

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Friends of the Bexar County Child Welfare Board, Inc.		Federal Tax ID#: 74-2258239		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(2)	
Address: PO Box 1804		City: San Antonio		State: Texas	
				Zip Code: 78296	
Website: www.bccwb.com		Fax: (210) 827-4184		United Way Funded: No	

Fiscal Year:
January 01 to December 31

Head Of Organization

Name: Marcie Trevino Ripper		Title: Chair	
E-Mail Address: marcie.ripper@gmail.com		Phone: (210) 827-4184	

Application Contact

Name: Marcie Trevino Ripper		Title: Chair		E-Mail Address: info@bccwb.com		Phone: (210) 827-4184	
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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 \$:	
\$43,500		\$95,500		\$180,000	

Mission Statement:
The Bexar County Child Welfare Board (CWB) and Friends of CWB (nonprofit arm) serves to know the needs and advocate for abused and neglected children in Bexar County.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
Direct Services Program

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date		End Date	
01/01/2021		12/31/2021	

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:
Child Abuse & Child Neglect

Program / Project Description:

Friends of the Bexar County Child Welfare Board, Inc. is the nonprofit of the Bexar County Child Welfare Board (CWB). The CWB is a statutorily created board tasked by the Bexar County Commissioners Court with advocating on behalf of all abused and neglected children within Bexar County. CWB and Friends work directly with the local Bexar County Child Protective Services Department and serve ALL, on average 5,000, children in their care. Most nonprofits serve subsets of those children. CWB and Friends offers direct support, programming, and plans events for CPS children and families. Our entity is 100% volunteer-based with staff support provided by the County.

Prior to the pandemic, the Child Welfare Board through our nonprofit, the Friends of the Bexar County Child Welfare Board, Inc, received monthly donations from jurors who donated their jury stipend to our direct services program. Our direct services program funds the following line items in support of families involved with CPS: Cribs and Bed, Car Seats and Strollers, Medical Support (Baby Helmets), Transportation Assistance, Baby Items (bouncers, walkers, etc.), and Household Support items (cleaning supplies, toiletries, fire extinguishers so that families can be certified to be foster or adoption homes). We administer this program with the assistance of our local CPS staff, so approvals and accountability are in place for each request within the mentioned line items.

Due to the pandemic our main source of fundraising has completely dried up. We made do in 2020 with a combination of County donated CARES Act dollars and rainy day funds we held in an investment account. The CARES Act dollars were spent down by the end of 2020 per prior federal mandate, and there is little left in our rainy day fund. Consequently, the Board has decided to turn to the private sector to raise our 2021 budget for the Direct Services Program we administer.

The NFF request is for \$35,000 for beds and cribs to serve an estimated 140 children. Beds and cribs are our most requested item from CPS caseworkers on behalf of families. We fund around \$40,000 worth of beds every year. In January, we secured a \$5,000 stop gap grant from H-E-B to fund the early months of 2021, while our Board works diligently to secure the rest of the funds needed for 2021.

The NFF request is also for \$8,500 for our PAL program. The PAL program is the Preparation for Adult Living for youth (those aged 16+) in CPS care. The program provides case management and support with the goal of preparing them for self-sufficiency upon adulthood. Through collaboration with the Youth Transitioning into Adulthood organization and CPS, Friends of CWB funds and helps coordinate a myriad of services and events for the PALs youth, such as: High School Graduation Celebrations, Life Skills Assessments, Financial Literacy Courses, Aging Out Seminars, Christmas Celebration, Birthday Recognition, and Job Readiness Programs.

The NFF request would fund the following PALs support program items:

\$2,250 to fund a high school graduation celebration including gifts

\$2,000 to purchase Beds in a Bag

\$2,750 to purchase Kitchens in a Box

\$1,500 for Birthday Gift Cards (We have secured a \$4,000 contribution from Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff for this project as our annual budget is usually \$5,500).

Evaluation Plan:

CPS and County staff compile monthly reports showing how many families and children are served by our direct services program.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Private sector fundraising until the jury fund source is back to pre-pandemic revenue generation.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
5,000	220

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)	47%	African American	9%
Children (6-13)	42%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	11%	Caucasian	10%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	77%
		Native American	1%
		Other and Define	2%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

Outside San Antonio

Counties applicant is in:

Bexar

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Beds and Cribs	\$40,000	\$35,000
PALs Program	\$12,500	\$8,500
Transportation	\$7,000	\$0
Medical	\$13,000	\$0
Household Support	\$10,000	\$0
Thanksgiving	\$3,000	\$0
Strollers and Car Seats	\$5,000	\$0
Baby Items	\$5,000	\$0
TOTAL:	\$95,500	\$43,500

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
George Rapier	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$5,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Bexar County JAG Grant	\$30,000
Friends for Nelson Wolff	\$4,000
H-E-B	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$39,000

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Construct A Kids Christmas	\$25,000
Bills Elves	\$36,500
TOTAL:	\$61,500

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?
50%

If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?
Some members do not have the means to give financially and instead give their services or time, for example social media management, brand development, admin support, etc.

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?
Each member is asked to give \$100 annually if they are able too. Each member is required to attend 4-6 board meetings per year including a full day annual retreat in January. Each member is also asked to serve on at least 1 committee which meets 4-6 times per year. Each member is asked to own a project or program that the board oversees. We are a "heavy volunteer your time organization" and refer to ourselves as a "working board".

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Marcie Trevino Ripper, Chair	SATX Consultants
Marina Aldrete Gavito, Vice Chair	USAA
Meredith Chacon, Secretary and Children's Committee Chair	Law Office
Katy Stout, Treasurer	Law Office
Andrea Guerrero Guajardo, Process Committee Chair	Workforce Solutions Alamo
Olivia Ortiz	Burnt Nopal
Brielle Insler, Marketing Committee Chair	Duable Brand Trust
Marina Gonzalez	San Antonio Hispanic Chamber
Meghan Garza	CHR Partners, Inc.
Sylvia Zamora	Retired School Administrator
Naomi Miller, Legislative Chair	Northside ISD
Leonora Walker	FREED Texas
Yolanda Valenzuela	Alamo City Consultants

Signature
Marcie Trevino Ripper