

REPORT 2018 October Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2018 October Cycle	Report Date: 10/16/2019 12:00 am
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1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.

Awarded Amount: 30,000	Date: 10/19/2018
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Yes! Our original request was for \$40,000 to serve 50 Project MEND kids, with \$30,000 going to direct Assistive Technology (AT) Financial Aid payments on behalf of our customers and the balance of \$10,000 was to be used for operating expenses associated with the administration and implementation of this program. The grant award was \$30,000 with the request from the Najim Foundation being that we utilize all of this funding for the AT Financial Aid program to purchase specialized AT devices for our kids. With the \$30,000 we were able to serve a total of 67 kids, with 38 of those being specifically funded by the Najim Foundation grant!

3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.

The only changes from the original proposal was that we asked for \$40,000 and received \$30,000. The objective of the grant was the same and did not change.

4: What needs were addressed?

Through the AT Financial Aid program we were able to provide 38 kids living with disabilities and illness assistive devices to help improve their quality of life. Items included cranial helmets, tomato chairs, specialized strollers, Spio Suit, hearing aids and elbow hinge braces!

5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?

Through our client data tracking, we were able to measure the number of children we assisted with AT devices, the cost of those devices, and the type of devices issued. Our client satisfaction surveys measured if the service provided to a child were meaningful to the child, the parent/caregiver and family. The outcomes were that all children served resulted in an improvement in the life of the child both in school and in their daily activities.

6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?

Project MEND continues to seek funding to assist kids with AT devices when they are unable to acquire these expensive, specialized items on their own. Partnerships with UHS, WellMed, Warm Springs, UT Austin's Center for Disability Studies, Gordon Hartman Foundation and the Najim Foundation, to name a few, continue to be supporters of Project MEND services. Other strategies implemented to sustain funding include grant writing, fundraising events, outreach strategies, fee-for-service structure that allows surplus equipment rentals and sales, plus a repair service fee offered to the general public also help to add new revenue streams to our overall budget.

7: Please provide any other comments of information relevant to this grant.

Arianna is a 5-year old living with Cerebral Palsy, a congenital condition that affects a person's movement, muscle tone and posture. Her mom was determined to get Arianna help for a chair she needed, but a language barrier only added limitations to her ability to access help. What mom could only do was to carry Arianna or utilize a small stroller when she moved her! UHS then referred mom to us for help! Because of the funding provided by the Najim Foundation, we were able to purchase a tomato stroller with appropriate trunk support and a 5-point harness strap for Arianna. This AT device is life changing for Arianna, providing her the proper support she needs while seated. Two lives impacted!

8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Requested Funds	Project Funds Actual	Najim Funds Allocation
AT Financial Aid (i.e. payments for families to purchase AT items.	\$75,000	\$30,000	\$132,231	\$30,000
Advertising & Marketing of KIDS Program	\$2,500	\$900	\$7,693	\$0
IT Services	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$48,377	\$0
Medical Equipment Reuse services (equipment, parts, supplies, repair items, etc.)	\$36,000	\$0	\$11,784	\$0
Related staff salaries, taxes and Benefits	\$65,000	\$0	\$604,568	\$0
Rent	\$2,800	\$1,400	\$27,000	\$0
Utilities	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$13,067	\$0
Insurance - Agency	\$11,000	\$3,600	\$31,440	\$0
Printing	\$2,000	\$500	\$7,999	\$0

Office Supplies	\$2,400	\$1,000	\$10,689	\$0
TOTAL:	\$200,000	\$40,000	\$894,848	\$30,000
Signature Cathy Valdez				