

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Friends of Spare Parts		Federal Tax ID#: 82-1540409		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 102 Mabry Street		City: San Antonio		State: Texas	
				Zip Code: 78226	
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Head Of Organization

Name: Mary Elizabeth Cantu		Title: Executive Director	
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Application Contact

Name: Laura Carter		Title: President, Board of Directors		E-Mail Address: laurac@sparepartssa.org		Phone: (210) 884-4673	
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Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?

No

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$6,348	\$24,956	\$72,075

Mission Statement:

To advance reuse and environmental sustainability through the arts and creativity, making art created from re-used items affordable and accessible to all children

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support Affordable, Portable Environmental Art Education for School Children in Need.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
11/01/2019	11/01/2020

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Education

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Elementary to High School

Program / Project Description:

All Bexar County children deserve the proven learning benefits of high-quality arts and environmental education programs, but fewer schools each year have the resources to offer either. The mission of Friends of Spare Parts is to offer both through its mission to advance reuse of waste materials and the importance of environmental sustainability through creativity and the arts.

Spare Parts was founded in 2011 by a San Antonio art teacher who was provided no supplies to teach her classes. She persuaded local businesses to donate materials that otherwise would have been sent to Bexar County landfills.

Schools, community organizations and local businesses became partners in a volunteer organization that has since reached more than 5,000 Bexar County schoolchildren. Learning how to transform recycled materials into art through "creative re-use" education also has recycled what would have become 15 tons of landfill wastes.

Making environmental arts education affordable and accessible has been made possible by delivering free "art" supplies to classrooms, and charging only \$100 per trained instructor per school session. The Spare Parts Mini Art Museum brings "creative re-use" art exhibits and hands-on lessons directly to under-funded schools. Both programs' components include in-classroom teaching and professional development.

Spare Parts partners include: the San Antonio, Harlandale, Edgewood and Northside independent school districts, City of San Antonio, Bexar County Government, San Antonio Public Library system, family community centers, Southwest School of Art, SA2020, SA Youth, Urban Strategies Inc., and more than 35 volunteers.

Friends of Spare Parts was founded as a nonprofit 501 (c) organization in 2018 to raise funds to cover the growing costs of transportation and storage of materials, and to bring Spare Parts Mini Art Museum exhibits to more schools, public libraries and other sites serving children.

Project Funding Request: \$6,348

The Spare Parts Mini Art Museum and instructors visited 18 schools, community centers and public libraries in 2018, serving 2,000 children. The museum's arrival in each instance engaged all children in creating environmentally friendly art for display using recycled materials that otherwise would be disposed of in landfills.

Friends of Spare Parts requests \$6,348 to bring the Spare Parts Mini Art Museum to 18 more schools and children's events, reaching 2,000 more children in 2019 through 2020. This gift will double Spare Parts' Mini Art Museum reach to a total 4,000 children in 2019-2020.

This grant will pay for transportation of the exhibit and donated materials to 18 locations, storage of the portable exhibits and donated re-use materials between visits, and funding for instructors. By funding instructors, Spare Parts can reach Bexar County children most in need in schools that cannot afford even instructor fees.

Needs & Benefits

Mostly Hispanic (60.3 percent) Bexar County has a dismal childhood poverty rate of 23 percent (26 percent in San Antonio). Children born in poverty are labeled from birth as at risk for academic failure because their families lack financial resources to benefit from high-quality education.

The National Education Association reports that students from poor families tend to perform poorly in school, and Hispanic families suffer disproportionately higher poverty rates. These children are at risk for poor academic outcomes, including lower test scores and lower high school completion rates. They attend schools that must rely on lower property tax bases from poor neighborhoods. More than 90 percent of predominantly Hispanic students in the San Antonio and Edgewood independent school districts we serve live in low-income homes.

Americans for the Arts reports that Hispanic students have less than half the access to arts education as non-Hispanic white children. Yet, art and environmental education measurably improve students' grades and learning abilities. At-risk children who participate in art education are significantly more likely to score higher grades in reading, science, mathematics and other courses, and they graduate from high school and attend college at higher rates. Stanford University reports that environmental education results in measurable improvements in grades and critical thinking skills. Environmental arts education multiplies these benefits.

Spare Parts offers an innovative approach to educational equity that combines the proven benefits of both arts and environmental education to help at-risk children succeed in school and become productive, environmentally responsible adults. Low fees and free supplies make art/environmental education accessible to all classrooms. Reducing landfill tonnage through re-use of waste products benefits all Bexar County taxpayers.

Project Goals

Spare Parts has an eight-year record of success in bringing affordable, accessible art/environmental education to more than 5,000 children. With only one full-time employee, an executive director who manages all programs and volunteers, and re-use materials donated at no cost, program costs are minimal.

Your gift will double the reach and benefits to Bexar County children. Children will enjoy immediate and lifelong learning benefits of arts and environmental education. All Bexar County residents benefit from the future success of children and reduced solid waste disposal costs.

This grant will allow Friends of Spare Parts to:

- oDouble the reach of the portable Mini Art Museum to a total 4,000 schoolchildren.
- oCollect and transport additional "creative re-use" art supplies to more PreK-12 classrooms.
- oPromote Mini Art Museum program success stories as a fundraising springboard to ultimately serve children in all 19 San Antonio area school districts.

Evaluation Plan:

This project's success will be evaluated in increased numbers of schoolchildren and schools served. Friends of Spare Parts will measure and evaluate demographics, age levels and partner school/community organization diversity to ensure this growing program serves diverse children most in need in every age group from pre-kindergarten through high school grade levels.

Qualitative surveys and interviews will be evaluated to measure the success of age-appropriate learning opportunities designed to inspire new and sustainable art education activities. Surveys will track networks formed among schools to measure the results of shared best practices in environmental arts education. These evaluations will result in evolving adjustments to the program to maximize positive results.

A project outcomes evaluation report will be shared with funders, partners, schools, teachers, parents and the Friends of Spare Parts Board of Directors.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

The portable Mini Art Museum offers affordable, sustainable art/environmental education by relying on donated materials, significantly decreasing project operating costs. Friends of Spare Parts is actively seeking new funding sources to keep instructor fees low and attract new investments to help fund collection, upkeep and storage of re-use materials and exhibits.

Classrooms and community centers will be shown how to collect their own donated re-use materials from their facilities, homes, neighboring businesses and volunteers. As schools become partners, they also will receive continuing supplies of materials collected each year by board members and 35-plus volunteers from existing and new businesses.

Publicizing the portable art museum's success stories through the news media, school bulletins and online social media outlets will become a fundraising tool to attract new funding each year from individuals and foundations to ultimately expand this program's reach to children in all Bexar County schools.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
4,000	2,000

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)	10%	African American	10%
Children (6-13)	50%	Asian American	5%
Young Adults (14-18)	40%	Caucasian	25%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	60%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:
 District2, District3, District5

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Commercial cargo van rental including 100-mile daily allowance and insurance for 36 days at \$100 per day to collect and transport Spare Parts Mini Art Museum exhibits and materials	\$3,600	\$1,800
Climate controlled storage facility rental to store Mini Art Museum exhibits, re-use (donated recycled) materials	\$1,896	\$948
\$100 per session for trained in-classroom exhibit demonstration and hands-on teaching at \$100 per session = \$7,200	\$3,600	\$3,600

Volunteer driver services to request, collect, transport reuse materials, exhibits; re-use materials. In-kind value \$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Contingency Fund	\$500	\$0
TOTAL:	\$24,596	\$6,348

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Najim Charitable Foundation	\$6,348
TOTAL:	\$6,348

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Friends of Spare Parts Board of Directors	\$1,800
The Big Give funds earmarked for Mini Art Museum	\$500
Fees from participating schools at \$100 each	\$3,600
Volunteer driver services; re-use materials, exhibits materials and construction (in-kind value including working of 35+ volunteers)	\$15,000
Individual donations for climate-controlled storage facility rental 1-year	\$948
TOTAL:	\$21,848

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
San Antonio Area Foundation	\$20,000
TOTAL:	\$20,000

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
SanJapan Event Contribution as Charity of Choice	\$2,000
Mission Trail Rotary Club	\$1,500
The Big Give	\$1,500
San Antonio Independent School District program fees	\$30,000
Harlandale Independent School District	\$7,000
Community centers, Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center Program, other schools, public library fees	\$16,532
TOTAL:	\$58,532

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?

100%

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

not applicable

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

We have a diverse, experienced and pro-active board with special expertise to ensure the success of this project. Board members will contribute \$1,800 toward project expenses. Board members will seek individual and business materials donations and cash donations.

Board members actively participate in Mini Art Museum visits and surveys. Board members evaluate outcomes and approve any changes in quality of materials and site locations to maximize reach to at-risk children at schools with under-funded or no art/environmental education. The Friends of Spare Parts board will prepare and submit a one-year evaluation report to funders, partners and board leadership.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Laura Carter, Board President	Retired, Nonprofit Communications
Jeanne Cantu, Board Vice President	Texas A&M University San Antonio
Christopher Castillo, Board Director at Large	San Antonio Public Library System
B. Kay Richter, Board Secretary	San Antonio Express-News
Jennifer Herrera, Board Director at Large	KLRN (PBS) Television
Jonathan Guajardo, Board Director at Large	Texas A&M University, College Station and San Antonio Sentinel
Eric Cavazos, Board Director at Large	Nimitz Middle School, Northeast Independent School District

Signature

Mary Elizabeth Cantu