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PCV Small Project Assistance
PROPOSAL FORM

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Note: The level of specificity and detail should correspond to the total amount of funds requested. That is, for those of you who are requesting a relatively small amount of money, you do not need to fill out this request with extreme specificity and detail.

Date of Request: January 6, 2016

Total Funds Requested (maximum is 50,000 baht): 25,985 baht

Title of Project: Tambon Piman Brighter Thailand Global Youth Leadership Camp

Dates of Project:

February 1, 2016: Reserve schedule with Brighter Thailand Foundation and camp location

March 1 - April 3, 2016: Plan and organize Camp

April 4-9, 2016: Conduct 6-day Brighter Thailand Global Youth Leadership Camp

April 11-30, 2016: Process post-evaluation data and organize follow-up youth group meetings

Name, Group Number and Address of PCV:

(Laura) Emily Schell, Group 127

SAO Piman

M.3, T. Piman, A. Na Kae

Nakhon Phanom, Thailand 48130

Location of Project (School or Organization, Moo Baan, Tambon, Amphur, Province):

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Individuals/Groups Responsible:

Emily Schell, PCV

SAO Piman, host organization

Brighter Thailand Foundation, Thai NGO partnering with Peace Corps

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/PROJECT HISTORY:

PCV Emily Schell has been serving as a Youth in Development volunteer with SAO Piman since March 2015. Tambon Piman consists of 10 villages served by 6 schools (five serving grades Anuban through Bprattom 6 and one serving grades Anuban through Mattayom 3). The SAO currently supports a local youth group consisting of about 150 youth, around 20 of whom are consistently active participants in organized activities. The youth group currently meets infrequently and inconsistently based on SAO events and availability of leadership to organize activities. The most active members of the youth group, including its leader, are beginning to disperse to universities and workplaces outside the area, making it more difficult for the group to stay active. Meanwhile, area youth have few opportunities to make productive use of free time during afternoons and weekends/holidays. The proposed camp will serve as a catalyst to

create a more active and cohesive youth volunteer organization within the community with a strong representation of current high school students, providing all youth with increased opportunities to get involved.

PCV Emily Schell, youth group leader Atita Inparkdee, and full-time SAO officer Chitnapa Panupakpokin attended a Brighter Thailand Foundation Global Youth Leadership Camp hosted by Tessaban Non Sang in Nong Bua Lamphu province on December 13-19, 2015. All three who attended, as well as leadership at SAO Piman (Bhalat Teerapon Klangprapan and Chief of Office Surat Champa), are eager to host the camp locally for the youth of Tambon Piman. They would like to schedule the camp for the first week of the next school break, in April 2016.

A Brighter Thailand Foundation (BTF) camp consists of 6 days and 5 nights of activities, focusing around leadership, teamwork, problem-solving and relationship-building skills, as well as the five core values of respect, honesty, perseverance, responsibility and citizenship. For the first two and a half days, about 15 Mattayom 4-6 students learn a wide array of skill-building activities and games, as well as form mentor relationships with a team of adults including BTF staff, 5 PCVs with Thai counterparts, and 5 Thai university students. On the third day, about 30 Bprattom 5-6 students arrive and are hosted and mentored by the Mattayom students, with the adult volunteers serving as coaches to the Mattayom students in their new roles as leaders. The Mattayom students then spend the next two and a half days facilitating the same activities with the group of Bprattom students, both developing the life skills and confidence of the Bprattom students and giving the Mattayom students hands-on leadership and teamwork opportunities in a position of genuine responsibility. The Mattayom students, as a team, become responsible for all aspects of running a camp for their younger peers, compelling unprecedented transformations in their self-confidence and perceived self-worth. The younger campers, in turn, get to witness youth role models successfully embodying the role of leader.

Because this camp is quite long compared with a traditional camp in Thailand (usually around 1-3 days), and consists of relatively few youth participants (groups of 15 and 30, compared with oftentimes hundreds at typical camps), the youth are able to make meaningful and lasting relationships and personal transformations that have real ongoing benefits in their lives. The Brighter Thailand format uses the Reflect-Connect-Apply method of discussion after games and life skills activities to help transfer skills back into participants' daily lives immediately. Because the activities are also all designed to be highly fun and engaging, youth are motivated to participate actively and repeatedly, and are eager to share the activities with their peers. The curriculum also includes sessions on gender roles, healthy relationships, planning goals for the future, and English.

Currently, Ms. Schell works with Bprattom 5-6 students in all 6 schools within the Tambon. For the camp, she will work with teachers to select 5 interested students from each school representing a mix of genders and academic performance levels. Since there is no school serving grades M.4-6 in the Tambon, youth group leader Atita Inparkdee will work with the youth group to identify 15 interested students to participate in the camp, ideally representing all 10 villages within the Tambon, and again balanced in gender and academic level, to attend the camp.

SAO Piman has allocated funds in its annual budget totaling 35,000 baht to support this project, and is also able to provide in-kind contributions of a camp site, lodging, and transportation for youth to and from the camp. This proposal aims to obtain an additional 25,985 baht to cover the costs of camp t-shirts, BTF facilitator fees, incidentals like snacks and writing materials, and transportation for adult volunteers (Peace Corps Volunteers, their counterparts, and Thai university students) to and from the camp.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS:

1. Develop approximately 15 participating Mattayom 4-6 students into confident and capable leaders with practical leadership experience, a strong support network of peers and adult mentors, and an ongoing interest in serving as leaders in the community.
2. Build confidence, communication and teamwork skills of approximately 30 participating Bprattom 5-6 students and begin exposing them to youth leaders as examples.
3. Develop supportive relationships between youth within the Tambon Piman community and between youth and SAO staff, Peace Corps Volunteers, and nearby university students.
4. Strengthen organizational capacity of Tambon Piman Youth Group and motivate members to engage in consistent meetings and service projects following the camp.
5. Improve youth development project design and facilitation skills in PCVs, SAO staff, and nearby university students, providing opportunity for hands-on practice, sharing of ideas, and feedback from peers.
6. Strengthen organizational capacity of SAO Piman and motivate SAO staff to host this event at least annually in the future, as well as to take a less hierarchical and more supportive approach to youth development in their many existing youth programs throughout the year.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

This camp is fully supported by the local SAO and will also involve the youth group and schools (as collaborators in identifying participants as well as contexts for ongoing community involvement by youth after the camp). SAO staff will help organize and facilitate the camp, and have demonstrated their interest by already attending a similar camp with their PCV in another province as well as contributing a significant portion of the budget for this project.

SUSTAINABILITY:

This project will build capacity by both the youth attending as well as the staff conducting the camp. Following the camp, the participating youth will be connected and motivated to continue this type of activity in the future in the form of youth-facilitated life skills activities with younger groups of youth, as well as other youth-organized volunteerism projects in the community. The SAO staff participating in the camp will be capable of reproducing this camp independently in future years, as well as implementing individual activities into other youth-targeted events throughout the year. Once they have implemented one camp, SAO staff will be in a motivated and informed position to budget fully for future camps in the annual organizational budget. The Thai university students attending will also develop facilitation and youth development skills that they will continue to use throughout their future careers.

BUDGET (may be a separate document):

Total – 77,505 Baht

- Location/Lodging – 15,720 B

First part (sleep/dining area): 33 people x 40 B/day x 2 days – 2,640 B

Second part (sleep/dining area): 63 people x 40 B/day x 4 days – 10,080 B

Meeting Hall: 500B x 6 days – 3,000 B

- Meals – 33,360 B

First part (Day 0 dinner and Day 1 breakfast) – 1,360B

18 people* x 2 meals – 36 meals

36 meals x 40 B/meal – 1,440B

Second part (Day 1 L/D, Day 2 B/L/D, Day 3 B/L) – 9,240 B

33 people** x 7 meals – 231 meals

- 231 meals x 40B/meal - 9,240 B
- Third part (Day 3 D, Day 4-5 B/L/D, Day 6 B/L) - 22,680 B
- 63 people*** x 9 meals - 567 meals
- 567 meals x 40B/meal - 22,680 B
- Camp T-Shirts - 13,000 B
 - 65 people x 200 B/shirt - 13,000 B
- Volunteer transportation - 6,500 B
 - 13 volunteers (4 PCVs/4 counterparts/5 Univ. students) - 500B/person- 6,500 B
- Snacks - 3,825 B
 - First half - 33 people x 15 B/day x 2 days - 990 B
 - Second half - 63 people x 15 B/day x 3 days - 2,835 B
- Trainers - 2,000 B
 - BTF Facilitator - 2 people x 1,000 B/person - 2,000 B
- Materials - 2,000 B
 - notebooks, pens, markers
- Participant Transportation - 800 B
 - 2 cars (7-8 people/car) x 50 B per trip (16 trips) - 800 B
- Water - 300 B
 - 25 tanks x 12 B - 300 B

*18 people = 2 BTF facilitators, host site 1 PCV + 2 SAO staff, 4 visiting PCVs + 4 counterparts, 5 university students

** Add 15 Mattayom students

*** Add 30 Bprattom students

Summary:

Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Price	SAO Piman In-Kind	SAO Piman Cash	Grant Request
Location/Lodging	-	-	฿15,720	฿15,720	฿0	฿0
Meals	฿40	834	฿33,360	฿0	฿33,360	฿0
Camp T-shirts	฿200	65	฿13,000	฿0	฿0	฿13,000
Volunteer Transportation	฿500	13	฿6,500	฿0	฿0	฿6,500
Snacks	฿15	255	฿3,825	฿0	฿1,340	฿2,485
Trainers	฿1,000	2	฿2,000	฿0	฿0	฿2,000
Materials	-	-	฿2,000	฿0	฿0	฿2,000
Participant Transportation	฿50	16	฿800	฿800	฿0	฿0
Water	฿12	25	฿300	฿0	฿300	฿0
Total			฿77,505	฿16,520	฿35,000	฿25,985

PROJECT SCHEDULE (including start and finish dates):

February 1, 2016:

- Reserve schedule with Brighter Thailand Foundation
- Reserve location at Pu Pan Noi Campground

March 1-30, 2016:

- Begin identifying and signing up youth participants in 6 schools (30 Bprattom 5-6) and within 10 villages (15 Mattayom 4-6)
- Invite Peace Corps Volunteers and university students
- Purchase T-shirts

April 1-3:

- Organize meal preparation, sleeping arrangements, prepare location and transportation

April 3-9:

- Conduct camp
 - Adult volunteers arrive at camp site afternoon of April 3rd, conduct first volunteer meeting, and finalize schedule for the first day of activities
 - Mattayom students arrive at camp site after breakfast on the morning of April 4th
 - Bprattom students arrive at camp site after lunch on the afternoon of April 6th
 - Everyone departs camp site after lunch on the afternoon of April 9th

April 11-30:

- Process evaluation data
- Form communication channels for participating youth (Facebook group, Line group)
- Support youth in organizing ongoing meetings and activity opportunities