

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Little Flower Catholic School		Federal Tax ID#: 74-1381325		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 905 Kentucky Avenue		City: San Antonio		State: TX	
				Zip Code: 78201	
Website: www.littleflowerschool.net		Fax: (210) 735-9126		United Way Funded: No	

Fiscal Year:
July 01 to June 30

Head Of Organization

Name: Jackie Castro		Title: Head of School	
E-Mail Address: jcastro@littleflowerschool.net		Phone: (210) 735-9126	

Application Contact

Name: Susana Cantu		Title: Executive Director-Discalced Carmelite Fathers of San Antonio		E-Mail Address: scantu@littleflowerbasili ca.org		Phone: (210) 639-3129	
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Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined?
No

Grant Amount Requested \$: \$19,578	Total Project Budget \$: \$113,062	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$592,537
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Mission Statement:
To provide all children an excellent, holistic educational program rooted in the Catholic faith and in the spirituality of St. Therese - "doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well".

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
To support Technology upgrades, Chromebooks and Headsets, in the classrooms for low-income students and teachers to use for education.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date 07/01/2021	End Date 06/30/2022
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Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:
Education

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Elementary to High School

Program / Project Description:

Little Flower School, located near the campus of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, currently has 84 students-the majority reside in the surrounding neighborhood, located in the 78201 zip code. The school is in a low-income, primarily Latino (96% of the population of the zip code 78201 where the school is located is Hispanic), Westside neighborhood. Median household incomes in the surrounding zip codes are \$32,000 per year. Half of student population has minimal access to technology at home. 43 students qualify for free lunch and 4 for reduced lunch based on federal guidelines.

The last technology upgrade at the school was ten years ago. The current upgrades will be used to enhance the current micro-school curriculum by providing additional stimulating information and interactive opportunities so students can fully embrace the concept being taught in the classrooms. Teachers who use instructional video and technology report that students retain more information, understand concepts more rapidly, and are more enthusiastic about what they are learning. With up-to-date video/computer technology as one component of a thoughtful lesson plan, students often make new connections between curriculum topics, and discover links between these topics and the world outside of the classroom.

The technology upgrade will provide 2 laptops to be shared by 10 teachers, a Promethean Board (interactive white board) and stand for each teacher, 80 chrome books, plus 2 desktops and a laptop for the administrative and cafeteria staff to share. Funds from the Najim Foundation will be used towards the chrome books that will serve only the students (\$19,578.40 for chrome books and headsets).

The technology upgrade will enhance the learning model embraced by Little Flower School. The micro school model can be tailored to the individual student and draws from the strengths of other models of education, such as homeschooling co-ops and the "one room schoolhouses" of yesteryear. Traditional grading methods remain in place to facilitate transition to high school. Over the past few years, Little Flower School has been slowly adopting this model in various ways, based on the successes of our previous multilevel classroom experiences, along with positive feedback from students and parents; therefore, we decided to adopt this model fully for the 2020-2021 school year. Benefits of micro school include:

- o Instruction is individualized to meet the developmental needs of students academically, emotionally, and socially.
- o Students' progress at their pace, individuality is valued!
- o Students develop stronger relationships with their peers and teachers.
- o Students acquire values that are congruent with the teachings of the Catholic Church and challenge themselves both socially and academically.

LFS is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and recognized by the Texas Education Agency while implementing curricula which meet and exceed TEA requirements.

Evaluation Plan:

Students are evaluated throughout the year with testing and quizzes. Students progress is evaluated annually through MAP Growth testing, utilizing NWEA assessments. MAP testing evaluates achievement and growth in K-12 Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science. NWEA is a research-based not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency, and provide insights to help tailor instruction.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Once the technology equipment is purchased, maintenance and repairs will be funded from our operating budget and no further grant funds will be needed for the project. Additionally, as the project involves multiple layers of need, funds received can be spent as soon as awarded, and easily within 12 months of receipt for the needed technology equipment.

As we have just received the bid for the needed technology upgrades, the Najim Charitable Foundation is the first foundation we have reached out to for funding. Additional funders will be identified and grants pursued over the summer.

Finally, as a note, we produce financials annual-the latest annual financials are attached. We are happy to provide financials for period ending 6/30/2021 when they are available in July-please let us know where to email these financials.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
84	84

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)	21%	African American	4%
Children (6-13)	79%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	0%	Caucasian	4%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	92%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District1

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
80-Chromebooks@222.99 ea.	\$17,839	\$17,839
8-Headsets (K-2 only)@217.40 ea.	\$1,739	\$1,739
2-Laptops (Faculty-Classroom))@1,725 ea.	\$3,450	\$0
10-Headsets (Faculty-Classroom))@25.99 ea.	\$260	\$0
10-Mouses (Faculty-Classroom))@18.99 ea.	\$189	\$0
10-Promethean Boards (Faculty/Classroom)@7,225.99 ea.	\$72,260	\$0
10-Promethean Stands (Faculty/Classroom)@1,039	\$10,390	\$0
10-ELMO Document Camera(Faculty/Classroom)@229	\$2,290	\$0

3-Charging Carts (Faculty/Classroom)@1,173.99	\$3,522	\$0
2-Desktop (Front Office)@383	\$766	\$0
1-Laptop (Cafeteria)@357.00	\$357	\$0
TOTAL:	\$113,062	\$19,578

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
See sustainability	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
See sustainability	\$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
Benson Foundation	\$10,000
Leo Daniel Foundation	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$20,000

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Arnold and Irene Kocurek Trust	\$2,000
P-21 Foundation	\$15,000
Blanche Walsh Trust	\$3,500
TOTAL:	\$20,500

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?

100%

If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?

N/A

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

N/A

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Sister Gabriella Lohan	Sisters of the Holy Spirit
Frank Guerra	Chairman and Founder-GDC Marketing and Ideation
Mary Helen Vallejo	Retired

Signature

Susana Cantu