

FY 2025 | Community Grant Application
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Project Title Growth Youth Mentor Program

Project Location Bladensburg

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

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Signature of Chief Executive Officer _____ Date _____

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Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) _____

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (*Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents*)

Town of Bladensburg	<u>Yes</u>
Prince Georges County	<u>Yes</u>
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	<u>Yes</u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

Good Intentions Foundation is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth through mentorship, life skills development, and positive community engagement. Through our Growth Youth Mentorship Program, we provide structured support and leadership opportunities for youth in Bladensburg and the surrounding Port Town communities.

The purpose of the Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program is to provide a safe, structured, and enriching environment for youth ages 11 – 18 during the summer months. This need is especially critical in Bladensburg, where approximately 43% of residents are under the age of 25, reflecting a high concentration of young people in need of positive developmental opportunities. Additionally, many families in the area face economic challenges, with poverty rates estimated to be nearly double the Maryland state average, limiting access to affordable summer programming.

The program will serve approximately 25 – 40 youth from the Town of Bladensburg, prioritizing those who would benefit most from mentorship, guidance, and structured engagement. Participants will engage in weekly mentorship sessions, life skills workshops, academic enrichment, and recreational activities designed to build confidence, improve

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

Good Intentions Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the growth, development, and well-being of youth and families through mentorship, education, and community engagement. The overall purpose of the organization is to provide positive, structured opportunities that empower young people to reach their full potential while strengthening the communities in which they live.

We serve the residents of Bladensburg by offering youth-centered programs that address key community needs, including access to safe spaces, mentorship, and life skills development. Through initiatives such as the Growth Youth Mentorship Program, we provide consistent guidance, academic support, and leadership development opportunities for youth ages 11 – 18. These programs are designed to reduce youth disengagement, promote positive decision-making, and build confidence among participants.

Good Intentions Foundation aligns its work with statewide youth priorities through engagement with the Governor’s Office for Children, including initiatives such as ENOUGH, which focuses on supporting youth in communities disproportionately impacted by poverty and violence. This partnership helps inform our approach to targeting resources, strengthening prevention efforts, and ensuring that our programs are responsive to the specific needs of Bladensburg youth.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

Good Intentions Foundation successfully implemented its previous Town-funded program and achieved strong outcomes in youth engagement and community participation. The program provided meaningful opportunities for youth in Bladensburg to access experiences and activities that they may not otherwise have exposure to.

One of the highlights of the program was utilizing local amenities such as Bladensburg Waterfront Park, where participants were introduced to rowing and water-based activities. Many of the youth served had never experienced being on the river or participating in structured rowing instruction. This opportunity not only exposed them to new skills but also built confidence, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment.

In addition to recreational activities, the program incorporated team-building exercises and educational components that supported personal development and positive peer interaction. We also maximized the use of Town facilities to host

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provide the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

Youth in the Town of Bladensburg, particularly those ages 11 – 18, face a significant need for safe, structured, and affordable programming—especially during the summer months when school is not in session. Without access to consistent supervision and enrichment opportunities, many young people are at greater risk of disengagement, negative peer influences, and academic regression.

Bladensburg is a diverse, youth-rich community, with approximately 43% of residents under the age of 25, demonstrating a high demand for youth-focused services. The Town is located in Prince George’s County, an area that includes communities facing economic challenges, with poverty rates higher than the Maryland state average. These conditions can limit access to extracurricular activities, mentorship programs, and positive recreational outlets for youth and their families.

Geographically, Bladensburg is part of the Port Towns corridor (including Edmonston, Cottage City, and Colmar Manor), where access to affordable, high-quality youth programming remains limited despite the growing youth population. Many families in these areas rely on community-based organizations to provide structured programming that supports both supervision and youth development.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

The Good Intentions Foundation proposes to implement the Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program, a structured, community-based initiative designed to serve youth ages 11 – 18 in the Town of Bladensburg and surrounding Port Town communities. The program will serve approximately 25 – 40 participants, with priority given to youth who would benefit from mentorship, structured engagement, and access to positive developmental opportunities.

The program will operate over the summer months and will provide a combination of mentorship, educational enrichment, and recreational activities in a safe and supportive environment. Participants will be grouped appropriately by age and will be paired with mentors who provide guidance, encouragement, and consistent support throughout the program.

Key program activities will include:

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

The Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program will utilize a structured, evidence-informed mentorship approach designed to engage youth ages 11 – 18 in consistent, supportive, and developmentally appropriate programming. The program will be implemented through a combination of mentorship, experiential learning, and skill-building activities delivered in a safe and supervised environment.

The program will follow a weekly schedule that includes structured mentorship sessions, group workshops, and hands-on activities. Each session will begin with a check-in to build trust and rapport, followed by guided discussions and interactive exercises focused on life skills such as communication, goal setting, conflict resolution, and decision-making. Youth will be grouped by age to ensure content is relevant and engaging.

Participants will be paired with trained mentors who will provide ongoing support, encouragement, and accountability throughout the program. Mentors will use positive youth development techniques, including active listening, modeling positive behavior, and reinforcing constructive choices.

The program will also incorporate experiential learning opportunities by utilizing community resources such as Bladensburg Waterfront Park and other Town facilities. Activities such as rowing, team-building exercises, and outdoor learning will be used to promote confidence, teamwork, and exposure to new experiences.

To ensure program effectiveness, Good Intentions Foundation will:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

Good Intentions Foundation has demonstrated a strong and consistent commitment to serving the Town of Bladensburg and the surrounding Port Town communities through a wide range of community-based activities, outreach efforts, and partnerships.

Our organization regularly leads and participates in community giveback events, including large-scale outreach initiatives in partnership with leaders such as Diana Fennell and Wanda Durant. These events provide essential resources, community engagement, and positive experiences for youth and families, helping to strengthen trust and connection within the community.

Through our “Feeding with Hope” initiative, we host ongoing food distribution events that provide free groceries and fresh produce to families in need. These distributions are held regularly across Prince George’s County and surrounding areas, helping to reduce food insecurity and ensure that families have access to basic necessities. These efforts are critical in supporting community stability and allowing families to focus on

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

Good Intentions Foundation has the experience, leadership, and community partnerships necessary to successfully implement the Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program. Our organization has a proven track record of delivering youth-focused programming, community outreach initiatives, and resource-based events that directly benefit residents of Bladensburg and the surrounding Port Town communities.

Our team includes dedicated staff, trained mentors, and committed volunteers who have experience working with youth ages 11 – 18 in structured and community-based settings. We utilize a hands-on, relationship-centered approach that ensures participants receive consistent support, guidance, and engagement throughout the program.

The organization has successfully managed and executed a variety of programs, including youth mentorship activities, community givebacks, food distributions, and

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

Note the funding cap of this grant is **\$2000.00**.

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	\$ <u>2,00</u>