

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Leukemia Texas Inc	Federal Tax ID#: 75-1327679	501(c)(3) Public Charity	
Address: 4925 N O'Connor Road, Suite 125	City: Irving	State: TX	Zip Code: 75062
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Head Of Organization

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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 \$:
\$20,000	\$525,000	\$1,375,000

Mission Statement:

Leukemia Texas is a platinum-rated, independent nonprofit corporation, dedicated to fighting the life-threatening blood cancer of leukemia through the funding of leukemia research and patient aid in Texas.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support the Patient Aid Program which provides assistance for medical expenses and basic needs for families with a child battling leukemia.

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Medical Needs

Program / Project Description:

Leukemia Texas (LTX) respectfully requests \$20,000 from the Najim Family Foundation to provide \$500 in supplemental funds towards the full \$1,250 in patient assistance that would be provided to 40 children and youth with leukemia, and their families, residing or being treated in the San Antonio area. Leukemia is the number one form of cancer in children ages 0-14. Approximately 3,700 Texans will be newly diagnosed with leukemia this year. Traditional therapies (chemotherapy, radiation, & immunotherapy) can cost patients and their families tens of thousands of dollars for life-saving treatments and medicines, even with insurance. In worse cases, a bone marrow transplant is required, where costs can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars for a single transplant.

When one is diagnosed with leukemia, they are admitted into the hospital immediately. They will generally begin their treatment, such as chemotherapy, that evening or the next morning. If this does not begin in this timeframe, the patient can lose their battle in as little as two months. When dealing with children, this immediate admittance into a hospital and therapy protocol creates a situation where at least one parent may need to leave their current employment to be with the child throughout their treatment, as they will be in the hospital for as many as six months initially. Other complex factors contribute to both patient outcomes and financial difficulties many patients face while undergoing treatment. These factors can include increasing drug and hospital costs, a generally poor financial state of household, employer family/sick leave policies, affordable or inadequate health coverage, or family/friends/job support. All of these aspects can create an overwhelming financial challenge for patients and can directly impact their recovery and outcomes.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, Leukemia Texas provided assistance to 103 leukemia patients that were treated or reside in the San Antonio area. Of those, 20 were children and youth, ages 18 and younger. We have grown our relationship with the social workers serving these patients in San Antonio and have increased the number of children we served over previous years, and anticipate further growth in the 18-19 fiscal year. If provided a specific grant for this area, we notify the social workers so that they know we have additional funding for the patients they care for.

Leukemia Texas is grateful to support these brave patients and their families through the Patient Aid Program, where patients are provided up to \$1,250 in assistance that can be used towards, but not limited to medical expenses, transportation to doctor/ hospital visits, home care, medications, psychosocial support, and items as basic as nutritious foods, utilities, or rent/mortgage.

Leukemia Texas is successful and unique from other organizations that raise funds for leukemia patients because we accept all varieties leukemia diagnoses, regardless of subtype or mutation. All of the funds raised by Leukemia Texas remain in Texas. Eligible patients may reapply every year for as long as they have leukemia. Our key goal through Patient Aid support is to ensure that every Texan with leukemia has proper access to care and support.

Evaluation Plan:

The Patient Aid Program operates throughout the fiscal year with applicants approved on a quarterly basis. Applicants must be: 1) US citizen, or legal US resident, 2) legal resident of the state of Texas, and 3) under the care of a licensed physician for a leukemia diagnosis. LTX works closely with medical staff and social workers to ensure information provided is accurate. The medical care team provides verification of an active and valid leukemia diagnosis, treating physician, frequency of visits/hospital stays, confirms the applicant's healthcare facility, residency status, and need. Quarterly, The Patient Aid Review Committee reviews each application, and approves or denies the patient applicants based on eligibility criteria, and agreed number of patients to receive funding for each quarter. The Committee is comprised of a diverse group of survivors, Leukemia Texas Board Members, caretakers, and donors. Approved applicants can only receive assistance once in a 12-month period.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Five years ago, Leukemia Texas remodeled how the Patient Aid Program served its applicants, and the adjustments made to the program produced positive results with Patient Aid application numbers going from just over 100 applications received yearly, to 542 received throughout the state, during our 2017-18 fiscal year. Further, the total amount of patient aid initially disbursed was a modest \$100K and has grown to \$425K during our last year. Today, the program is sustained through the financial efforts of committed donors, dedicated volunteers, and four key fundraising events a year: Dallas Concert for a Cure, Fly Fore Leukemia, Houston Concert for a Cure and The Beat Leukemia Ball. These events continue to be successful and generate the majority of revenue towards the patient aid program. Leukemia Texas has strong ties with local leaders that contribute through major gifts and donor development.

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)	34%	African American	10%
Children (6-13)	33%	Asian American	10%
Young Adults (14-18)	33%	Caucasian	20%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	55%
		Native American	5%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

Outside_of_San_Antonio, District1, District2, District3, District4, District5, District6, District7, District8, District9, District10

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Leukemia Texas Patient Aid Program	\$525,000	\$20,000
TOTAL:	\$525,000	\$20,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Alice Kleberg Foundation	\$15000
TOTAL:	\$15,000

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
BNSF Foundation	\$15,000
Chi Omega	\$25,000
Travis County Alliance	\$7,500
Reese-Jones Foundation	\$45,000
Dallas Mavericks Foundation	\$25,000
Dallas Stars Foundation	\$15,000
Junior League of Houston	\$25,000

TOTAL:	\$157,500
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
Jordan Spieth Family Foundation	\$100,000
San Antonio Area Foundation	\$20,000
Black Dog Charities	\$25,000
The Dallas Foundation	\$20,000
Dallas Stars Foundation	\$10,000
Ryan Family Trust	\$10,000
Texas Oncology & Texas Oncology Foundation	\$72,500
Young Texans Against Cancer	\$25,000
TOTAL:	\$282,500

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?
 Board members of Leukemia Texas are requested to assist in fulfilling our mission by helping to grow our organization through raising funds, provide a personal gift, or by helping us grow our presence in local communities across Texas.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Roger Hendren, President	Retired Office Managing Partner of RSM US, LLP
J. Ernest Sims, Vice President	Executive Director of Texas Oncology
Mark Smith, Vice President	Market President of Veritex Community Bank
Lewis Ropp, Treasurer	Managing Director at Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss
Liz Minyard, Co-Chair Emeritus	Civic Leader
Gretchen Minyard Williams, Co-Chair Emeritus	Civic Leader
Jenny Anchondo, Trustee	FOX Channel 4 News Anchor
Dawn Donovan-Kinder, Trustee	Clinical Nurse Manager at Texas Health Resources
Mike Egnal, Trustee	Owner of Proforma Nitro Incentives
Garry Engebretson, Trustee	CFO of Paul Duesing Partners
Terri Blum Fishman, Trustee	Leukemia Survivor
Rachel Kechejian, Trustee	Kechejian Law, PC
Jay Long, Trustee	Ingersoll Rand?
Marsha Wolson, Trustee	Leukemia Survivor

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
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10/01/2018

06/30/2019