

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Atonement Academy (The)		Federal Tax ID#: 74-2750754		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 15415 RED ROBIN RD		City: SAN ANTONIO		State: TX	
				Zip Code: 78255	
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Fiscal Year:
July 01 to June 30

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

Grant Amount Requested \$: \$20,000	Total Project Budget \$: \$37,776	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$3,035,823
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Mission Statement:
At The Atonement Academy, we strive for Excellence in the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual virtues through a challenging course of classical Catholic education.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
To support the Campus Improvement Program entailing a new HVAC System, Controlled Access Entry System and a Visitor Management System.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date 08/03/2020	End Date 12/31/2020
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Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:
Education

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Elementary to High School

Program / Project Description:

The Atonement Academy is the 25-year-old parish school of Our Lady of The Atonement Catholic Church, located near UTSA in northwest San Antonio. Approximately half of our students are parishioners and our students come from more than 25 different San Antonio area zip codes. The school is PreK through Grade 12 and wins accolades for a rigorous curriculum and award-winning music program. The Atonement Academy's Upper School is currently ranked #1 on the list for "Best Catholic High Schools in the San Antonio Area," according to Niche, a national research company that analyzes the performance of schools across the country.

The Catholic parish is unique in that it is not a part of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Similar to churches on military bases, this parish belongs to an Ordinariate, a system of churches that initially was comprised of converts from the Episcopal Church. The Atonement Academy is the only school in this Houston-based Ordinariate system and as such must rely on independent fundraising to augment tuition and support from the local parish.

HVAC System

Air conditioning is essential in the hot climate of South Texas. Classrooms can overheat very quickly on hot days which results in reduced learning. When students are exposed to the hot weather it can reduce concentration, problem solving, social skills and more. A comfortable classroom environment is essential for learning, but an efficient system will also save the school money on their energy bills.

Ten of our classrooms for our youngest students are located in the oldest part of our school, in a wonderful structurally sound building with very old HVAC systems. Shortly after school began in August, two units of the system needed repeated repair, and we have been told that they will need to be replaced. The proposed units that will be purchased and installed are high quality units with incredible efficiency. The air conditioner unit will use 20% less energy and emit 20% less carbon dioxide.

It is difficult for learning to take place in hot classrooms, and while windows and fans are helpful, the noise that comes in from outdoors as well as the whirring sound of the fans make concentration difficult for our young students. The classrooms affected by the faulty system finished out the fall season using fans, but before school resumes in August, we must seek funding for replacing the HVAC systems to cool these classrooms.

Campus Security (Controlled Access Entry)

A safe learning environment is essential for students of all ages. Without it they are unable to focus on learning the skills needed for a successful education and future. In a perfect world, our teachers should focus on educating and engaging their students, and not worry about external threats or concerns. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world. Our beautiful school campus is nestled in a quiet neighborhood in the Northwest quadrant of San Antonio. But we are cognizant that having a security system is of critical importance, whether we are located in a quiet neighborhood or busy intersection.

The proposed access system selected is BRIVO and it will be installed on two primary doors with surveillance cameras, located at the main building entrance and the high school entrance. Due to the unique style of the doors, we have been informed that it will be necessary to provide specialized integrated locking and door retraction hardware to secure these doors.

BRIVO is unique because it is a cloud based solution that is backed up and managed through BRIVO's cloud. The BRIVO system will be easily managed through any PC, Tablet or Smart Phone which will allow administration to provide mobile credentials (MobilePass) for faculty and staff to gain access to a door using their phones. Administration will also be able to remotely add/delete users, perform an emergency lockdown, and see user history in real-time. Megapixel IP cameras and intercom system will be installed on the exterior of the building covering each door area. This will allow administration to quickly view the video and the card use at each door through the cloud interface. The surveillance cameras will be fully integrated into the BRIVO app, stored locally for a minimum of 30 days and backed up to the cloud for 30 days as a precaution against disaster recovery.

A comprehensive service and support plan will be added to the system which will cover the system for life, to include repair or replacement of any malfunctioning parts, free onsite service calls, unlimited online/on phone tech support, remote diagnostics and support, and priority service through BRIVO's special hotline

Campus Security (Visitor Management System)

Another layer of protection The Atonement Academy would like to include to its Campus Security Program is The Raptor(R) Visitor Management system. With just a swipe of the visitor's driver's license this software program will automatically screen visitor's and instantly notify the school of any and all potential security issues and keep unwanted entrants out. Approved visitors will have a Visitor Badge printed with their name and picture. The system is also equipped with a panic button that will allow the front office receptionist to instantly alert school officials and first responders.

A \$20,000 grant from the Najim Foundation will support The Atonement Academy's efforts in providing a welcoming and secure learning environment for our scholars, faculty and staff when classes resume on August 12th.

Evaluation Plan:

The success of the Campus Improvement Program will be measured as follows:

HVAC System

One of The Atonement Academy's biggest expenses is its utility bill. An evaluation of the academy's existing HVAC infrastructure and needs was conducted in the fall. The HVAC system designed will provide and maintain space temperature and humidity conditions while actually improving learning productivity. The system's energy efficiency components will also save the administration money.

Campus Safety

A safe learning environment is essential for students, faculty and staff. The proposed access system will secure the main building and the high school located across the Piazza with magnetic locks and a two-way surveillance camera and intercom system which will be monitored by the school's front office receptionist. The automated school background check for campus visitors will add another layer of security. The receptionist will instantly be notified of any potential and security issues with campus visitors.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

The Atonement Academy board and staff established a funding plan to ensure scholars continue to receive a Catholic classical education. To sustain the Campus Improvement Program the academy will add the cost to the operations budget.

To further increase The Atonement Academy's fundraising capacity, the academy hired a Director of Development to establish collaborative and philanthropic partnerships. We continue to pursue funding from a variety of sources including individuals, corporations, foundations, civic groups, and special events. The Atonement Academy provides an accredited classical education and unparalleled Catholic culture for each of our scholars which inspires the development of both faith and reason. Our faculty and staff consists of accomplished and dedicated professionals who engage students every day, encourage them to become life-long learners, instill a love of their faith and prepare them to succeed in life. They maintain the highest integrity and concern for every scholar's education and personal growth.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?

280

How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?

280

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
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Infants (0-5)	13%	African American	4%
Children (6-13)	61%	Asian American	5%
Young Adults (14-18)	26%	Caucasian	33%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	58%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District8

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Replacement of 2 HVAC Systems	\$19,200	\$10,000
Access Control & Video Surveillance System	\$16,576	\$9,000
Raptor Technologies - Visitor Management System	\$2,000	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$37,776	\$20,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
McCombs Foundation	\$5,000
Amy Shelton McNutt Trust	\$10,000
Gage Foundation	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$20,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Aracely Valenzuela	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
The Scanlan Foundation	\$35,000
Pryor Charitable Trust	\$7,500
HEB	\$25,000
TOTAL:	\$67,500

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0

TOTAL:	\$0
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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?
 The Atonement Academy Board of Directors meet on a quarterly basis to provide governance, financial oversight and support to The Atonement Academy's Catholic and classical education program. Each of the board members serve on at least one board committee (Building, Capital Campaign, Executive, and Finance). This fiscal year, the board contributed \$8,575. The board of directors also assist in securing contributions from individuals, corporations, and charitable foundations to meet The Atonement Academy's short and long-term needs.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
The Most Reverend Steven J. Lopes, Trustee	Bishop, Priest
The Reverend Mark W. Lewis, Trustee	Pastor, Priest
Very Reverend Timothy Perkins, Trustee	Vicar General, Priest
Mr. Michael Casseb, Member	Attorney at Law
David W. Sommer, Ph.D., Member	Professor
Mr. Thomas Stallard, Member	Commercial Real Estate Investor

Signature
 Martin Scott