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Dear Committee Members,

Kids 'n Kinship is a dedicated youth mentoring program that pairs young individuals with caring adult mentors to foster meaningful and supportive relationships. Our mission is to empower youth by providing them with positive role models who can help guide them through life's challenges and opportunities. Through one-on-one mentoring sessions, group activities, and community engagement initiatives, we focus on enhancing vital social skills, boosting self-confidence, and promoting academic success. Our program not only nurtures personal growth but also encourages youth to develop a sense of belonging and responsibility within their communities.

The YIP grant plays a crucial role in supporting our agency's mission by providing essential funding that allows us to expand and enhance our mentoring programs. With the support of the YIP grant, we can recruit and train more volunteers, ensuring that each young person receives the attention and guidance they deserve. Additionally, these funds help us develop and implement new curriculum resources and activities that cater to the diverse needs of our youth. By enabling us to reach a larger audience and provide more comprehensive support, the YIP grant directly contributes to the positive outcomes we strive to achieve for the young people in our community. Given the significant impact that the YIP grant has on our ability to serve youth effectively, I strongly urge you to fully fund this vital program. By doing so, you will not only help sustain our mission but also empower countless young individuals to thrive, succeed, and become active, engaged members of our community.

Thank you for considering this important investment in our youth and their future.

In Partnership,

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Kids 'N Kinship