

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Catch the Next		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 27-1614835		<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(1)	
<b>Address:</b> 18756 Stone Oak Pkwy, Ste. 200		<b>City:</b> San Antonio		<b>State:</b> Texas	
				<b>Zip Code:</b> 78258	
<b>Website:</b> www.catchthenext.org		<b>Fax:</b> (203) 508-3129		<b>United Way Funded:</b> No	

**Fiscal Year:**  
January 01 to December 31

### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Dr. Maria Martha Chavez		<b>Title:</b> Chief Executive Officer	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> maria.chavez@catchthenext.org		<b>Phone:</b> (203) 508-3129	

### Application Contact

<b>Name:</b> Dr. Stacy Ybarra Evans		<b>Title:</b> Director of Student Engagement		<b>E-Mail Address:</b> stacy.ybarra@catchthene xt.org		<b>Phone:</b> (210) 396-3548	
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**Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined?**  
No

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b> \$50,000	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b> \$50,000	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b> \$94,950
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**Mission Statement:**  
To empower faculty, staff, and institutions to increase the educational attainment of Latinos and other underserved communities in order to close the achievement gap.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

**Program / Project Title:**  
To support the Ascender Program - Catch the Next by providing campus coaching, transformative teaching and professional development.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Start Date</b> 04/08/2021	<b>End Date</b> 08/08/2021
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**Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:**  
Education

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College

**Program / Project Description:**

Catch the Next, Inc. (CTN), established in 2009, is a national, award-winning college readiness and completion organization committed to increasing equitable outcomes in higher education. Funds are being requested to increase enrollment and student engagement for the Ascender program, professional development, campus coaching, internships and transformative teaching. Ascender is a first year experience program for community college students created to ensure college readiness toward completion and transfer. It combines: Navigational support through holistic advising, counseling, and a Learning Framework course, An academic pathway that features a year-long sequence of English and additional core subjects by instructors trained in the model, A Student Engagement component that includes community mentorship, cultural events, leadership development and internships. The Transformative Teaching Track TTT is a two-day, experiential and intensive training in classroom strategies, co-curricular design and team-building with an emphasis on culturally responsive practice. Our training is tailored to meet the needs of faculty who wish to play a leadership role in response to House Bill 2223 and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60 x 30 Campaign

**Evaluation Plan:**

Measuring the Catch the Next Program

Currently, program facilitators administer both a pretest and a posttest to Ascender program participants in order to measure what information is learned by the students during the program. At the conclusion of each session, we also ask participating faculty/ teachers to complete a detailed evaluation questionnaire so we can continue to find ways to improve an already excellent program.

**Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

In the past year, Catch the Next has approached several new grant makers for support, and we are pleased to report that Catch the Next has received grants from the Meadows Foundation and Invest in Us Foundation.

With support from the Meadows Foundation, Catch the Next was able to hire a fundraising consultant who is working with our board of directors to develop and implement a strategic fundraising plan that will incorporate an expanded annual giving program as purchase our new donor management software "Network for Good". Building a larger individual donor base will complement Catch the Next's successful grant seeking program and help ensure our financial future. Catch the Next currently has two grant proposals pending, requesting a total of \$50,000.

**Children Impacted:**

<b>How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?</b>	<b>How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?</b>
200	200

**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%.**

<b>A. Population Served Age</b>		<b>B. Population Served Ethnicity</b>	
Infants (0-5)	0%	African American	10%
Children (6-13)	0%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	100%	Caucasian	9%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	80%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:**

District1, District2, District3, District4, District5, District6, District7, District8, District9, District10

**Line item Budget:**

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Ascender Program, Campus Coaching, Transformative Teaching and Professional Development	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

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

**PROJECT - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**PROJECT - COMMITTED**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?**

100%

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

**How are board members expected to participate in your organization?**

Board Members are expected to participate by creating facebook events to raise funds for giving tuesday and end of year campaigns. This past year all board members were asked to participate.

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Kathy Zarate	On Course
Maria Martha Chavez	Catch the Next
Matthew Reyna	Yale University

Veronica Cavazos	Austin Partners in Education
Stephanie Alvarez	UTRGV
Charles Cook	Austin Community College District
Dr Robert Garza	Robert Garza
Amaury Nora	UTSA
Rogelio Saenz	UTSA
Eileen Galvez	Yale University
Catherine J.K. Sandoval	Santa Clara University
Lillian Diaz Gray	Bank of America
Michael Guinn	Promentum
Esmeralda R. Macias	South Texas College
<b>Signature</b>	
Dr. Stacy Ybarra Evans	