

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children	Federal Tax ID#: 74113132	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)
Address: 603 East Hildebrand Avenue	City: San Antonio	State: TX
		Zip Code: 78212
Website: www.sunshinecottage.org	Fax: (210) 824-0579	United Way Funded: No

Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2007	\$43,204
2008	\$250,000
2012	\$39,550
2014	\$5,000
2016	\$42,000
2017	\$50,000
Total	\$429,754

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 \$:
\$200,000	\$645,870	\$7,728,034

Mission Statement:

We promotes early identification and intervention of hearing impairment, and provides learning in a rich auditory-oral environment so that children with hearing loss can develop to listening, language and speech.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support the addition of a new Play Space on the campus grounds to accommodate the increase in student population.

PROJECT TIMELINE	
Start Date	End Date
06/01/2019	05/31/2020
Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities: Disabilities/Special Needs	
Program / Project Description: <p>Since its inception in 1947, Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children has transformed from serving a small class of seven children to a world-renowned center for oral deaf education, serving more than 700 children and families each year. At our core, Sunshine Cottage aims to develop a sense of normalcy for children through the creation of an environment that supports the development of listening and speech. Every room, common areas, and playgrounds are designed specifically for our children who have hearing loss. Thanks to early intervention and state-of-the-art hearing technology, we are now able to help children with hearing loss as young as six weeks of age gain access to sound and consequently to speech and language. These changes, coupled with the rise of Bexar County's birth rate have led to an increase in the population of babies diagnosed with hearing loss. Additionally, as more people understand that children with hearing loss can learn to talk, more parents are seeking a listening and spoken language outcome for their child.</p> <p>For these reasons, our Parent Infant Program and preschool through 5th-grade educational programs have increased beyond all expectations. While early detection leads to greater outcomes for children, it has also burdened Sunshine Cottage with the need to accommodate a growing population. To adjust for this growth, Sunshine Cottage has developed a plan to add four portables in our 2019/2020 school year. However, to further accommodate the increase in student population, we must also enhance our capacity in other areas such as early childhood and elementary play space.</p> <p>To this end, we are respectfully requesting \$200,000 toward our \$650,000 goal to add a new complete playscape to our campus grounds. Thanks to your generous support in the past, Sunshine Cottage has been able to build two beautiful play areas on our campus which continue to enrich the lives of our children and families. However, with the increase in student population, we must once again expand our play space to accommodate the additional classrooms and growth.</p> <p>This expansion is critical to the success of our students because outdoor play is crucial to early childhood development. The importance of play for children's healthy development is grounded in a substantial body of research. According to a 2017 study by Gabriela Bento and Gisela Dias, outdoor physical play leads to higher self-esteem, stronger immune systems, increased socialization, better physical shape, increases in the ability for a child to focus, and decreases in depression and aggression. Play promotes cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being, offering the necessary conditions for children to thrive and learn. Through play, the child can experiment, solve problems, think creatively, cooperate with others, etc., gaining a more profound knowledge about his/herself and the world. From an early age, the possibility to experience several opportunities for unstructured play, in which the child can decide what to do, with whom and how, promotes positive self-esteem, autonomy, and confidence. In addition to these benefits, when young children with hearing loss, are exposed to different and unique play equipment, it provides more opportunities to develop language.</p> <p>Through the development of new playscapes, Sunshine Cottage hopes to continue to help children grow, develop, learn, and be themselves in a safe and nurturing environment. As such, thoughtful consideration is given to the design of our playgrounds. Because our children wear electrical hearing devices, we must find materials that will not interfere or negatively impact the children's ability to hear. Also, finding a balance of open area and enclosed play structures (i.e., domes) are essential for our children to find places that help with noise reduction.</p>	

As you may note, the projected cost of this new playscape addition is significantly higher than our previous installments. This cost difference is due to the restrictions of our current outdoor space and the need to excavate and flatten the installation site of the new playscape.

Evaluation Plan:

Our playground and play spaces would allow for us to accommodate for the increase in enrollments for the 2019/2020 school year. The evaluation for the project would be that space was available and accessible for our children in early childhood and elementary programs. Recess is vital in the success of the development of all children, and we aim to provide the appropriate space for our children to spend an adequate amount of time outdoors.

A successful project would include the development and launch of the playscape in the 2019/2020 school year.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Once we install the playgrounds, we will maintain the grounds within our annual budget. We will keep records and schedules of necessary maintenance and repairs of the play space and equipment and will plan accordingly or seek additional funding if required.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?

190

How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?

190

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	6%
Children (6-13)	45%	Asian American	4%
Young Adults (14-18)	0%	Caucasian	32%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	53%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	5%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District9

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Site Prep: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$7,000	\$7,000
Retaining Wall: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$38,400	\$38,400
Guardrails: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$18,000	\$18,000
Play Equipment (delivered): EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$73,000	\$73,000

Play Equipment (installation): EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$20,500	\$20,700
Concrete Fall Zone Base : EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$20,700	\$35,100
Fall Zone Material: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$51,750	\$7,800
Accessible Walk to Playgrounds: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$11,200	\$0
Donor Signs: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$1,600	\$0
Landscaping & Planting: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$8,000	\$0
Extended Irrigation: EC & ELEM PLAYGROUNDS	\$5,000	\$0
Site Work/Excavation: TRIKE PATH	\$4,500	\$0
Retaining Wall: TRIKE PATH	\$32,000	\$0
Accessible Walk to Trike Path: TRIKE PATH	\$3,600	\$0
Concrete Trike Path 500LF x 6' wide:TRIKE PATH	\$18,000	\$0
Donor Sign: TRIKE PATH	\$800	\$0
Landscaping & Planting (limited): TRIKE PATH	\$5,000	\$0
Extended Irrigation (limited): TRIKE PATH	\$3,000	\$0
Site Work/Clearing/Excavation: FLAT TURF SYNTHETIC	\$15,000	\$0
Synthetic Turf: FLAT TURF SYNTHETIC	\$180,000	\$0
General Contractor Overhead	\$64,410	\$0
Design Fees	\$32,205	\$0
Contingency	\$32,205	\$0
TOTAL:	\$645,870	\$200,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Mays Family Foundation	\$150,000
The Najim Family Foundation	\$200,000
Silver and Black Give Back	\$200,000
TOTAL:	\$550,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Circle Bar Foundation	\$150,000
TOTAL:	\$150,000
Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.	
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
Alamo Kiwanas Club	\$20,000
Pheonix Charitable	\$5,000
St. Susie's Charitable	\$25,000
Rack Gives Back	\$15,000
Elizabeth Huth Coates	\$60,000
Tim & Annie Swann Foundation	\$5,000
Network For Good	\$5,000
Jack & William Light Charitable Trust	\$30,000
St. Luke's	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$180,000
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
Charity Ball Association	\$20,000
Circle Bar Foundation	\$75,000
Valero Benefits for Children	\$60,000
Baptist Health System Foundation	\$100,000
San Antonio Junior Forum	\$990
Kleberg Foundation	\$45,000
Greehey Foundation	\$50,000
Nancy Hurd Foundation	\$10,000
Myra Stafford Pryor Trust	\$25,000
Mirza Trust	\$12,000
Nordan Trust	\$10,000
Go, Inc.	\$10,000
Tandy Foundation	\$5,000
Roberta Wright Reeves Trust	\$600,000
TOTAL:	\$1,022,990
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 serve as advocates for Sunshine Cottage out in our community. Board members attend eight meetings a year. Some serve on the Financial Committee and some act as chairs for special events. Sunshine Cottage board members are also generous donors and help connect the organization to other foundations, corporations, and individuals in the community.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Brad Camp, Chair	Camp Oil
Emily Morrow Jones, Vice Chair	Community Volunteer
Elizabeth Wood Bright, Secretary	Community Volunteer
Herb Hill, Jr., Treasurer	Community Volunteer
Sherri Naegele, Assistant Treasurer	BIM - Risk Management
Jeremy Arias	Arias Geoprofessional
Thomas Ball, III	American Airline
Stephen Cavender	Cavender Auto Family
Jerome Evans, AuD	University Health System
M. Taylor Fordham, Jr., MD	Children's Hospital of San Antonio
Michael Green	Valero
Shelley Hannon	HEB
Susan M. King, MD	Ear Medical Group
Jonathan Klug, Jr.	Merrill Lynch
Marrietta McCain	Community Volunteer
Michael J. Murray	Attorney
Molly White Truax	Community Volunteer
Robert Wehmeyer, Jr.	Community Volunteer
Kelly Hunter	Community Volunteer
Signature	
Miriam M. Elizondo	