FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name:	Federal Tax ID#:	501(c)(3) Public Charity
America Can! (dba Texans Can!)	75-2251099	509 (a)(1)

Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
325 West 12th Street	Dallas	TX	75208

Website:	Fax:	United Way Funded:
www.texanscan.org	(214) 943-2244	No

Fiscal Year:

September 01 to August 31

Head Of Organization

Name:	Title:
Richard Marquez	President/CEO
E-Mail Address:	**Phone:**
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Application Contact

Name:	Title:	E-Mail Address:	Phone:
Rachel Castro	Development Director	rcastro@texanscan.org	(210) 923-1226

Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding $
2017	$10,000
2018	$10,000
2019	$14,800
Total	$34,800

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 $:
$24,800	$216,490	$56,434,096

Mission Statement:

To provide the highest quality education for all students, especially those who have struggled in a traditional high school setting, in order to ensure their economic independence.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support the "Whole Student - Health and Wellness Program" at Texans Can in San Antonio, which provides access to healthcare for economically disadvantaged students.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
08/27/2020	05/28/2021

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Food, Shelter and Clothing

Program / Project Description:

The Whole Student is Texans Can's multi-faceted program with the goal to care for the whole child and address the obstacles that keep students from success and economic independence. Over ninety-five percent of Texans Can students are from low-income families, and all Texans Can campuses are strategically located in areas where need is highest. As students' advocates, Texans Can Academies understands that each student struggles in different ways, and those hardships make attending school difficult and, in some cases, nearly impossible. Through the Whole Student program, those barriers are removed and students can attend and even thrive in their classes.

At Texans Can Academies - San Antonio, the Whole Student program focuses on making sure students have access to services within 10 days of enrollment, meeting the organization's priorities of providing increased access to healthcare, including dental, vision, and mental health services in the San Antonio area. Services offered to students include but are not limited to immunizations, therapy, nutritional support, social work, drug-abuse programs, eye exams and eyeglasses. Without these resources, Texans Can students would be unable to focus fully on their classes and education.

Currently, Texans Can - San Antonio is cultivating relationships with multiple partners who are being asked to take a larger role in students' lives by supporting numerous aspects of the Whole Student program. Specifically, San Antonio's Development Council has recently secured funding to support a profession-standard Student Assistance Program, providing targeted mental and behavioral support, and has expanded its career-readiness offerings, providing safe passage from graduation toward rewarding fields. All of these efforts are crucial to the Whole Student programming.

In support of part of these crucial efforts, funds sought through this grant proposal will support the efforts of Texans Can - San Antonio's Dragon Market, a site crucial to the Whole Student program where students receive resources supplying several basic needs. At the Dragon Market, students find hygiene products, including feminine hygiene products, household cleaning products, baby care products, and, through a partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, groceries. Additionally, the Dragon Market supplies school uniforms.

Studies indicate pronounced need for such supports, especially in school. Children who through want of resources are unable to maintain basic hygiene and cleanliness experience social isolation, even bullying, and may be discouraged from completing school. Adolescent girls in poverty, who may have to choose between food and feminine hygiene products, may stay away from school for days at a time, leading to delayed graduation. This "period poverty" affects 1 out of 5 girls nationwide, according to a report in the Nashville Tennessean. Clearly, the Dragon Market meets an important need which is basic to academic success at Texans Can - San Antonio.

Last year, the Dragon Market provided needs for 77 students and their family members, totaling approximately 250 individuals. In the next year, the market will be available to 650 potential students (Texans Can's total number of students), with impact on their family members, including any infants or small children belonging to teen parents enrolled at the school. These resources will help keep students in school not only by removing a substantial economic barrier, but also by providing psychological relief and encouragement to continue their path to success.

Evaluation Plan:

The Dragon Market's services will be evaluated according to the number of students and family members served, by inventory moved, and by student and staff surveys pre- and post-school year.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Texans Can Academies has 35 years' experience serving low- to moderate-income students at risk of not graduating. Texans Can will continue to offer as many services as possible for the Whole Student program. The Dragon Market specifically, and the Whole Student program more generally, will ensure a continued increase in graduation rates and help break the generational cycle of poverty.

Because the Whole Student is essential to its mission, Texans Can will continue to seek funding on an ongoing basis from multiple partnerships, events, and other efforts. Texans Can is strong, and its fundraising will keep this program alive because under-served students will continue to need Texans Can to graduate high school and embark on their lives as economically independent adults.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	**How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?**
150	150

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)	0%	African American	2%
Children (6-13)	0%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	100%	Caucasian	2%
TOTAL:	**100%**	Hispanic/Latino	96%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	**100%**

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District3, District5

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	**Total Project Funds Allocation**	**Najim Funds Allocation**
Program budget is based on 650 students, 400 students at current San Antonio Can campus and 250 at the San Antonio Can Highlands campus opening August 2018. Quantity is set to 585 students served, based on the fact that 90% of students are uninsured.	$0	$0
Various medical services for uninsured students	$17,550	$0
Eye exams and glasses	$29,250	$0
Dental care services	$29,250	$0
Food purchases for Food Pantry	$36,000	$10,000
Diapers, wipes, baby clothes, etc.	$4,000	$4,800
Student transportation to health services	$1,000	$0

Community awareness of program, letters mailed to various outlets	$6,000	$0
Community awareness of program, over the street banners in high traffic areas	$3,000	$0
Food for parenting classes	$1,400	$0
Food for SACADA drug awareness/education classes	$1,800	$0
Student rewards for completing parenting and/or SACADA classes	$2,000	$0
On campus events to help students and their families obtain health insurance	$4,000	$0
Student in Crisis Program - access to financial services for students in crisis	$10,000	$0
Uniform and other clothing assistance	$15,000	$5,000
Part-time program and volunteer coordination	$11,040	$0
One-hour counseling sessions	$40,950	$0
Household cleaning products	$2,000	$2,000
Toilet paper	$1,000	$1,000
All hygiene products	$1,250	$2,000
TOTAL:	**$216,490**	**$24,800**

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
	$0
	$0
	$0
TOTAL:	**$0**

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Texas Capital Bank	$10,000
Whitacre Family Foundation	$10,000
Motherhood Luncheon Fundraiser	$116,000
Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Award	$20,000
H-E-B Tournament of Champions	$5,000
TOTAL:	**$161,000**

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

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING	
Funder Name	**Amount Requested**
*None Provided	$0
TOTAL:	**$0**

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	**Amount Requested**
*None Provided	$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?

N/A

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

Board members must be committed to carrying out our mission, and to attend at least four council meetings per year. It is asked that members be available for conference calls and serve on committees of interest as appointed by the Council Chair. It is vital that board members learn about Texans Can Academies, including our work, outreach, and our vision for the future.

Board members are responsible for friend-raising, fundraising, and for working on projects for Texans Can Academies by being doers, donors, and door openers. We expect every board member to be morally and ethically responsible for the health and vitality of our service and work. To ensure that the organization meets its goals and objectives, each member will take an active role in the organizations activities. Board members are asked to serve two-year terms, with no limit on the number of terms they can serve.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS	
Name & Office Held	**Corporate Affiliation**
Rudy Oeftering, Chairman of the Board	Oeftering Properties
Regina M. Thompson, Vice Chairman	Aetna
Anna Torres, Secretary	Anna M. Torres & Associates, PC
Michael T. Casey, Treasurer	Grand Bank of Texas
Bill Schonacher, Member	IBC International Bank of Commerce
Penny Rayfield	OnShore Resources
Robert Nelson, MD	Eastern Oklahoma Ear, Nose, & Throat, Inc. (Retired)

Signature

Rachel Castro