

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Congregation Beth-El		Federal Tax ID#: 74-1246242		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 211 Belknap Pl		City: San Antonio		State: Texas	
				Zip Code: 78212	
Website: www.beth-elsa.org		Fax: (210) 733-9135		United Way Funded: No	

Fiscal Year: July 01 to June 30

Head Of Organization

Name: Rabbi Alan Berlin		Title: Administrator	
E-Mail Address: aberlin@beth-elsa.org		Phone: (210) 322-8017	

Application Contact

Name: Kathleen	Title: Kardon	E-Mail Address: kardon595@gmail.com	Phone: (210) 322-8017
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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2016	\$10,000
2017	\$15,000
2018	\$15,000
2019	\$15,000
2020	\$15,000
Total	\$70,000

Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined? Yes 2014
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Grant Amount Requested \$: \$15,000	Total Project Budget \$: \$51,500	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$2,607,254
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Mission Statement:
CreativKids strives to transform the lives of children through providing a safe summer haven with nourishment for body and mind. We create a community where robust engagement promotes healthy living.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
To support CreativKids SA, formerly Beth-El Food and Fun Summer Day Camp, for low-income children in the SAISD area.

PROJECT TIMELINE**Start Date****End Date**

06/08/2021

07/24/2021

Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:

Education

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Elementary to High School

Program / Project Description:

Camp is now in its twelfth year, and as we have grown, our program has as well. Though feeding our population is still our number one priority, each year we have expanded our educational goals as well. We continue to partner with the San Antonio Food Bank, who provides 2 meals a day to our campers, most of whom are from food insecure families and depend on the federal free lunch program during the regular school year. Our building is located in the midst of a food desert area at San Pedro and W. Ashby. The SAISD schools in our area are Beacon Hill Elementary, Agnes Cotton Elementary, Mark Twain Middle School, and Thomas Edison High School. Additionally, we serve the students of other nearby schools including Hawthorne, Woodlawn, Rogers, Madison, Austin Academy, and Wheatley. Last summer, due to Covid, we had to adjust. We offered two meals per day plus a bagged activity with detailed instructions for each child. Parents/guardians drove up to the building, and we handed the materials to them through their car windows. It wasn't as ideal as an in-person camp, but parents and children alike were very grateful. We hope to have a full camp this summer, but if Covid numbers are still high, we will once again adjust.

Last summer, we served approximately 150 unique children nearly 1,564 meals along with almost 1000 activity bags. We also delivered leftover meals and activities to families who had no transportation, twice a week. Additionally, we partnered with Catholic Charities to provide another 20-30 meals and activities a week to children they serve.

If we are able to hold an in-person camp this year, we hope to again partner with the San Antonio Library, who sends a librarian several times over the summer to read to, and with, our children; and we hope to continue our partnership with the McFarlin Tennis Center, so that our kids can benefit from learning a new sport when they go to classes there twice a week. Our volunteers earn hours toward the Presidential Service Awards, and several in the past have earned enough for the top level medal each year. Many teens start out with us to earn their community service hours for school but end up staying the entire summer because they gain so much from being there. Each year, our number of volunteers from the community grows as campers age out of the program and want to come back to serve others in their neighborhood.

This program serves a huge need in the downtown community, and the parents, grandparents, and guardians of our children are so grateful for it. Many have said that they do not know what they would do if it were not for this summer program, and when we survey them at the end of each year, the one complaint we get is that they wish it lasted longer. CreativKids SA also gives our congregation the opportunity to fulfill our goal of "tikkun olam," the Jewish commandment to "repair the world." Many of our members volunteer to do special activities such as weaving, cooking special foods, making travelogues, teaching rocketry, and more with our campers, and the volunteers always get just as much out of doing this as the kids do!

Your funding has helped us immensely over the years, and we hope we can depend on you again to help us serve our families. We hope to be able to continue to get better and better each year as we teach the children about healthy eating and exercise while having a fun time in a safe environment as we have been doing, thanks especially to the Najim Foundation.

Evaluation Plan:

At the end of each summer, we evaluate our program through the number of children served, surveys filled out by parents, interviews with each of our counselors, and feedback from our volunteers. We strive to make this program better each year. We keep several records: the Food Bank forms detailing number of meals served, sign-in and sign-out sheets for our campers, parent/guardian information, and a weekly spreadsheet with all pertinent information from the week on it. We pore over these looking for ways to constantly improve. Parents have given us nothing but positive feedback, and we hope that also continues.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

This year we have submitted several grant requests and are continually looking for new ones. Our synagogue members continue to be generous supporters of camp through volunteerism and some donations. Because we depend on grants and fundraisers, we are working on connections throughout the year and applying wherever we fit. The Najim Foundation has been our greatest financial contributor since our beginning, and we appreciate all you do, not only for us, but for so many worthwhile community projects.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
250	250

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)	20%	African American	5%
Children (6-13)	60%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	20%	Caucasian	10%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	84%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District 1

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Teacher/specialists payroll	\$25,000	\$10,000
Other paid staff: counselors, Jr. counselors, custodian	\$15,000	\$0
Camp program supplies and materials including supplemental food	\$10,000	\$5,000
Clothing	\$1,500	\$0
TOTAL:	\$51,500	\$15,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
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Greehey Foundation	\$15,000
Alamo Rotary Club	\$5,000
Moody	\$5,000
Ironman	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$30,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Crop Walk	\$88
Private donations	\$1,500
TOTAL:	\$1,588

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Member Donations	\$40,000
TOTAL:	\$40,000

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Member donations	\$1,455,000
Great Hearts Rental	\$325,000
Other revenues	\$339,440
Transfers (endowments)	\$447,730
TOTAL:	\$2,567,170

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 are expected to participate financially in the form of annual commitment pledges and financially supporting various programs and fundraising activities throughout the year. They are also expected to take on roles within the congregation and greater community, including serving on committees, fundraising, attending services or other programs on a regular basis, and participating in outreach within and beyond our congregation.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Immediate Past President-- Jim Halff	Halff Brothers Ranch Ltd
President-- Dr. Amy Benedikt	Tejas Anesthesia
Vice President-- Jean Kolovson	CPA, private practice
Secretary--Trent Boarnet	Realtor - Keller Williams
Vice President - Robin Kressbach	Robin's Nest
Senior Vice President - Debbie Roos	HEB

Treasurer - Bregger Garrison	Freese and Nichols Inc.
Trustee - Jim Barshop	Restore Education
Trustee - Deanne Cuellar-Cintron	OATS
Trustee-- Jessica Berg	Lee Michael Fine Jewelry
Trustee-- Trent Boarnet	Realtor- Keller Williams Realty
Trustee-- Jerry Gerson	Retired
Trustee--Jason Miller Goodman	Student
Trustee--Lauri Jacobson	Unknown
Trustee-- Jeff Goldblatt	Jeff's Journeys, LLC
Trustee--Alan Krapf	Retired
Trustee--Marsha Krassner	Self-employed
Trustee--Clay Richmond	Pizza Hut
Trustee--Michael Rosenberg	Rosenberg Heating & Air
Trustee--David Rubenstein	Dad
Trustee-- Marla Russell	Stay at home mother
Trustee-- Ruthie Wurzburg	Retired
Signature	
Kathleen A. Kardon	