

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Believe It Foundation		Federal Tax ID#: 30-0512535		Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation		
Year	Funding \$	
2020	\$10,000	
Total	\$10,000	
Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined? No		
Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$15,000	\$288,800	\$377,100
Mission Statement: Believe It Foundation's purpose is to enrich the lives of physically challenged children through the inclusion of those children in the lives and experiences of those who do not face the same limitations.		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Program / Project Title: Believe It Bikes: Bringing Inclusive Recreation to Children with Physical Challenges		
PROJECT TIMELINE		
Start Date	End Date	
09/01/2021	08/31/2022	
Program / Project Description: <p>We are requesting funding to support Believe It Bikes, our adaptive bike program designed to engage children ages 3-22 with physical challenges in inclusive recreation. Through Believe It Bikes, we purchase and supply schools with adaptive bikes from Freedom Concepts, a leader in the field of inclusive recreation. We also work with adapted PE staff to launch the complementary Partners in PE program. Partners in PE is an elected mentorship class that pairs adaptive bike users with their typical peers in the physical education setting, helping to further promote inclusion of students with special needs and provide opportunities for participants to learn from each other.</p> <p>Thanks to dedicated school staff, students aren't limited to use of the bikes during physical education time. Bikes are used to aid in "transition times" (for example, from the classroom to the lunchroom) and in classrooms with the help of stationary trainers supplied by Believe It Foundation. Additionally, lending agreements allow families of children with physical challenges to "check out" bikes during school holidays and closures.</p> <p>We serve ten school districts in Bexar County: Harlandale, Edgewood, East Central, Alamo Heights, North East, Judson, Northside, San Antonio, Southside and Southwest ISDs. These districts have almost 34,000 students combined in special education, including 2,816 students specifically classified as having physical mobility challenges within the special education program. On average, 67% of students in these districts are classified as economically disadvantaged and 77% are Hispanic/Latino. Through these efforts, we've served an estimated 1,400 students between 2017 and 2020.</p>		
Evaluation Plan:		

We have witnessed the benefits of Believe It Bikes anecdotally time and again over the past four years. As the program grows and matures, our evaluation capabilities are growing and maturing as well. We are in the initial stages of collaborating with Texas A&M University- San Antonio's (TAMU-SA) College of Education & Human Development on a program evaluation for Believe It Bikes. The study will involve professors from the fields of special and general education, kinesiology, and psychology and plans to follow a cohort of Believe It Bikes participants over a few years, measuring items like psychological and physical growth and relationship development.

The TAMU-SA research team is currently finalizing their study design and seeking the appropriate institutional research approvals; they plan to start this year with a comprehensive evaluation of our work with another new partner, Judson ISD.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

In addition to strengthening our evaluation through the TAMU-SA partnership, we are focused on fostering sustainability throughout our organization. We purchase some of the highest-quality bikes on the market. With routine maintenance these bikes have the potential to last 10+ years. Freedom Concepts has developed a maintenance checklist, and Believe It is working with the districts' shop programs to establish regular maintenance checks.

We are also undertaking a bold and ambitious fundraising effort, in the aim of bringing adaptive bikes to children with physical challenges across our region at no cost. We believe all children deserve access to opportunities like Believe It Bikes and do not want to create barriers by instituting fees associated with the program. We are proud to have 100% Board giving, as well as the support of several foundations, including the Semmes Foundation, Warm Springs Foundation, The Greehey Family Foundation, and the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation. We are grateful for The Hartman Family Foundation's previous support and hope you will continue to join us in our efforts!

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Salaries	\$60,000	\$0
Supplies, Printing & Postage	\$2,000	\$0
Get Active Days	\$15,000	\$0
Equipment- Bike Purchase	\$208,800	\$15,000
Equipment- Bike Maintenance	\$3,000	\$0
TOTAL:	\$288,800	\$15,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
John Christie	Turner Construction Company
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David McAllister, Treasurer	Presidio Title
Andrew McAllister, Chair	Believe It Foundation
Ross Ormond	Offenhauser & Co.
Brooke Peacock	Community Volunteer
Johnny Polk	Community Volunteer

Donna Umhoefer	Northside Independent School District
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