

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc.		Federal Tax ID#: 74-2243259		Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation	
Year	Funding \$
2012	\$10,000
2012	\$10,000
2014	\$15,000
2015	\$10,000
2017	\$20,000
2018	\$20,000
Total	\$85,000

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

Yes
 In November of 2013 RMI received \$15,000 from GHFF for our Brook Hollow group home project. Unfortunately due to a delay in construction these funds were returned to GHFF,

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$25,000	\$150,000	\$5,603,536

Mission Statement:

The mission of Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc. is to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their maximum level of independence.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

A Smooth Ride to Independence

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
07/01/2019	06/30/2020

Program / Project Description:

Imagine a day where participants finally can learn more about their community, to go on new and exciting adventures, and to feel INCLUDED for the very first time in their lives. Now, imagine that option is taken away, your wheels to independence driving off without you. Sadly, we face this problem more and more every day as our Life Enrichment Program (LEP) continues to grow. The participants at LEP, come to RMI to learn, grow, and experience the world around them. Due to our inability to transport ALL of our individuals, we can provide half of our participants in community inclusion activities. This number diminishes, even more, when our participants with mobility issues attend. This is not what we believe in, but it has truly become our only option. On an average day, LEP serves close to 67 people, some weeks we serve as many as 80. This means only a handful of participants can attend outings while the remainder remains at LEP.

Funds from the GHFF will help us to replace 4 of our vans at LEP. Currently, we have three vans, but they are run down and can seat no more than 12 participants at a time. Additionally, we do not have a van that transports wheelchairs with ease. The vans that in need of replacement are:

1. 2006 E350 van- with 117,476 miles and capacity to seat 6-9 participants plus 2-3 staff
2. 2006 E350 van- with 100,877 miles and capacity to seat 6-9 participants plus 2-3 staff
3. 2006 E150 van- with 136,520 miles and capacity to seat 6-9 participants plus 2-3 staff

It should be noted that by the year 2022, day programs utilizing Medicaid Waiver resources such as LEP, will be required to implement increased community integration activities for their participants. In other words, traditional on-site day habilitation programs will no longer be "the status quo." This is a very serious issue in our community, as many providers are considering closing their day programs when this happens. RMI is happy to report that we have the right formula, we already provide community integration activities, but unfortunately, we have the wrong vans!

Transportation is a mission-critical element of our ability to educate and train our participants. Without proper transportation, our participants will be missing out on opportunities for education, independence, and inclusion.

As previously mentioned, our need is to replace our current. Three vans plus the acquisition of a lift van. Three of these vans will seat 15 participants, and one will be used to accommodate.

It is important to note that this project has already received \$25,000 of funding from the Valero Foundation. Additionally, we have been working to replace the RMI vehicle fleet since 2017. We have had great support from the community in regards to this project as well. Since 2017, this community support has helped us replace 6 of our vehicles. The funds from Valero and GHFF will specifically impact the vehicles at our Life Enrichment Program.

Evaluation Plan:

This program will be evaluated on specific objectives for our Life Enrichment Program.

- a) Community integration will be dramatically increased by allowing our participants to engage in not only social activities (library, zoo, Morgan's Wonderland) but employment exploration and volunteerism which include volunteer programs such as Meals on Wheels, Food Bank, and the Salvation Army.
- b) With the addition of three 15 passenger vans, more individuals have the opportunity to engage in the community without being left at LEP.
- c) With the addition of 1 wheelchair accessible van, our participants with mobility issues will ALWAYS have the opportunity to attend outings.
- d) Our individuals will no longer have to miss outings due to maintenance issues.

Additionally, this program will be evaluated based on the four above objectives:

- a) Enhanced community integration will be evidenced by a monthly calendar in which activities are scheduled.
- b) All of our participants have yearly plans monitored by the State of Texas that include community integration. RMI is surveyed in both ICF and HCS programs yearly to assure compliance to community integration.
- c) Participants in wheelchairs also have the state-mandated goal, which perhaps for the first time will be achieved.
- d) With the addition of a new fleet of vehicles, our reliability issues will not be as frequent, which in turn saves us money.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

In the past 3 years, RMI has been working tirelessly on our "Vehicle Replacement Program," the ultimate goal is to replace all 18 vans in our fleet over a 5 year period. We are great stewards of the resources entrusted to us,

These vans will be used as long as we continue to have participants at our Life Enrichment Program who desire community integration activities. The vans will be maintained with oil changes every 3 months, monthly maintenance checks, and annual service (new tires/rotation, inspection and registration). Although it is hard to envision replacing a new vehicle (after babysitting 13 year old vans for the past 3 years) we have several identified sources of funding that the board of directors have earmarked for our vehicles. Replacing these vehicles with new ones gives us a margin of time that will ultimately allow this program to continue without aid.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Ford Transit Passenger Van	\$35,000	\$25,000
Ford Transit Passenger Van (Valero, \$25,000))	\$35,000	\$0
Ford Transit Passenger Van	\$35,000	\$0
Lift Van	\$45,000	\$0
TOTAL:	\$150,000	\$25,000

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