

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Texas Ramp Project	Federal Tax ID#: 33-1139484	Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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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 \$	
2013	\$5,000	
2014	\$10,000	
2015	\$7,500	
2016	\$10,000	
2017	\$10,000	
2018	\$10,000	
2019	\$7,500	
2020	\$7,500	
Total	\$67,500	
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 \$:
\$12,500	\$153,000	\$1,630,000
Mission Statement: The Texas Ramp Project's mission is to provide free wheelchair ramps for low-income older adults and others with disabilities. The ramps are built by all-volunteer crews and provide recipients with safe and independent access to their homes and communities. The ramps follow ADA guidelines and are provided without regard to age, gender, religion, race or ethnicity. Our vision is that no one who needs safe access should go without it because they cannot afford it.		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Program / Project Title: Bexar County Ramp Project		
PROJECT TIMELINE		
Start Date	End Date	
01/01/2024	12/31/2024	
Program / Project Description: Nearly 25% of Bexar County's 65+ population--some 62,600 people--report an ambulatory disability. Including people of all ages, nearly 136,000 Bexar County residents have a mobility issue. The poverty rate is 14.8%. Clearly there is a great need for safe access among San Antonio residents. The Texas Ramp Project has been active in Bexar County since 2006. Last year TRP received 572 referrals in the county, and volunteers built 164 ramps. To date we have received another 353 referrals and built 91 ramps. Our 2024 goal is 160 ramps on a budget of \$153,000. Referrals come to the TRP website from state and local agencies, rehab hospitals, dialysis centers, home health companies, and other healthcare providers and social workers. The referral source qualifies the client as being low income according to their agency's standards. No direct referrals are accepted. Referrals are directed to the regional coordinator. A surveyor visits the residence and designs the ramp. On build day prebuilt modules, lumber, tools and other materials are transported to the site, where an experienced team leader and volunteer crew install the ramp in a few hours.		

The Bexar County Ramp Project coordinator is George Swarner, a retired military officer and teacher. He oversees 10 trained and equipped team leaders and volunteers from over 30 churches, civic clubs, military units, college student and alumni groups, and businesses. Mr. Swarner is looking to add two additional team leaders in 2024. Local volunteers have committed nearly 4,500 hours since January 2023.

Evaluation Plan:

On the objective side, TRP keeps detailed records of all builds, ramp lengths, volunteer sources, hours donated, and other parameters. The records are entered into a searchable referral and reporting database that allows us to retrieve information to county or even Zip code level. We can monitor and analyze information and create reports about activity in Bexar County. We can also retrieve demographics such as age, gender, race or ethnicity, and veteran status.

On the subjective side, TRP clients achieve safety, independence and improved quality of life, as well as quicker exit in fire or other emergency. Caregivers, especially elderly spouses, find their life less difficult as their loved ones become more able to manage access on their own. The community benefits because these clients will no longer need to call EMS or other help whenever they have to leave home. Often safe access allows older folks to age in place, in their homes. And the volunteers who build the ramps go home happy to have transformed a person's life in a few hours on a Saturday morning.

Starting this year, TRP is monitoring outcomes by querying past ramp recipients about how the ramps are being used.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Because we assist low-income people and don't sell a product, we depend on donor support. In 2022 and 2023, the Bexar County Ramp Project received funding from the Kronkosky Charitable, San Antonio Area, DEW, and Greehey Family Foundations; Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio; St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries; Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation; and Installed Building Products, WellMed, State Farm, Home Depot, Keeley Cares and H-E-B. The Kronkosky Foundation has just approved \$75,000 for Bexar, Comal, Bandera and Kendall counties. Other donations come from churches, service clubs and individuals.

TRP continues to seek unrestricted grants that can be used statewide. These include a \$35,000 grant from the Montandon Charitable Trust and a \$20,000 challenge grant from the Anderson Foundation. We will apply to the Ed Rachal Foundation of Corpus Christi, which provided a \$25,000 unrestricted grant in 2022. TRP is currently working to secure corporate partnerships, increase relationships with local Area Agencies on Aging, set up contracts with local Habitat for Humanity affiliates, and connect with banks that have Community Reinvestment Act funds to allocate.

Our 2024 statewide budget is \$1,842,000 to build at least 2,100 ramps. Crews have built 1,586 ramps so far in 2023.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Materials, transport, trailers	\$128,000	\$10,000
Warehouse (rent, utilities)	\$4,800	\$0
Tools for two new teams and upkeep	\$6,200	\$1,000
Travel/training	\$2,800	\$0
Project management	\$4,200	\$750
Central administrative	\$7,000	\$750
TOTAL:	\$153,000	\$12,500

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
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