

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Family Violence Prevention Services		Federal Tax ID#: 74-1994151	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 7911 Broadway	City: San Antonio	State: TX	Zip Code: 78209	
Website: www.fvps.org		Fax: (210) 930-3669	United Way Funded: Yes	

Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2007	\$500,000
2008	\$500,000
2012	\$46,896
2014	\$50,000
2015	\$33,500
2016	\$27,500
2017	\$50,000
Total	\$1,207,896

Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?

No

Grant Amount Requested \$: \$75,000	Total Project Budget \$: \$480,000	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$6,300,000
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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. is to break the cycle of violence and to strengthen families by providing the necessary tools for self-sufficiency through delivery of emergency shelter, transitional housing, education, effective parenting education, and specialized intervention with youth and the elderly.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support FVPS's Children's Services with food for children only.

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Food, Shelter and Clothing

Program / Project Description:

Domestic Violence (DV) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) continue to be increasing local problems. In Bexar County in 2016, there were 16,551 incidents of family violence, a 7.9% increase from 2015 and a 24% increase from 2014. The majority of these, 14,039 incidents, were reported by the SAPD (a 7.7% increase from 2015's 13,133) (Texas DPS: 2016). The county had the 4th highest number of intimate partner femicides in the state that year, increasing from 9 to 11 (TCFV). According to TCFV's Honoring Texas Victims report, 11 women were murdered by intimate partners in Bexar County in 2016 (Texas Council on Family Violence 2017). In 2017, a total of 11 intimate partner fatalities in the county were again counted. In 2018, as of August 15, there were already 22.

According to TCFV, in 2016 146 intimate partner femicides were documented in Texas. Of these victims, 40% had made attempts to end the relationship or were in the process of leaving at the time of the murder. This danger is not only to the victim: 24 family members and friends were also killed in these incidents- including 11 children. Those who survived lost family; in total 183 children lost a parent that year. These statistics illustrate how crucial and dangerous the time period surrounding exit from an abusive situation can be (TCFV: 2017).

DV and child abuse coexist; 78% of families seeking FVPS services are involved with DPS. Children are always victims of domestic violence, whether or not they are physically injured, and its effects are significant. A child who experiences or witnesses violence is more likely to report mental health outcomes and IPV victimization, and repeated exposure may lead to accumulated stress (Cummings et. al: 2014). Children below age 5 are more likely to be exposed to IPV. Exposure to a "climate of hostility" can constitute toxic stress and endanger developmental systems in young children, and "lower level" IPV may impair a caregiver's psychological availability and sensitivity (Easterbrooks, et.al: 2015). DV and substance abuse are some of the most common reasons for CPS involvement, and DV in a home has been linked to "increased likelihood of CPS recidivism"(Simon and Brooks: 2017). IPV victimization may detrimentally affect a victim's ability to parent, discipline, and function emotionally, and could cause mothers to maltreat children in reaction to the stress of victimization (Ahmadabadi et. al: 2018). IPV can have a detrimental effect on a mother's ability to engage with her young child. This is important, as a mother's behavior can be critical to a child's development and reaction to stress during formative years (Easterbrooks et. al: 2015). Ahmadabadi et. al, (2018) suggested that "preventing the IPV itself may be the most direct way of reducing child maltreatment".

Food insecurity, DV, and childhood adversity are linked. Jackson et. al (2018) found that in persistently food-insecure households the probability of victimization or exposure to violence in early childhood was nearly 6 times that of those in food-secure homes. Childton et. al (2013) found that violence exposure "may be a significant factor in experiences of hunger", and that female victims of severe violence spoke of this leading them toward poverty and hunger. Sun et. al (2016) noted intergenerational effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) (and depression), as caregiver's childhood experiences carried into adult economic hardships and childhood food insecurity.

To address a wide range of issues, FVPS utilizes a comprehensive approach. At the BWCS, children are provided with a safe place to live and heal and improve relationships with the non-offending parent. The Harvey Najim Children's Center, located on the BWCS campus, houses designated staff, counselors, and recreational spaces tailored to specialized needs. Many families arrive at the shelter with little or no income and few material possessions, gathered quickly in plastic bags. The shelter provides not only safety, but also the essentials of daily living- including food. Food is one of the most basic human needs, and one which many people take for granted. The shelter serves three meals a day, with snacks available at other times. Staff ensure that all victims can receive a meal upon arrival, even if it is in the middle of the night. Without such support, mothers may feel the need to return to the abuser to meet their children's needs. This funding would provide meals at the BWCS (where more than half of residents are children), as well as providing food associated with the child involved counseling activities outlined below.

FVPS provides comprehensive mental health counseling and psycho-educational services to children at the BWCS, Haven for Hope, and FVPS's Non-Residential Services location. The principle goals of counseling include: helping children understand that domestic violence is not their fault, educating children on the cycle of violence and helping them to develop alternative, non-violent behaviors, fostering healthy life skills, communication skills, relationship skills, and boundaries, and strengthening children's resiliency and protective factors. Food is an important component of group counseling sessions. Children may be provided with healthy snacks during group counseling sessions, and some programs incorporate family meals into programming, to promote bonding and to help families build healthy relationships.

Evaluation Plan:

Success at the BWCS is measured by the number of victims assisted and the number successfully exiting to safe and stable housing. The BWCS monitors the daily shelter census, annual client numbers, and the provision of bed-nights and meals to victims. In addition, case managers use a tool to tool to assess changes in understanding and attitudes, to help measure the difference program services make in client lives. Clients are also provided with an outcome survey.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

As client needs increase, so do fiscal needs. FVPS has designated fundraising and development staff who work to increase revenue and maintain programming through federal and state grants, donor cultivation and stewardship, corporate donations, and fundraising events. Three annual events- the Purple Run in October, Nutcracker Sweets in December, and the Honoring Mothers Luncheon in May- are aimed at engaging the community in support of FVPS's mission and the costs associated with its fulfillment.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
925	475

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)	55%	African American	18%
Children (6-13)	38%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	7%	Caucasian	24%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	47%
		Native American	1%
		Other and Define	9%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Salaries & Fringe Benefits - 4 Children's Therapists	\$215,000	\$0
Salaries & Fringe Benefits - 2 Child Care Workers	\$68,500	\$0
Program Supplies (Inc. curriculum, play therapy supplies, art therapy supplies, sports equipment)	\$21,500	\$0
Food for Children (Residential & Non-Residential)	\$175,000	\$75,000
TOTAL:	\$480,000	\$75,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
San Antonio Area Foundation	\$50,000
TOTAL:	\$50,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
TX Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$26,000
TX Health and Human Services Commission	\$109,000
Office of the Governor- VOCA	\$106,000
TOTAL:	\$241,000

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
United Way	\$625,265
TOTAL:	\$625,265

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Kronkoskly Foundation	\$75,000
Mays Family Foundation	\$25,000
Office of the Attorney General	\$42,000
City of San Antonio	\$340,701
Office of the Governor- VOCA	\$609,000
TX Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$181,500
US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	\$424,156
TX Health and Human Services Commission	\$1,079,679

Criminal Justice Division	\$145,551
Texas Access to Justice Foundation	\$296,281
Methodist Healthcare Ministries	\$73,678
TOTAL:	\$3,292,546

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?
 100%

If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?
 Not applicable- Board giving is 100%

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?
 Each board member contributes at minimum \$2,000 a year financially. Board meetings are held every other month, with executive committee meetings held during the alternate months.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Wayne D. Terry, Chair	HEB Public Affairs Manager
Christy Prescott, Chair Elect	CTP Travel Services
Matthew E. Pepping	Chasnoff Mungia Pepping & Staribling
Cheryl Thomas	Valero Energy Corporation
Mark A. Jimenez	Security Service Federal Credit Union
William P. McManus	San Antonio Chief of Police
Jennifer Mitchell	Professional Volunteer
Carlos E. Moreno	Communicare Health Centers
Manuel Mungia	Chasnoff Mungia Pepping & Staribling
Roberta Lee Sanchez	Professional Volunteer
Stuart Schlossberg	Professional Volunteer
Margaret M. Vera	James V. Mazuca & Associates
Nancy Wagner	Professional Volunteer
Christen Wommack	Belles & Beaux Baby & Children's Boutique

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
07/01/2018	06/20/2019