

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Organization Information			
Legal Name: Vault Fostering Community	Federal Tax ID#: 46-5622227	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(2)	
Address: 16120 College Oak, Suite 103	City: San Antonio	State: TX	Zip Code: 78249
Website: www.vaultfosteringcommunity.org	Fax: (830) 446-2073	United Way Funded: No	
Fiscal Year: January 01 to December 31			
Head Of Organization			
Name: Rachel Russo		Title: Founder, Executive Director	
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Application Contact			
Name: Rachel Russo	Title: Founder, Executive Director	E-Mail Address: rachel@vaultfosteringcommunity.org	Phone: (830) 446-2073
Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined? No			
Grant Amount Requested \$: \$19,950	Total Project Budget \$: \$39,900	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$82,150	
Mission Statement: "Vault Fostering Community desires to equip and provide resources to foster families as they meet the immediate needs of vulnerable children in our community."			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Program / Project Title: To support funding for car seats, beds and a program coordinator for foster children.			
PROJECT TIMELINE			
Start Date 01/01/2020		End Date 12/31/2020	
Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities: Foster Care-Adoption			
Program / Project Description:			

Foster children arrive with little notice into homes that may not be prepared for their specific age. They also may not stay very long in these homes. Having to purchase these items at a moment's notice has proven to be a deterrent for some quality foster homes. We do not believe that this should be an obstacle keeping children from being placed in amazing homes while waiting for permanency.

Our goal is to provide beds and car seats for these children at a moments notice. If they outgrow a crib, they can come back for a larger bed. If they outgrow their car seat, they can trade it in for the size up. No child should feel "out of place" because they show up and don't have a bed all their own. These beds and car seats get returned when they are no longer needed so that another child in need can use them.

We are looking to fund this program with a total of \$29,900. This amount of money will allow us to purchase the following:

- 100 car seats and booster seats for children varying in age from newborns to 5 years old.
- 50 toddler beds for children ages 2-5 yrs.
- 50 twin beds for children ages 5-18 yrs.
- 50 cribs for children ages 0-2 yrs.

It will also cover the expenses associated with storing the items and having someone available to connect the children and families with the resources. There is a need for someone specific to manage the inventory of the items, purchase items when needed and arrange distribution to the families.

Evaluation Plan:

Every family fills out an intake forms, so that we can track the ages and gender of each placement, as well as what items were given. Our inventory tracking software manages the coming and going of each bed and car seat, as well as notifying us of expiration dates (car seats expire after seven years). We are also continuing to track the lifespan of each item, to determine its durability and quality.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

We continue to connect with local churches and organizations to grow our monthly recurring donations in order to continue to meet the growing needs of the children in our community. In the past year the number of children we have served has increased by 126%, and we are working to increase our donations to match that statistic this year.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
920	460

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)	50%	African American	25%
Children (6-13)	40%	Asian American	5%
Young Adults (14-18)	10%	Caucasian	25%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	45%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District1

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Car Seats (100)	\$10,000	\$5,000
Toddler Beds (50)	\$3,500	\$1,750
Cribs (30)	\$2,400	\$1,200
Twin Beds (50)	\$2,000	\$1,000
Program Coordinator Compensation	\$12,000	\$6,000
Storage Costs	\$10,000	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$39,900	\$19,950

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Community Bible Church	\$1,000
Valero	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$11,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Meta Church	\$6,000
FBC Boerne	\$1,200
Currey Creek Church	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$8,200

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Local Churches (asking \$200/mo from 4 churches)	\$9,600
Church in Your City (Foundation)	\$5,000
Individuals	\$8,000
TOTAL:	\$22,600

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Meta Church	\$18,000
Other Churches	\$3,200
Individual Donors	\$12,000
TOTAL:	\$33,200

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?

Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

Leadership, Governance and Oversight

- o Serve as a trusted adviser to the ED as s/he implements Vault's strategic plan
- o Review outcomes and metrics created for evaluating impact, and annually measure performance and effectiveness using those metrics
- o Approve Vault's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities
- o Contribute to an annual performance evaluation of the ED
- o Assist the ED and board chair in identifying and recruiting other Board members and Vault ambassadors
- o Represent Vault to church and community stakeholders

Fundraising

- o Board members will consider Vault a philanthropic priority and make annual gifts that reflect that priority
- o Provide support in identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of donors

Board Participation

- o Vault Board members will serve a two-year term with a review and reappointment process to occur annually
- o Participate in at least 75% of Board meetings, annually

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Rachel Russo, President	FBC Boerne
Kelly Newcom, Secretary	Walgreens, Brave Parenting
Jodi Harper, Treasurer	Texas Specialty Veterinary Services, Texas Heritage Bank
Becky Martin, Member	GBMB Insurance Agency
Stephanie Smith, Member	The Capitol Group
Andrew Martinez, Member	The Children's Hospital of San Antonio

Signature

Rachel Russo