

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc.	Federal Tax ID#: 74-2243259	501(c)(3) Public Charity	
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Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2017	\$20,000.00

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 \$:
\$20,000	\$63,596	\$4,344,338

Mission Statement:

The mission of reaching maximum independence is to assist adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities reach their maximum level of independence.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support partial funding to purchase an Integration Van for the Life Enrichment Program participants.

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Disabilities/Special Needs

Program / Project Description:

Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc. respectfully submits this request seeking the support of the Harvey E Najim Family Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to support the purchase of an accessible vehicle to further guarantee our participants community integration services.

Over the years Reaching Maximum Independence has grown in order to provide a spectrum of services in both residential facilities and day/vocational training. Services are provided in groups and one-on-one both in the community and at our facility. Transportation is a mission critical element of our ability to teach and train our participants in our day habilitation program (Life Enrichment Program/LEP) and recent events have made transportation increasingly difficult. LEP works with a myriad of participants ranging from low to high functioning all with different goals and needs.

Our LEP program takes our individuals into the community to teach them life skills needed for employment and to integrate them further into the community. The only issue is that 2 of our 3 vans are becoming less and less reliable which, in turn, has decreased our participants ability to engage in the community. This past year our Life Enrichment Program has dealt with a multitude of transportation issues. After a recent incident we realized that the need for a new van was in fact mandatory. We have found the perfect van, that not only allows for wheelchair access, but holds 12 participants at a time. This one van would replace two of the vehicles at our day program. Purchasing this van is mission critical because its side ramp allows easy access to all individuals regardless of physical ailment and need. Some of our participants are in wheelchairs, some use walkers, and some will just benefit from its ease of access. This van will provide our 63 individuals at our LEP program with reliable transportation to activities such as volunteering for Meals on Wheels, trips to Morgan's Wonderland, the San Antonio Zoo, SeaWorld, and more. Additionally, this van will be used after LEP hours for our group home participants as needed. In total this van will serve 153 individuals at some point in time.

It should be noted that by the year 2019 that day programs utilizing Medicaid Waiver resources such as LEP will be required to implement increased Community Integration activities for it's participants. In other words, the traditional on-site day hab will no longer be the status quo. This is a very serious issue in our community, we cannot over emphasize this. Many providers are considering closing their day hubs when this happens. RMI is very happy to report that we have the right formula, unfortunately we have the wrong vans! Our day hab has already embedded in it's program community integration in many aspects...we are a program of choice, we just need a little help keeping our momentum going.

Evaluation Plan:

This project will be evaluated on specific program objectives for our Life Enrichment Program. This van will allow for safe and reliable transport to and from community outings. This also makes it possible for RMI to schedule more community outings for our participants. Furthermore participation in community outings will increase because our participants will no longer have to worry about the van breaking down on their way to an outing. Additionally, this van will provide our individuals in wheelchairs, with walkers, or other mobility issues the opportunity to engage in community outings without having to use VIA trans (recognizing VIA trans is a valuable resource it can often be problematic to schedule when they are on subscription services). Providing all of these individuals with peace of mind and a feeling of safety will allow for more program growth.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

This past year we have been able to put into place a vehicle replacement plan thanks to a generous initial seed grant and we are budgeting to match the amount given. Effectively this plan will replace all vehicles in 5 years.

This specific vehicle will be purchased with the generosity of the Harvey Najim Family foundation, HE Strumberg and our Champion Fashion Transportation Sponsorship, and the RMI budgeted funds.

In the coming years, once all of our vehicles have been cycled through, RMI will continue to be in the position to budget annual vehicle replacement. We have come a long way in the last year in a half on our vehicle stewardship project. Our continual thanks for helping spearhead this initiative with the original Buckhorn Cliff group home van.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?

How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?

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)	0%	African American	7%
Children (6-13)	0%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	100%	Caucasian	67%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	24%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:
District7, District9, District10

Line item Budget:		
Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
2017 Ford Transit with rear lift and interlock functions	\$58,200	\$20,000
Tax	\$3,841	\$0
Yearly Insurance	\$1,500	\$0
Title	\$50	\$0
Plate	\$5	\$0
TOTAL:	\$63,596.00	\$20,000.00

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Najim Foundation	\$20000
TOTAL:	\$20,000.00

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
H.E. Strumberg	\$5,000
Reaching Maximum Indpendence, Inc.	\$20,000
Government price concession	\$6,200
RMI Champion Fashion transportation sponsorship allocation	\$12,396
TOTAL:	\$43,596.00

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
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St. Luke Lutheran Health Care Ministries	\$5,000
Shield-Ayres Foundation	\$10,000
St. Marks	\$5,000
Cowden	\$10,000
Welles Fargo	\$5,000
Junior League of San Antonio	\$2,500
TOTAL:	\$37,500.00

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Mays Family Foundation	\$10,000
Gordon Hartman	\$15,000
A.S. Gage	\$2,500
Joan & Herb Kelleher	\$5,000
Valero Energy Corporation	\$35,000
H.E. Strumberg	\$5,000
Greehey	\$5,000
Mary P. Wyatt	\$10,000
RMI Champion Fashion Show Luncheon	\$102,140
TOTAL:	\$189,640.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?

100%

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

We expect our board members to contribute not only financially but in leadership roles such as QA Committee, Recruitment Committee, Investment Committee, Advisory Committee, and Finance Committee. In addition to the above committees, each one of our board members comes to the table with a unique set of talents and perspectives that benefit our mission greatly and we are very thankful.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name	Corporate Affiliation
Bill Swann	Swann Real Estate, Inc.
Lynn Walsdorf	Broadway Bank
Theresa Rosenheim	Valero Energy Corporation
Kenda Willoughby	parent
J.R. Cantu	Independent Education and Behavioral Counselor
Jerr DuTerroil	Attorney at Law
Linda Doubrava	KPMG
Tony Martin	Retired engineer
Mary Hanlon-Hillis	Transition Specialist, Alamo Heights I.S.D.