

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Organization Information			
Legal Name: Roy Maas Youth Alternatives	Federal Tax ID#: 74-1914638	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 3103 West Avenue	City: San Antonio	State: Texas	Zip Code: 78213
Website: www.rmya.org	Fax: (210) 340-8077	United Way Funded: Yes	
Fiscal Year: July 01 to June 30			
Head Of Organization			
Name: William F. Wilkinson, III		Title: Chief Executive Officer	
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Application Contact			
Name: Lisa Brothers	Title: Grants & Marketing Administrator	E-Mail Address: lbrothers@rmya.org	Phone: (210) 340-8077
Previous Najim Funding			
Year	Funding \$		
2007	\$50,000		
2010	\$10,000		
2011	\$76,000		
2012	\$21,000		
2013	\$81,000		
2014	\$72,862		
2015	\$50,000		
2016	\$50,000		
2017	\$50,000		
2018	\$60,000		
Total	\$520,862		
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 \$:	
\$60,000	\$10,122,851	\$10,122,851	
Mission Statement:			

RMYA creates brighter futures for children by promoting individual success and healthy relationships in a safe, healing environment, giving children and families the tools to end the cycle of abuse.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support Operating funds for the Residential and Therapeutic programs for children and youth in crisis.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
07/01/2020	06/30/2021

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Child Abuse & Child Neglect

Program / Project Description:

We respectfully request \$60,000 from the Najim Family Foundation for operational expenses at our Residential and Therapeutic programs for children and youth in crisis. RMYA programs serve traumatized children and youth, most of them victims of abuse and affiliated with the foster care system. In FY2020, the average age of our kids was 15 years. Over 1,100 children, youth and families were placed on the path to healing by RMYA programs. Your support will help increase capacity, continue existing programs and add new services for children recovering from violent trauma. In 2020, we expanded counseling services to include telehealth. The children we care for often turn to dangerous behaviors to cope with their pain, which can manifest as oppositional defiance, physical or verbal aggression, self-harm, running away, suicidal gestures, and delinquency. They come from chaotic, unpredictable environments with inconsistent discipline and care. They are often medically at-risk due to poor prenatal care, maternal substance abuse, erratic past medical care, and physical abuse and neglect.

Unfortunately, the numbers of children referred to RMYA and the cost of caring for these children continue to rise, and The Texas foster care system is dealing with legal changes in policies and procedures that has many foster care providers closing their doors. At the height of the COVID19 pandemic, RMYA was one of very few agencies remaining open to new admissions. RMYA programs are at the forefront of the battle against child abuse and child sex trafficking:

*RMYA Emergency Shelter Services provide 24-hour care for up to 38 children (ages 5-17 years) who need a safe place to stay for a short time. In FY2020, 231 children spent at least one night at RMYA. These children have intensive therapeutic needs due to emotional, behavioral and mental health issues, child sex trafficking, and other instances of victimization or exposure to violent crime.

Foster children placed in RMYA programs have bounced from foster homes to residential treatment centers to psychiatric facilities, without consistent care. Many have slept in CPS offices because there simply aren't enough placement options for them. At least 500 children will receive emergency placement services at RMYA in FY2020.

*Texas has an estimated 79,000 child sex trafficking (CST) victims. The RMYA Centro Seguro Drop-In Center is the first 24-hour center for CST victims and the only accredited drop-in center in the nation. Our goal is to get these children away from their traffickers, off the street and get them the therapeutic/psychiatric care they need to recover. 319 children came through Centro Seguro in FY2020.

*The RMYA Family Counseling & Resource Center (FCRC) plays a crucial role in prevention/intervention services: individual/family counseling, crisis intervention, parenting classes, and psychiatric services - for low-income community children and families, and children in our residential and drop-in programs. 542 community children received counseling services in FY2020, in addition to services provided to residential children and youth.

*RMYA TurningPoint Transitional Living Program prepares homeless youth (18-24 years) to live independently, and works to prevent or reduce future involvement with social service and judicial systems. Residents receive case management, counseling, educational and job assistance, and life skills. 48 young adults received services at TurningPoint in FY2020.

*RMYA Meadowland Campus provides long-term therapeutic residential care for up to 80 children (6-17 years) with serious emotional/behavioral issues. These children require 24-hour supervision, and a team of program staff, clinicians and healthcare professionals to help them recover from the trauma and abuse inflicted upon them. In FY2020, 137 children lived at Meadowland.

*The Meadowland Charter District oversees the Oaks Academy at Meadowland in Boerne and Stepping Stones Academy at our San Antonio Campus. Our charter schools serve primarily at-risk students in state care.

"In Texas, more than four children die on average every week as a result of child abuse or neglect, 184 children are confirmed victims daily and more than 7 children are maltreated every hour."(TexProtects) 1 in 10 children is sexually abused before their 18th birthday (Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas). In FY2018, 112 Texas children died from abuse and neglect-related causes (Texas DFPS, FY 2018 Data Book). Youth in our programs have reported using drugs or alcohol and participating in survival sex and prostitution to meet basic needs. The abused child sees dysfunctional relationships as normal. Survival sex perpetuates the abuse, making youth more vulnerable to traffickers who turn the youth to prostitution and the sex slave trade. (National Runaway Safeline, www.1800runaway.org/2016/01/survival-sex-homeless-youth-reality/). According to the National Hotline, 25% of all victims pass through San Antonio (www.KSAT.Com/News, July 31, 2016).

RMYA's COA accredited programs utilize a positive youth development philosophy, trauma-informed care and restorative practices. Within 72 hours of admittance, children receive physical and mental health assessments. If necessary, children are assigned a psychiatric resident from UT Health SA. Clinicians, psychiatrists, program staff and youth work together to create individualized treatment plans that guide the healing process, identify supporting strategies, and address developmental needs in major life areas. We teach children how to have healthier relationships, heal from past trauma, and improve behavior and decisions - strengthening and resolving relationships and family conflict. Please consider providing support in FY 2021, so we may continue to provide best-practice models of care for children in crisis.

Evaluation Plan:

RMYA uses trauma-informed techniques, restorative practices, and relationship-based approaches - working with children to reduce risk-taking behaviors, improve relationships, and teach skills to live productive lives, have a healthy and positive self-identity, return to their homes or find permanency in another environment, or experience lower levels of care. Our goal is for children to have healthier relationships, now and in the future, and break the cycle of abuse/violence for their children.

Outcome #1: 75% of children discharged from long-term residential care will demonstrate stabilized and/or improved behaviors, resulting in positive discharge to a less restrictive placement.

Outcome #2: 75% of children/youth in residential programs referred for psychiatric services will show improvement in overall emotional and behavioral functioning.

Outcome #3: 75% of community children who complete psychiatric and clinical services will show improvement in overall behavioral functioning from the start of services.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

RMYA has a 44-year history of successfully providing safety for children in crisis and implementing services to stop the cycle of abuse and violence. RMYA collaborates with a variety of community and government entities and has a strong core of support to draw on from past funders - including foundations, corporations, social and service groups, and individuals - while seeking out new funding opportunities.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?

1,100

How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?

1,100

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)	3%	African American	14%
Children (6-13)	30%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	67%	Caucasian	17%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	59%
		Native American	1%
		Other and Define	8%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District1, District3, District5, District7

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Personnel	\$7,691,152	\$47,733
Professional Fees	\$430,462	\$2,482
Fundraising	\$131,000	\$615
General & Administrative	\$448,125	\$2,453
Occupancy	\$660,808	\$3,175
Program Expenses	\$550,775	\$2,755
Insurance	\$210,529	\$787
TOTAL:	\$10,122,851	\$60,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Office of Gov. VOCA grant for counseling center	\$289,142
Office of Gov. VOCA for Emergency Shelter Svcs.	\$350,916
Perry & Ruby Stevens Foundation	\$27,791
In-N-Out Burger Foundation	\$20,000
Slave 2 Nothing Foundation	\$15,000
Nationwide Foundation	\$10,000
Toyota Foundation	\$10,000
Sundt Foundation	\$5,000
Florence Foundation	\$5,000
McNutt Foundation	\$3,000
S.A. Junior Forum	\$1,532
Mission Trails Rotary Club	\$1,264
H-E-B Foundation	\$2,500
TOTAL:	\$741,145

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
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Dept. of Family & Protective Services (DFPS)	\$3,502,699
Family Tapestry	\$2,916,706
Office of Gov./VOCA for Drop-In Center	\$429,606
Bexar County & Other Juvenile Probation Depts.	\$312,472
United Way S.A. Impact Council grants	\$294,373
ESG CARES	\$289,000
HUD YHDP grant	\$263,435
HHS RHY Basic Center grant	\$200,000
City of SA NXT Level	\$152,000
Dept. of Agriculture	\$146,000
Methodist Healthcare Ministries	\$105,220
S.A. Area Foundation (multiple grants)	\$100,000
Charity Ball Association	\$66,612
USAA Foundation	\$50,000
HHS RHY COVID Relief	\$40,000
Worldwide United Way EFSP grants	\$37,861
Valero Benefit for Children	\$25,000
TX Center for Child & Family Studies	\$17,399
Tulsa Community Foundation	\$9,000
Thomas Gilcrease Foundation	\$7,500
Greehey Family Foundation	\$3,750
First Universalist Unitarian Church CREF grant	\$3,000
Coulter Family Trust	\$791
Wood Plc	\$6,000
TOTAL:	\$8,978,424

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
This is a General Operating Request so all sources are listed in project pending.	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
This is a General Operating Request so all sources are listed in project committed.	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

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?

RMYA board members take an active role in decision-making, attend general board and committee meetings, make monetary and in-kind contributions, and solicit donations.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Carolyn Alley, member	Retired educator & retired USAA, Blanco Cnty Child Welfare Board
Barta Busby, member	Retired dental office manager
Karen Cannon, President	Retired USAA
Lea Freemyer, Parliamentarian	community member
Clay Goar	NuStar Energy
Russell LeDay, Treasurer	Fiscal Analyst, San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE)
Josh Loden, Vice President	Sr. VP Middle Market Lending/Commercial Div., Broadway Bank
Roxi McCloskey Morris, member	Artist and Art Educator
Michael McCray, member	Retired COO/CFO Cisco Systems, Inc./Broadsoft, Inc.
Mark Morkovsky, member	President/owner Morkovsky + Associates, Inc. (Architecture)
John Roach, member	Sr. VP Strategic Development & Technology, Valero Energy Corp.
Manuel Ruiz, member	Retired business owner/consultant, Ruiz Computers & Consulting
Maggie Singer, member	Occupational Therapist/Yoga Instructor
Shirley Bratton, member	Retired USAA
Allen Guidry, Immediate Past President	Retired Insurance Agent
Bruce Stroup, member	Retired Air Force; Investment Advisor for Platinum Wealth Solutions of Texas

Signature

William F. Wilkinson, III