,000</u>	

2. Total Budget for Agency, Number of Personnel, and How Requested Funding Would Be Used.

The Boys and Girls Club total budget is \$996,000. We are requesting \$148,722 in City Outside Agency funds to cover salary costs of providing early morning, afterschool, and summer care at our nine Lawrence sites. Currently we employ 70 staff and serve over 800 youth per day, and almost 5,000 total per year. Requested funding would be used solely to cover staff salaries. Personnel costs (salaries, benefits, and payroll taxes) represent approximately 72% of our yearly organizational budget. Funding from the city allows us to keep open these sites, many of which are located in low-income areas of Lawrence. *Furthermore, we do not turn children away if they are not able to afford our programming fees; we provide scholarships so that every single child in Lawrence has equal access to our services.*

3. Does the Agency Anticipate the Need to Request Funding Beyond 2007?

Boys and Girls Club is very grateful for its past partnership with the City of Lawrence. While this funding is critical to our ability to provide services, we also work very hard to ensure funding from additional sources as well. In particular, our Board of Directors, the Lawrence Public Schools, and the Lawrence Afterschool Alliance work jointly to increase fundraising dollars and secure grant monies. It is our vision that B&GC will continue to work jointly with these forces as well as with the City of Lawrence to continue in our role as the city's largest and

most comprehensive afterschool provider. We want all Lawrence children to be safe, smart, and healthy during non-school hours.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Program Highlights

During the past year, B&GC has successfully expanded its programs through some of the following offerings:

- Afterschool enrollment at Pinckney alone has risen over 30% (from 80 children in 2004 to 128 in 2005). We have increased staffing and services accordingly.
- At Woodlawn, B&GC has established the only summertime federal Free & Reduced meal site in North Lawrence serving low-income children over five. The closest other location was New York School, a distance we believed was simply too far for young, hungry children to walk, often unsupervised.
- We have also entered into a cultural partnership with Potawatomi Prairie Band Nation Boys and Girls Club, as well as expanded our activities with the Lawrence Arts Center.

For 2006 and 2007, B&GC hopes to expand programming for these new initiatives as well:

- A new club at Deerfield Elementary School that would serve 100 members. Lack of funding for appropriate staffing has forced us to limit enrollment at this site. We are seeking federal funds for this program expansion.
- We also are seeking federal funds to begin the Central Junior High School Teen Center. The school district has just come to the end of a multi-year, multi-million dollar grant that provided afterschool opportunities for junior high youth. We are stepping in to help fill this gap in services. The Teen Center would serve 200 youth grades 7-9.
- Child obesity is on the rise throughout the nation. B&GC wants to make sure its members learn good nutritional and physical education skills early in life. We are seeking federal funding for a new project - B&GC Athletics Expansion – to serve children grades K-6 at all Lawrence sites. This project is needed because participating in afterschool athletics through the school system or private sports leagues is too expensive for many of our children.

B&GC programming comes from the national Boys and Girls Club, meaning that it has been research-tested for effectiveness. Our Lawrence Club measures program success by tracking extensive data on participants – behavior outcomes, educational outcomes, attendance records, progress reports, demographic information, etc.

Afterschool programs benefit all children, but B&GC programming benefits low-income and at-risk children especially. When a community helps its at-risk children become stronger individuals, family members, students, and peers, it also prevents future social and economic problems. Afterschool programs represent some of the best prevention dollars that a community can spend. Ultimately, B&GC's program provides substantial benefits to all Lawrence residents.