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Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: N/A

Comments in writing: With tremendous respect, I urge the City of Winnipeg to reconsider cutting all funding to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Winnipeg's operating grant for the next three years. We depend heavily on this core funding. Not only do we provide a broad range of evidence-based mentoring programs, but we have opened up our building at 532 Ellice for even more programs (afterschool programs), tutoring/homework programs, nutrition programs, free counselling, and safe spaces for youth in partnership with other organizations. Together, these programs substantially benefit the health and well-being of our City's youth and families who face adversity. Our volunteers provide our program outcomes, which have been well-researched and give a $23 to $1 social return on investment. We match hundreds of youth per year, and hundreds of families request and depend on us to meet their needs. The unpaid volunteers in our program pay out of pocket for activities they provide for low-income families and depend on our activity center to help reduce their out-of-pocket costs. Youth are exposed to muti-year, regular activities that they would not otherwise be able to access. I implore the City to reconsider the decision to end our organization's municipal support.

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Public engagement preference: Yes