

# FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Organization Information			
<b>Legal Name:</b> HANK, Inc	<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 01-0939474	<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(1)	
<b>Address:</b> 450 County Road 246	<b>City:</b> Hondo	<b>State:</b> Texas	<b>Zip Code:</b> 78861
<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.hankforkids.org/">https://www.hankforkids.org/</a>	<b>Fax:</b> (830) 741-1205	<b>United Way Funded:</b> No	
<b>Fiscal Year:</b> January 01 to December 31			
Head Of Organization			
<b>Name:</b> John Southwell		<b>Title:</b> Board President	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> hankforkids@gmail.com		<b>Phone:</b> (830) 741-1205	
Application Contact			
<b>Name:</b> John Southwell	<b>Title:</b> Board President	<b>E-Mail Address:</b> hankforkids@gmail.com	<b>Phone:</b> (830) 741-1205
<b>Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?</b> No			
<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b> \$125,000	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b> \$142,500	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b> \$60,000	
<b>Mission Statement:</b> Our mission is to provide for the needs of children who have been removed from their homes in Medina, Uvalde, Real and Atascosa Counties by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services when those needs cannot be met by the foster family, Bluebonnet Children's Center, and/or other resources.			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
<b>Program / Project Title:</b> Medina County Foster Home #3			
PROJECT TIMELINE			
<b>Start Date</b> 06/01/2020		<b>End Date</b> 01/30/2021	
<b>Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:</b> Child Abuse & Child Neglect			
<b>Program / Project Description:</b> HANK was conceived and formed by John & Debbie Southwell of Hondo, Texas. John & Debbie were volunteers in the CASA program working with abused children through the Bluebonnet Children's Center in Hondo, Texas. As a result, they discovered many needs that these children have which are not being met - things that other children take for granted.			

HANK was designed to work very closely with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and Bluebonnet Children's Center, which includes the Tri-County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program and the Children's Advocacy Center, to help provide these items when other resources are not available - items such as beds, food, clothing, sporting equipment, band instruments, Christmas and birthday presents, school supplies, graduation invitations and photos, class rings, etc.

Each year there are over 250 children in Medina, Uvalde and Real Counties who have been removed and are in the care of DFPS.

For Fiscal Year 2019, there were currently 181 children in foster care that were removed from Medina County and 121 of those children were placed with relatives, but 60 of those children were placed in foster care placement. Less than 8% of those children that were not with relatives, were in placements in their home county of Medina. That means that 92% of children placed in foster care were not placed in their home county. This means that these children not only experienced some type of abuse and neglect and were removed from their home, but they also had to leave the environment they were familiar with and change schools too.

Medina County is a rural county southwest of San Antonio. This county lacks foster care placements for children. Once a child is removed if there are not any relatives that can provide a safe placement, the children are relocated to other counties away from their school and community. Usually they are placed in larger cities that do not mirror similar characteristics of a rural area. This can be traumatizing for children to experience school in a larger city when they are used to a smaller rural school. Studies show that children are more likely to thrive in a supportive community that they are familiar with. It is usually best if a child can stay in the same school that they are removed from.

The HANK organization recognized the need to provide foster placements in Medina County and continues to work on this mission. In 2015, the HANK organization provided the resources to open a foster home in Devine, Texas. This foster home is licensed to house 6 children. In 2017, the HANK organization provided the resources to open their second foster home in Hondo, Texas. At this time, Medina County only has 1 group home and 3 foster homes, two of those foster homes are funded by the HANK organization. These homes allow for children to remain in their home county and continue in their school. It is traumatic enough for a child to be removed from their home, but when they must experience a change environments and schools too it can worsen the trauma.

For the first two homes, the HANK organization purchased or leased land, bought a double-wide trailer and furnished the home with everything the family would need. They provide furniture, dishes, playground equipment outside along with a privacy fence around the property. A van was also purchased for each location to transport the children in the home. The home and van are owned by the HANK organization. The land in Devine was purchased and the land in Hondo is being leased from the county on a 25 year lease for \$25 a year. HANK covers all the housing costs for the home including insurance, taxes and any repairs that are needed. They also provide automobile insurance on the vehicle. The foster parents live at the home with the children full-time. There are no staff, only the foster parents. HANK asked that at least one parent be a stay-at-home parent to take the children to any appointments and be an extra emotional support for the children. The foster parents are paid through the agency the foster home is licensed based on the number of children that are in the home, but they do not have to worry about paying for the home.

There are 4 school districts in Medina County and the HANK organization has foster homes in two of those school districts. The HANK Organization would like to expand foster homes in Medina County and provide another home in Medina County. With less than 8% of children from Medina County being placed in their home county there is a desperate need to increase the foster homes in the area. The HANK organization is requesting \$125,000 to purchase or lease land in Medina County, a new manufactured double-wide home, vehicle for the home and furnishings for a new foster house in Medina County. The HANK organization can offset the yearly taxes and up-keep on the new home once the house is purchased. Medina County is in desperate need of more foster homes in the rural area.

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**Evaluation Plan:**

Once funding is secured it should take approximately 6-8 months to secure the land, install the manufactured home and prep the home for the children and foster parents. The goal of the HANK organization is to get the foster home up and running as quickly as possible.

**Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

The HANK organization receives private funding throughout the year that will sustain the new foster home along with the other two foster homes. The organization is able to pay the taxes, keep the maintenance up on the foster home and any repairs that are needed. This also includes a vehicle for each foster home and any repairs for the vehicle.

**Children Impacted:**

<b>How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?</b>	<b>How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?</b>
60	60

**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%.**

<b>A. Population Served Age</b>		<b>B. Population Served Ethnicity</b>	
Infants (0-5)	61%	African American	3%
Children (6-13)	29%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	10%	Caucasian	21%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	75%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:**

Outside San Antonio

**Counties applicant is in:**

Medina

**Line item Budget:**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
Land	\$20,000	\$15,000
Manufactured Home	\$90,000	\$90,000
Vehicle	\$20,000	\$20,000
Furnishings	\$7,500	\$0
Playground Equipment	\$2,500	\$0
Fencing	\$2,500	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$142,500</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

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

**PROJECT - PENDING**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	\$0

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>PROJECT - COMMITTED</b>	
<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.</b>	
<b>ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING</b>	
<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED</b>	
<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	
<b>What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?</b>	
10%	
<b>If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?</b>	
The board volunteers spend many hours volunteering to the HANK organization. Some do give financially, but they are not required.	
<b>How are board members expected to participate in your organization?</b>	
Board members are very active in the community supporting the HANK organization. They work fundraisers, talk about the organization at their church, write newspaper articles and also volunteer their hours to the foster homes. The board members are the ones that buildt the fences and gates around the foster home along with installing playground equipment. They also help furnish the foster home too.	
<b>LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS</b>	
<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
John Southwell	Retired
Debbie Southwell	Medina County Treasurer
Diane Cosgrove	Anvil Herald Newspaper
Bob McCoy	Retired Farmer
Molly Daniel	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Lyle Riff	Retired Rancher
Glenn Riff	Retired Veterinarian
<b>Signature</b>	
John Southwell	