

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless		Federal Tax ID#: 74-3013287	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 4100 E Piedras Ste 105	City: San Antonio	State: Texas	Zip Code: 78228	
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Head Of Organization

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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2016	\$25,000
Total	\$25,000

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 \$:
\$83,500	\$83,500	\$971,817

Mission Statement:

The mission of SARAH is to make homelessness a rare, brief, and one-time occurrence in San Antonio/Bexar County.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support a sponsorship for the Youth Action Board to end youth homelessness in San Antonio/ Bexar County.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
11/01/2019	10/31/2020

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Homelessness

Program / Project Description:

We invite the Najim Charitable Foundation to sponsor our growing Youth Action Board (YAB) and join a community-wide collective ending youth homelessness. The YAB was formed earlier this year to engage community youth, particularly those with lived experience, in ending youth homelessness. Currently, more than 70% of YAB members have either previously experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness. The YAB works alongside SARAH to provide input on strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness. The unique perspective, insight, and knowledge as a result of lived experience shapes the voice of the YAB.

Most recently, the YAB helped write and gave final approval for SARAH's Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) application. YHDP is an innovative grant program through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is designed to help communities build local systems and supports a wide range of housing programs including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and host homes. We are proud to announce that with the YAB's hard work - as well as support from nearly 40 agencies across the community - San Antonio was awarded \$6.88 million through the YHDP earlier this month! These funds will go directly towards new programs and housing desperately needed to end youth homelessness.

This award will move the needle tremendously on ending youth homelessness. In our 2019 PIT count, SARAH identified 128 unaccompanied youth living on the streets. In the 2018-2019 school year, it was discovered that over 400 unaccompanied youth attending San Antonio/Bexar County public schools were living in homelessness. In 2018, the County had 129 youth run away from care, the highest number in the state of Texas. As stated by HUD Secretary Ben Carson, "Homelessness is no way to start out in life for young people reaching adulthood." According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, 61.8% of homeless youth reported depression, 71.7% reported experiencing major trauma such as physical or sexual abuse, and 79.5% experienced symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder for more than a month.

The number of youths struggling to find safety and stability in our community is staggering. SARAH is fiercely committed to ending and preventing youth homelessness so that no young person must experience these traumas. Currently, our community is under-equipped to meet this goal. Based on current available data, San Antonio/Bexar County has 1 dedicated bed for every 17 youth experiencing homelessness. Further, 53 housing programs and supportive services are dedicated to homelessness in our community, but only 3 are dedicated to serving youth only.

YHDP will fund innovative solutions and yield an increased housing stock dedicated to youth. As a YHDP grantee, San Antonio is tasked with engaging a wide variety of stakeholders, assessing unique needs of homeless youth, and creating a coordinated community plan that addresses how we will use funds to address these needs. SARAH and the YAB will lead community efforts to most efficiently accomplish these goals. We are excited to mentor such a dedicated group of youth and empower them to lead system change.

Partnership with the Najim Family Foundation will ensure that the YAB is well-resourced to fill this role. We currently have 7 members, but will grow to at least 10 over the next few months. As a majority of members are currently living in homelessness, we want to provide all the support they need to actively participate. This support includes computers, mileage reimbursement or bus passes to get to meetings, and HEB gift cards. We have also included a stipend for members' hard work in the budget. Finally, Najim support will allow us to bring YAB members to national conferences where they will gain invaluable experience and advocate for youth.

YAB membership provides once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for personal and professional growth to a population of youth who typically do not have access to these kinds of experiences. Beyond YAB members, Najim support will allow our community to maximize YHDP funding for program and housing development. Your investment will benefit every San Antonio youth currently experiencing or at-risk of homelessness by strengthening our system of support for this incredibly vulnerable population. We would be honored to have you join us in this fight to end youth homelessness!

Evaluation Plan:

The data necessary to determine performance is collected and reported from the local Housing Management Information System (HMIS) including a Homelessness Dashboard and Project-Level Performance Scorecards. Specialized metrics are developed for youth-serving agencies due to the unique circumstances of homelessness for these populations. Last year, education outcomes were added as a factor considered for youth homelessness. Monitoring occurs quarterly by reviewing a project-level performance scorecard and providing feedback to the agency through e-mail and onsite visits. Youth are involved in the monitoring of projects through a Customer Satisfaction Survey. The YAB formally reviewed the YHDP competition proposal and will review youth-specific housing project proposals.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

SARAH is cultivating multiple partners for our youth initiatives including private foundations, local philanthropists, and additional government funds. We are excited for the attention this YHDP award brings to the issue of youth homelessness in San Antonio. We are inviting the Najim Charitable Foundation to be the exclusive sponsor of our Youth Action Board.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?

600

How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?

600

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)	20%	African American	20%
Children (6-13)	0%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	80%	Caucasian	20%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	60%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District5

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Program Supplies	\$13,000	\$13,000
Conference Travel	\$4,500	\$4,500
YAB Stipends & Transportation Reimbursement	\$46,000	\$46,000
SARAH Staff Salaries	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL:	\$83,500	\$83,500

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Najim Charitable Foundation	\$83,500

TOTAL:	\$83,500
PROJECT - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0
Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.	
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
San Antonio Area Foundation	\$25,000
San Antonio Junior Forum	\$2,280
HUD CoC NOFA	\$870,559
TOTAL:	\$897,839
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
USAA	\$20,000
YHDP	\$6,881,802
TOTAL:	\$6,901,802
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?	
6%	
If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?	
It's important to note that SARAH does not have a traditional nonprofit board - members are elected and appointed to represent the Continuum of Care. The board is not focused on nonprofit fundraising.	
How are board members expected to participate in your organization?	
SARAH's Continuum of Care Board of Directors are expected to set organization direction, ensure necessary resources, provide oversight and enhance SARAH's public standing. Due to our unique organizational structure, our board guides policy not only for SARAH's operations, but for the entire homeless service system.	
LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS	
Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Craig Hopkins, President	CIO, City of San Antonio Information Technology Services Department
Lori Stinson, Vice President	VP of Military Affairs & Leadership Development, Chamber of Commerce
Martha Leiper, Treasurer	Senior VP/Corporate Finance & Investments CFO, USAA
Meghan Garza, Secretary	Executive Director, Community Housing Resource Partners
Tammye Treviño, Membership Council Chair	Executive Director, Housing Authority of Bexar County
Annie Erickson, Service Provider at Large	Senior Director of Veteran & Community Services, Endeavors

Edward Gonzales, City of San Antonio Representative	Assistant Director, CoSA Department of Human Services
Deborah Carter, Bexar County Representative	Director of Economic Development, Bexar County
William McManus, San Antonio Policy Department Representative	Chief of Police, SAPD
Javier Salazar, Bexar County Sheriff's Office Representative	Sheriff, Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Salena Santibanez, Consumer Seat	CEO, GPS Consulting
Estella Garza, School Representative	Coordinator for Family Student Support, SAISD
Leilah Powell, Board of Director	CEO, Local Initiative Support Corporation
Greg Matula, Board of Director	Director of Corporate Communications, NuStar Energy, LP
Leslie Komet, Board of Director	CEO, Komet Marketing Communications, Inc.
Signature	
A. Brenda Mascorro	