

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Aid the Silent	Federal Tax ID#: 47-2883437	Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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Head Of Organization

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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation	
Year	Funding \$
2015	\$1,500
2016	\$1,000
2017	\$15,000
2018	\$22,500
2019	\$2,500
2020	\$11,000
2021	\$2,500
2022	\$2,500
Total	\$58,500

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 \$:
\$50,000	\$245,454	\$1,004,846

Mission Statement:
Aid the Silent is a Texas-based nonprofit that helps deaf and hard-of-hearing children and teens receive equal access to opportunity by providing financial assistance to enhance communication methods; gain access to education resources; and to improve their overall health, both mental and physical, that leads to individual growth socially, educationally and spiritually. Aid the Silent strives for equality for the deaf community.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
Deaf Resources

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
01/01/2023	12/31/2023

Program / Project Description:
Aid the Silent expanded our Deaf Resource program to offer pediatricians, Otolaryngologists (ENTs), and audiologists for testing & fittings through hearing aid pop-up clinics. Our children face barriers with Medicaid and needing referrals by 4 doctors before receiving medical clearance for hearing aids. Families face financial burdens, information overload, language barriers of Spanish and sign language, lack of transportation. They are unable to succeed for their deaf child. Our clinics service our most "at-risk" children in one day so we can focus our staff energy on follow-up care and education for families rather than navigating red tape in the medical system. If we wait for each medical appointment (it can take a year to navigate with a family), the deaf child misses critical windows of treatment and language acquisition. We work alongside the school districts to identify the children who qualify for our clinics. Aid the Silent is the first and only organization to serve deaf children in a traveling clinic with all the critical doctors for medical clearance at no cost to these families. Hearing aids cost approximately \$6,000 per child in addition to hundreds of dollars of follow-up care in speech therapy and/or sign language. We are the only ones servicing children who use oral and aural (spoken language) and then those who use sign language. We do not discriminate based on their language choices by the family or school or whatever language access was successful for that child.

Evaluation Plan:

Every family is asked to complete a survey and interview 3 months after receiving a service to give the child time to adjust to their new devices and see significant improvement. We use metrics of a 1-5 scale for "social determinants of health" in relatable language for our families. For example the written survey: 1. Communication: With the use of assistive hearing devices (ear molds, hearing aids, FM systems, batteries, etc...) my child/student's overall communication as well as physical, social, emotional and mental health has improved. 2. Academics: With the use of assistive hearing devices, my child/student's academic circumstances have improved (i.e. can better be involved in class lectures, peer participation, small group collaboration, etc...) and has improved physically, socially, emotionally and mentally. 3. Extracurricular Activities: With the use of assistive devices, summer camps, after school programs, teen club and community connection events, my child/student has been able to participate in activities outside of school (i.e. Scouts, sports, church, etc...) and has improved physically, socially, emotionally and mentally. The survey includes education, relationships, social health & mental health. The interview takes place over the phone or in-person. It goes into depth regarding the child's social life, self-esteem, family unit and mental health.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Once the audiology and ENT clinic is opened at the MAC, we will be able to refer and partner for ENT clearances and services for hearing loss. Deaf Resources has been funded through grants and private donations since our inception in 2015. This will be our 9th year dispensing resources such as hearing aids, summer camps, speech therapy, American sign language lessons and assistive technology. The program remains supported by faithful donors and foundations. Aid the Silent also rents our facility to outside events and our back warehouse has a full time tenant to cover our overhead. Another organization pays rent to Aid the Silent for the use of our facilities on the weekend. These revenue models keep our organization doors open and healthy.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Outside Contractor (Audiologist)	\$75,454	\$0
Deaf Resources	\$170,000	\$50,000
TOTAL:	\$245,454	\$50,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

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