

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Special Olympics Texas, Inc.		Federal Tax ID#: 74-1998367		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(2)	
Address: 45 NE Loop 410, Suite 180		City: San Antonio		State: Texas	
				Zip Code: 78216	
Website: www.sotx.org		Fax: (602) 488-6253		United Way Funded: No	

Fiscal Year:

January 01 to December 31

Head Of Organization

Name: Tim Martin		Title: CEO and President	
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Application Contact

Name: Lynne Holmquist		Title: Development Associate - Grant Writer		E-Mail Address: lholmquist@sotx.org		Phone: (402) 990-6047	
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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2013	\$10,000
2016	\$10,000
2017	\$12,500
2018	\$15,000
2019	\$15,000
Total	\$62,500

Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?

Yes
May 23, 2014 and April 2020

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$15,000	\$445,462	\$7,316,371

Mission Statement:

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to empower children and adults with intellectual disabilities to live healthy, fulfilling and meaningful lives.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
05/01/2021	04/30/2022

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Disabilities/Special Needs

Program / Project Description:

Although Special Olympics Texas is known for its sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities since its inception in 1969, our purpose has evolved over the years to provide a broader network of care and social support for our athletes, from the age of two through their entire life. Special Olympics Texas -San Antonio Area believes it's important to help our young athletes establish healthy habits and life skills early in life, giving them the skills to thrive within their communities.

Our request this year is to support our youngest athletes in the San Antonio area, ages 2-7, in the Young Athletes Program (YA). The Young Athletes Program is a sports play program designed to introduce children ages two to seven to the world of physical activity. Children with and without intellectual disabilities participate together, prior to and regardless of Special Olympics eligibility at age eight. The program utilizes physical activities to develop fundamental motor tracking and eye-hand coordination play. Children build these skills by participating in specific activities on a regular basis. The program concentrates on applying the skills learned through these activities in preparation for Special Olympics or traditional sports competitions. The Young Athletes Program was developed in direct response to requests from families wanting to engage their young children in physical fitness. The program is solely based on participation; there is no competition. The skills these children learn will improve all areas of their lives, including participating in future sports competitions. Students work on skills as part of their school day. These skills may be in line with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals. One to two times a year there is a culminating day called the Future Stars Sports Day, during which the students demonstrate the skills they have learned for family and friends. The Young Athletes Program is primarily implemented within Unified Champion Schools and early childhood centers. The 8 schools/early childhood centers that have previously participated with us (an additional school planned to join prior to COVID-19) are Menchaca Early Childhood Center, Strafford Early Childhood Center, Cardenas Early Childhood Center, New Braunfels ISD, Pecan Valley Elementary, Highland Forest Elementary, Oak Crest Elementary, Kerrville Early Childhood Center, and Ft. Sam Elementary planned on doing YA pre-COVID. Our staff will work with these schools/early childhood centers, and recruit new schools, prior to the close of the school year in May, to get them ready for the in-person Young Athletes Program in the fall of 2021.

Special Olympics Texas has carefully planned for the athletes return to in-person practice and play through the following:

1. CDC provides guidelines for Special Olympics, i.e. sanitize equipment, social distancing, hand washing, masks, etc.
2. Special Olympics Texas Mitigation Committee, headed up by Dr. Fred Clubb, Texas A&M, provides guidance and direction to all Special Olympics Texas in-person activities.
3. The schools/early childhood centers also provide guidance as to when they will be ready for in-person learning and we follow the school's guidelines, as well.

The Young Athletes Program in San Antonio has approximately 2,100 athletes who have participated in-person with us in the past, and we plan to build upon those numbers for the 2021/22 school year. Careful consideration of all aspects in return to practice/play/activities is extremely important to the safety and health of all of our athletes, and as we prepare to return to in-person activities and programs, we will rely on the expertise of the CDC, the Special Olympics Texas Mitigation Committee, and the schools (as well as the parents and children) who will be participating.

Evaluation Plan:

Throughout the year, Special Olympics Texas-San Antonio Area staff and volunteers work with youth with intellectual disabilities and their families to improve health, self-esteem, sports and fitness skills, family and social relationships, and language and adaptive skills. Such improvements are measured through periodic surveys and reports. We evaluate the success of this project by recording the number of athletes we serve, the number of opportunities we are able to provide, and other ways we can engage athletes and their families through school, leadership programs, health screenings as well as health conditions identified through free screenings. Data is also collected regarding the number of participating athletes, number of athletes in each program, area competitions, coaches, volunteers and sports offered.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Sustainability plans include expanding sponsorship opportunities for businesses (providing more customization for supporters) and increasing the capacity of fundraising events. New and exciting events, such as "Breakfast with Champions," are in place that will engage more athlete and community involvement. SOTX will continue to seek support from foundations, particularly as we reorganize to a regional model with added support for all area offices. We will continue to foster relationships with partners and co-sponsors, such as H.E.B. Tournament of Champions, Coca Cola, Toyota, Law Enforcement Torch Run, I.B.C., Knights of Columbus, City of Richardson, and Texas Roadhouse Restaurants.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
2,100	300

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)	10%	African American	9%
Children (6-13)	50%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	40%	Caucasian	47%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	44%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District1, District2, District3, District4, District5, District6, District7, District8, District9, District10

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Area Competitions	\$25,000	\$1,000
Programs Materials	\$34,000	\$3,000
Young Athlete's Program	\$20,004	\$5,000
Athlete Leadership Program	\$500	\$0
Volunteer Awards/recognition, travel, and meals	\$5,500	\$0
Cost of Fundraising	\$20,004	\$0

Occupancy Rent	\$30,000	\$0
Occupancy Warehouse	\$3,600	\$0
Equipment rental copier & postage	\$2,952	\$0
Insurance	\$0	\$0
Telephone (base/local, long distance, cellular, internet)	\$3,240	\$0
Salaries & Benefits	\$266,622	\$6,000
Staff travel (lodging, meals, rental, mileage, gas/oil)	\$32,040	\$0
Office Supplies	\$1,000	\$0
Copier Overage	\$0	\$0
Postage regular/shipping/express	\$1,000	\$0
TOTAL:	\$445,462	\$15,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Cailloux Foundation	\$7,500
Circle Bar Foundation	\$5,000
King Family Foundation	\$2,000
TOTAL:	\$14,500

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Marcia and Otto Koehler Foundation	\$10,000
Blend Family Foundation	\$10,000
Betty Stieren Kelso Foundation	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$30,000

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Ed Rachal Foundation	\$10,000
Kathryn O'Connor Foundation	\$2,500
Behmann Brothers Foundation	\$4,000
Matias de Llano Foundation Foundation	\$20,000
Blanche Davis Moore Foundation	\$2,500
Coast Bend Community Foundation	\$5,000
Larry & Pat McNeil Foundation	\$1,000
Valero Benefit for Children	\$10,000
Yaga's Children's Fund	\$10,000

TOTAL:	\$65,000
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
Dr. Leon Bromberg	\$10,000
MD Anderson Foundation	\$5,000
The George Foundation	\$12,000
Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Fdtn	\$12,500
City of Laredo	\$10,000
SOI Finish Line	\$10,000
Webb County	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$69,500

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?
 Board members are expected to attend all board meetings and to actively participate with the organization. This may mean volunteering at competitions, events, and fundraisers, and making their presence known across their respective communities. Board members are encouraged to bring groups of volunteers, either friends, family, coworkers or employees when they are volunteering for SOTX events. Board members, with professional and personal affiliations with corporations/businesses from which our programs and athletes can benefit, provide significant in-kind support, through products and/or services, while other board members provide monetary support. In addition, three current board members are Special Olympics athletes and provide valued input to the organization.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Rick McCarty: Parliamentarian	Retired-Special Education Administrator
Ralph Herring O.D., M.H.A.: Member	University of Houston, College of Optometry
Chad Tywater: Member	H.E.B.
Patti Ballew: Athlete Position	Athlete
Jackie Zigtma: Member	Whitehouse ISD
Dale Hosack: Member	Western Container
Steve Griffith: Immediate Past Board Chair	City of Sugarland
Steve Hayes: Member	Senior VP, BRANDT
Jake Squiers: Member	COO, Burke Center
Sam Arciniega: At-Large Position	H.E.B. Blackhawk, Unit Director
Jan Sartain: Member	Retired
Chief Doug Reim: Member/Torch Run Position	Highland Village Police Department
Ian Rawn: Athlete/Member	Athlete
Benjamin Garcia: Athlete/Member	Athlete

Susanne Brady-Lusk: Chair	Vice Pres/General Mgr. SETX Coca-Cola
Chris Kingston: Member	Vice President, Learfield
Gracie Hunt: Member	N/A
Marian Cabanillas: Member	President, Health Plan Operations, United Healthcare Comm. Plan of Texas
Pete Carey: Member	Group Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Toyota Financial Services
David Mantor: Secretary	Senior Council, Exxon Mobil Corporation
Gabe Kwentus: Treasurer	Partner, Pricewaterhouse Cooper
Signature	
Lynne Holmquist	