

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Eagles Flight Advocacy & Outreach		Federal Tax ID#: 47-1777987		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 26520 Fire Dance		City: Boerne		State: Texas	
				Zip Code: 78006	
Website: https://www.eaglesflight.org		Fax: (210) 950-6635		United Way Funded: No	

Fiscal Year:
January 01 to December 31

Head Of Organization

Name: Pamela Allen		Title: Executive Director/CEO	
E-Mail Address: info@eaglesflight.org		Phone: (210) 548-0740	

Application Contact

Name: Kish Russell		Title: Grant Specialist		E-Mail Address: kishrussell@yahoo.com		Phone: (210) 289-3016	
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Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined?
No

Grant Amount Requested \$: \$25,000	Total Project Budget \$: \$30,000	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$300,800
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Mission Statement:
Our mission is to Bring Help and Hope to Children & Families in Crisis. Since 2013, Eagles Flight has focused efforts on advocacy for kids with special needs and feeding the hungry in the Edgewood ISD area.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
To Support the Summer Feeding Program.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date 10/06/2020	End Date 01/31/2021
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Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:
Food, Shelter and Clothing

Program / Project Description:
The Summer Feeding Program goals include:
From June 1, 2021 to August 1, 2021, Eagles Flight will work:

1) To increase the children's access to healthy meals during the summer months who reside in the Edgewood ISD community and the 3 quadrants: East side, West side, and South side..

2) To reduce the percentage of food insecurity, 42%, by half in the Edgewood ISD area as reported by UTSA.

3) To provide meals three days a week to 2,500 children during the summer.

Expected Results: 2,500 school-age children (ages 3-17 years) in the Eagles Flight service areas will be provided with food and meals to ensure healthy development and reduce the risk of developmental delays and disabilities due to food insecurity.

Funds Requested: The \$25,000 support requested from the Najim Family Foundation will be used to facilitate the distribution of food and meals to children in the Edgewood ISD community and 10 distribution sites during the summer months when school is not in session.

Background: Since 2013, Eagles Flight Advocacy and Outreach has advocated for the needs of children with disabilities along with the needs of disadvantaged children and families with a summer feeding program. Children from families that lack consistent access to food are more likely to experience developmental impairments in areas such as language, motor skills and behavior. Hunger and health are deeply connected. The state's Texas Academic Performance Report states that this service area has a higher rate of students with physical disabilities (24%) as compared to the state average of (21%). People who are food insecure are disproportionately affected by chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and according to research, food insecurity is also linked to many adverse effects to overall health.

During the school year, 22 million children receive free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program. When school is out during the summer, only 1 in 6 kids still have access to those meals through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. In October 2020, UTSA Urban Education Institute released a report on a new study that shows food insecure students in San Antonio struggled with distance learning and academic engagement more than their peers. Bexar County's pre-pandemic rates of food insecurity were already hovering at about 14% in 2018. That number nearly doubled for public school families by spring of 2020. Families in each school system reported experiencing food insecurity, with the highest rates of 49% found in Edgewood ISD and 41% in both Harlandale and Southwest ISDs.

Children residing in the Eagles Flight service area zip codes - 78207 and 78237 are identified as residing in the poorest areas of San Antonio. Their lives are complicated by poverty, unemployment, isolation, homelessness, domestic violence, recurrent health problems, mental illness, and low levels of education. Providing food and shelter takes precedence. For children, food insecurity has the greatest negative impact. Lacking proper nutrition and access to food can have serious implications for a child's physical and mental health, academic attainment, and future economic prosperity. According to FeedingAmerica.org, research links food insecurity with delayed development in young children with higher risk of chronic illnesses like asthma and anemia; and behavioral problems such as hyperactivity, anxiety, and aggression in school-age children.

A child's short- and long-term success is primarily dependent on the ability of their parents to support them in their most formative years. Therefore, we serve children and families by providing access to address food insecurity at the Reed Community Resource Center. In addition, Eagles Flight's Summer Feeding Program will expand to support 10 food/meal distribution sites located in 3 quadrants of San Antonio, TX: East side, West Side and the South Side of San Antonio. Eagles Flight will collaborate with The San Antonio Food Bank and other non-profit organizations to supply each site within neighborhoods that are identified as highest rates of food insecurity. Many families in these areas have unreliable or no transportation, so distribution sites will be centrally located and within walking distance. A Mobile Food Pantry event will be held each month within the community to supplement weekly food distribution with additional proteins, dairy items, and fresh fruits and/or vegetables. Nonprofits, churches, and businesses will collect food for the preparation and distribution of lunch sacks for children to take home. Each bag will contain enough prepared food and snacks for a week and will be easy to open without the need for cooking or meal preparation.

The findings linking food insecurity and learning signify how hunger and larger issues of family instability during the ongoing pandemic threaten student growth. Starting June 1st through August 1st, Eagles Flight will implement the annual Summer Feeding Program for children in the Edgewood ISD community. The Summer Feeding Program will operate three days a week out of the Officer Rogena Reed Community Resource Center located at 216 Purcell, San Antonio, TX 78237. The community center is conveniently located in the Edgewood ISD community within walking distance for children to access to a meal during the summer months when school is out of session. Eagles Flight will coordinate community volunteers and Eagles Flight personnel to staff and provide operational support for the center to serve the free meals and manage the 10 distribution sites. An intake process will collect information on each child to track the number of children served and assess if additional support services are needed.

Evaluation Plan:

The Summer Feeding Program evaluation plan will consist of intake forms and data collection for school-age children receiving food and meals at the Reed Community Resource Center and the 10 distribution sites. Eagles Flight's staff will collect, review, and report the data to the Executive Director and board of trustees to determine the effectiveness of the program. Eagles Flight staff and board members will analyze the data to include in the strategic plan to inform services for align with current needs of the communities served.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Eagles Flight operates a resale/thrift shop called Kym's Kloset. Proceeds from the sales of Kym's Kloset are used to support Eagles Flight programs and services to include the work of the Reed Community Resource Center. Ongoing fundraising and grant writing efforts will also sustain the efforts of this project. Partnerships with the following organizations will provide volunteers and food and clothing donations through frequent food and clothing drives at their locations: Jesus Lives in My City, San Antonio Christian Church, Jesus Christ Revealed Ministries, Extreme Harvest Church, City of God Worship Center, and Redeemer's Praise Church. Eagles Flight board members will review the progress and financial costs at each monthly meeting. The board will provide oversight to ensure that the sustainability of this project is on target to achieve the expected outcomes.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
5,500	2,500

Please provide the percentage of each group below that will be served by the project in which funds are being requested. Do not leave any area blank. If that specific group will not be served, include zero. The percentage should total 100%.

A. Population Served Age		B. Population Served Ethnicity	
Infants (0-5)	40%	African American	2%
Children (6-13)	40%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	20%	Caucasian	1%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	96%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District4, District5, District6

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Food and meal items and supplies	\$30,000	\$25,000
TOTAL:	\$30,000	\$25,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

For Project being Requested: Funding sources and amounts, pending and committed.

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Sundt Foundation	\$10,000
Walmart Foundation	\$2,000
TOTAL:	\$12,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Office of the Governor-Victims of Domestic	\$75,000
Office of the Governor-Juvenile Justice Truancy Prevention	\$75,000
FEMA Disaster Assistance	\$1,200
Cowden Foundation	\$25,000
WellMed Foundation	\$25,000
McCombs Foundation	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$211,200

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Gordon Hartmann Foundation	\$25,000
TOTAL:	\$25,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?

100%

If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?

N/A

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

Eagles Flight board members make personal financial contributions, as well as participate in all Eagles Flight fundraising efforts. Regular attendance at monthly board meetings allow for Eagles Flight to maintain accountability towards reaching performance outcomes and goals and fulfilling the advancement of the mission statement: Bring Help and Hope to Children & Families in Crisis. Governance and policy review is a key responsibility of board members that ensures Eagles Flight is financially sound and has the leadership capacity to effectively implement program services and activities. The board develops an annual strategic plan that includes short- and long-term goals, relevant action steps, and a process for accountability.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Kenny Vallespin, Board Member	The Bank of San Antonio
Kelly Junkman	Physical Therapist
Lucy Adame-Clark	Bexar County Clerk
Signature	