

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Believe It Foundation	<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 30-0512535	<b>Are you a 501(3)(c) charity?</b> Yes	
<b>Address:</b> 4242 Broadway Street, Suite 706	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> TX	<b>Zip Code:</b> 78209
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### Head Of Organization

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### Application Contact

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**Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation**

Year	Funding \$
2020	\$10,000
2021	\$7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>

**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 \$:
\$10,000	\$409,000	\$534,829

**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 San Antonio Children with Physical Disabilities

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

Start Date	End Date
01/01/2024	12/31/2024

**Program / Project Description:**

Believe It Bikes partners with San Antonio-area school districts to improve the health and wellbeing of students with physical disabilities, using adaptive bikes as bridges to inclusion. We supply school partners with adaptive bikes from Freedom Concepts, a national leader in adaptive sports. These bikes include numerous modifications for those with various ambulatory needs and cost \$4,300 per bike. Because we do not want expense to be a barrier, we underwrite all costs through fundraising and do not charge our school district partners.

The program serves over 3,700 children ages 3-22 across 230+ distinct campuses. Participating ISDs in Bexar County are Alamo Heights, East Central, Edgewood, Harlandale, Judson, North East, Northside, Somerset, South San Antonio, Southside ISDs. Combined, these districts have 8,913 students with the physical and/or intellectual disabilities we serve (TEA, 2021-2022). On average, 61% of students in these districts are classified as economically disadvantaged and 69% are Hispanic/Latino.

Bikes are used:

- o During physical education, recess, and activities like bike rodeos.
- o During the Believe It Foundation-sponsored 'Partners in PE' program. This is an elected mentorship class that pairs adaptive bike users with their typical peers during PE. This class fosters mutual learning and the formation of authentic friendships.
- o In classrooms- with the aid of stationary trainers provided by Believe It Foundation- and during transition times (like from the lunchroom to the classroom).
- o During weekends and holidays, thanks to lending agreements that allow families to check them out.
- o During Get Active Days, our free, community wide inclusive fitness events.

**Evaluation Plan:**

Through regular use of the adaptive bikes, it is our goal those we serve will show growth in independence, confidence, and motor skills. With use of the bikes in classrooms (aided by stationary trainers), we aim for students to show improvements in behavior and increases in confidence and classroom participation. With Partners in PE, our goal is growth in genuine relationships and an increase in students of differing abilities naturally interacting throughout the school day.

We assess desired changes in students through surveys given to teachers. Most survey questions are measured on a Likert scale, with opportunities to share narrative feedback. We also collect testimonials through phone calls and emails. We aim for at least 85% of educators to report that students with disabilities improved their physical and mental health through use of adaptive bikes and participation in related programming.

In January, Believe It Bikes Director William McGinnis conducted the first round of program evaluations using the above-referenced survey. 95% of 20 educators agreed/strongly agreed using the adaptive bikes has improved students' overall health and wellness through increased physical and motor skills development. 95% also agreed/strongly agreed participating in the program has increased students' self-confidence and overall mental health.

**Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

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 works closely with the districts' shop programs to establish regular maintenance checks.

The Believe It Foundation team is also undertaking a bold and ambitious fundraising effort. 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. Thus, we are committed to underwriting all costs associated with the program through fundraising. Our leadership has invested resources in contract fundraising support to expand our capacity for fundraising effectiveness and bolster our organization's sustainability. We are proud to have 100% Board giving, as well as the support of a growing group of foundations and individual donors.

Believe It Bikes addresses an important health inequity in our community. By providing children who are unable to use conventional bicycles with an outlet for exercise within school and community contexts, we are promoting equitable access to the important physical and emotional benefits of exercise for a traditionally underserved population.

**Line item Budget:**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation</b>
Salary & Benefit	\$75,000	\$0
Supplies, Printing & Postage	\$3,500	\$0
Travel & Meetings	\$3,600	\$0
Get Active Days	\$10,000	\$0
Equipment- Bike Purchases	\$313,900	\$10,000
Equipment- Maintenance	\$3,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$409,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
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Andrew McAllister	Believe It Foundation
John Christie	Turner Construction Company
Brandon Clementson	Presidio Title
Hunter Kingman	Hixon Properties
Ross Ormond	Offenhauser & Co.
Brooke Peacock	Peacock Public Relations
Johnny Polk	Community Volunteer
Darcilyn Woods	Neurodevelopmental Therapist