

Funding Application

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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| Legal Name: Taking It To The Streets | | Federal Tax ID#: 27-5051384 | | 501(c)(3) Public Charity | |
| Address: PO Box 1673 | | City: Boerne | | State: TX | |
| | | | | Zip Code: 78006-6673 | |
| Website: Takingittothestreets.com | | Fax: (210) 827-0398 | | United Way Funded: No | |

Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?
No

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| Grant Amount Requested \$: | Total Project Budget \$: | Organization's Annual budget \$: |
| \$10,000 | \$67,800 | \$47,000 |

Mission Statement:
Taking It To The Streets ministers to the homeless and impoverished of greater San Antonio and the Hill Country by providing weekly healthy meals, resource information, and other basic necessities.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
Boerne Community Coalition (BCC)

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:
Food, Shelter and Clothing

Program / Project Description:

BCC is a grass-roots, all-volunteer organization comprised of Kendall County non-profit organizations, churches, businesses, local government, and individuals working together to improve the quality of life for low-income families and at-risk children. BCC believes all children are entitled to proper nutrition and access to vital academic enrichment programs. The US Census Bureau lists Kendall County as one of the richest in Texas with a poverty rate of 7.76%, well below the US average of 14.7%. Despite the low rate, 1 in 5.8 children in Kendall County are at risk of food insecurity. Food insecurity is defined by the USDA as 'the household level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to food'. Feeding America reports 16 million children are food-insecure and at greater risk of behavioral and emotional problems such as absenteeism, tardiness, truancy, bullying, aggression, substance abuse, and suicide.

Childhood hunger may contribute to:

- developmental impairments
- more frequent hospitalizations
- chronic health conditions such as asthma
- more oral health problems
- reduced social interactions with peers

Boerne Independent School District (BISD) reports 1,500 children in Kendall County are at risk of food insecurity. Low-income students who qualify for Nat'l School Lunch Program (NSLP) meals, often their only food all day, and young children in Head Start, experience a greater risk of going hungry during summer and school breaks when free and reduced meals are unavailable. Due to unresolved hunger, children may lag behind their higher-income peers academically, leading to poorer outcomes when competing later in life. While enrichment and mentoring programs have shown to improve the chance of school success, especially when started young, they are often unavailable due to lack of access and affordability.

BCC addresses these issues through:

- providing daily, nutritious lunches during school breaks for low-income children, and bagged weekend meals of breakfast, lunch, snack items, dairy and fresh fruit
- partnering with other organizations to offer Summer of Academic Readiness (SOAR) to Head Start children too young for existing enrichment programs, and scholarships for children otherwise unable to attend local programs, such as YMCA camp
- partnering with BISD to offer an after-school mentoring program for elementary-aged at-risk children, providing a healthy snack, one-on-one tutoring, and enrichment activities, 2.5 hours, twice a week
- partnering with Patrick Heath Library to offer monthly Pop Up Community Dinners for children and their families at the library free of charge, where families enjoy healthy meals, educational programs and children enjoy crafts, story-time and a receive a free book

In addition to providing healthy meals and access to enrichment programs for low income children, BCC also organizes, hosts and funds community work days, performing critical repairs on these families' homes, making a safer place where children can grow and thrive.

In 2017, through food donations of 7,943 pounds of food valued at \$19,628, 34,811 meals were prepared and delivered by 100 volunteers, and 72 children attended summer enrichment programs on scholarships. To date, BCC has provided 52,497 meals (501 for hurricane evacuees) and anticipates an increase that number in 2018, and seeks to expand upon three newer programs: 1) Summer of Academic Readiness - (SOAR), a developmental program for the 4 year old children attending Head Start, who are already behind benchmark levels. This program focuses on academic and social development and is offered in partnership with First Baptist Church of Boerne; 2) Kids Can After School Program, one-one-one mentoring for children identified by BISD as being at-risk, in partnership with St Mark's Church; 3) monthly Pop-Up Community Dinners for families, in partnership with Patrick Heath Public Library, to promote childhood literacy. These events will also include parent round-table discussions focused on health, safety and nutrition information and will include presentations in conjunction with other community organizations.

As a coalition, BCC is designed to work in partnership with others within the community, creating and planning programs for children and families in need. These partners are many, and include:

Taking It To The Streets

Blessings in a Backpack

SA Food Bank

Sam's Kids

Boys & Girls Club

City of Boerne

Boerne Independent School District

Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc

The YMCA

Spring Creek United Methodist Church

St John Lutheran Church

First United Church of Boerne

The After School Program

Kronkosky Place

Patrick Heath Public Library

Benedictine Ministries

Hill Country Backpack Connection

Family Matters Education

Cibolo Nature Center & Farm

Stand By Me Mentoring
And more

The past two years the mayor has issued proclamations endorsing the work of the Boerne Community Coalition.

Evaluation Plan:

Countless studies show that improved food security is associated with better disease management, lower health care costs, and reduced stress of food insecurity on families. Proper nutrition promotes optimal growth and development in children, while supporting higher brain function and reducing the risk of developing obesity, cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other diet-related diseases, and may reduce impediments to learning. Studies also show that students in mentoring programs were more confident in their school work and were less inclined to truancy. Studies also indicate that access to enrichment and mentoring programs for at-risk children positively impacts all areas of development, resulting in immediate as well as life-long benefits. These outcomes are quantifiable via statistics BCC collects through an ongoing process that includes observation and pre and post benchmark standardized tests administered to students in mentoring and academic enrichment programs, providing information about development over time.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

BCC believes that all Kendall County residents are part of one community, and relies on sources including local businesses and organizations, sharing similar concerns for at-risk children and their families, willing to offer donations as well as volunteer support. As an all-volunteer organization, BCC does not have sufficient volunteers to plan and organize major fund-raisers and has also relied on grants from area and regional organizations, including HEB, James Avery, Wells Fargo, and GVTC to fund programs. Through dedicated volunteers, grants, and generous donations of food and supplies and space from individuals and local businesses, BCC has been able to help those with the greatest needs. BCC's challenge continues to be funding and increasing community awareness, through which families, partnering organizations, and volunteers learn about the services BCC seeks to provide in order to reach more children and families lacking basic necessities for healthy, productive lives.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?

625

How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?

625

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) | 30% | African American | 0% |
| Children (6-13) | 65% | Asian American | 0% |
| Young Adults (14-18) | 5% | Caucasian | 10% |
| TOTAL: | 100% | Hispanic/Latino | 90% |
| | | Native American | 0% |
| | | Other and Define | 0% |
| | | TOTAL: | 100% |

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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Summer Meals | \$20,000 | \$3,000 |
| Hearts of Love Weekend Meal Bags | \$30,000 | \$4,500 |
| Scholarships | \$7,000 | \$1,000 |
| Pop Up Monthly Community Dinners | \$1,400 | \$500 |
| Summer of Academic Readines 1s | \$3,000 | \$1,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$61,400.00 | \$10,000.00 |

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

| Funder Name | Amount Requested |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| San Antonio Area Foundation | \$5,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$5,000.00 |

PROJECT - COMMITTED

| Funder Name | Amount Requested |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Spring Creek United Methodist Church | \$3,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$3,000.00 |

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

| Funder Name | Amount Requested |
|---------------|------------------|
| | \$ |
| TOTAL: | \$0.00 |

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

| Funder Name | Amount Requested |
|------------------|------------------|
| The Hungry Horse | \$3,447 |
| TOTAL: | \$3,447.00 |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?

1%

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

Board members are selected based on their standing in, and commitment to our community and their desire to improve the lives of children and families in need. Secondly, they must demonstrate a willingness to serve the organization in both their board leadership but also in their volunteerism, helping to fill manpower shortfalls in program level management and coordination.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

| Name | Corporate Affiliation |
|------------------------------|--|
| Carolyn Bentzinger-President | Leader of The Boerne Community Coalition (BCC_ |
| Kathy Bandujo-Vice President | Leader of Blessings in a Backpack |
| Darla Dobbie-Secretary | Administrative Director VBM Auto Group |
| Jennifer Smith-Treasurer | VP - Controller Texas Heritage Bank |
| Susie Allen-Director | Sr. VP Commercial Lending Officer |
| Barb Bow-Director | First United Methodist Church Pre-School Teacher |
| Jessica Buffington-Director | First Baptist Church / BCC Event Coordinator |