

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Down Syndrome Association of South Texas		Federal Tax ID#: 03-0507948		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 \$
2008	\$15,250
2009	\$5,000
2010	\$10,000
2011	\$20,000
2012	\$17,500
2013	\$12,500
2014	\$20,000
2015	\$27,500
2016	\$20,000
2017	\$115,000
2018	\$35,000
2019	\$10,000
Total	\$307,750

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	\$79,461	\$527,848

Mission Statement:
 To provide lifelong services and support to individuals with Down syndrome and their families to optimize well-being, develop rewarding relationships, and foster inclusion in the community.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
 DSASTX Teen & Adult Club

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
01/01/2020	12/31/2020

Program / Project Description:

Teens and adults with Down syndrome or other disabilities are not often provided or offered access to formalized peer socialization and life skill opportunities that meet their needs and have qualified staff and volunteers. Due to this, individuals with Down syndrome often experience isolation from their peer group and are not provided support to continue positive social interactions. As a result, their potential to engage and contribute to the community is limited. Although our community continues to become more accepting and inclusive for individuals with Down syndrome and other disabilities, they still face barriers to a fully inclusive life due to lack of accessibility, lack of understanding, and lack of awareness. The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas' (DSASTX) Teen & Adult Club (T&A Club) is a weekly program that provides access and services all year long. The DSASTX welcomes our teens and adults with Down syndrome and other disabilities (and like-aged siblings) to join us for an evening of fun, inclusion, education, friendship, and creativity for 2.5 hours on 48 Wednesdays per year. Activities include dance, fitness, cooking & nutrition, arts & crafts, and more. The DSASTX provides a safe and inclusive environment where individuals are encouraged to grow and self-direct programming. Through our Teen and Adults Club, we see increased peer interaction from participants, as well as progress in demonstrating socially and age-appropriate behavior. The DSASTX promotes healthy lifestyles and positive social connections that encourage our participants to be active members of their society and contribute to their community. Because of their participation in Teen & Adult Club, 70% of participants will improve their overall sense of well-being, as defined by the development of meaningful relationships, increased healthy lifestyle choices, and a stronger sense of life purpose. The DSASTX projects to serve well over 70 unduplicated individuals over the course of the year, as well as over 1,250, duplicated beneficial encounters at it's Maggie Hartman Community and Education Center in 2020.

Evaluation Plan:

The DSASTX has established the following program-specific outcomes to support the overall goal of the Teen & Adult Club.

Participants will be surveyed twice a year on these objectives, and the DSASTX expects a higher rate of participation moving forward.

1. Because of their participation in the DSASTX's Teen & Adult Club, 70% of program participants with Down Syndrome will feel a sense of belonging as they socialize and form friendships with others.
2. Because of their participation in the DSASTX's Teen & Adult Club, 60% of program participants with Down Syndrome will access information and resources to promote a healthy lifestyle.
3. Because of their participation in the DSASTX's Teen & Adult Club, 55% of program participants with Down Syndrome will participate as active members of society and contribute to their communities.

Surveys will be administered during the program electronically and on paper. Participants will be assisted as needed in completing the survey. Additionally, free response data will be collected to assist in improving the program and contribute toward self-direction for the participants.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

In addition to seeking grant and foundation support to fund the Teen & Adult Club for years to come, the DSASTX will continue to seek support from individuals and corporations. The DSASTX will also continue to host its

two annual fundraising events, Buddy Walk and the Collective Palette which benefit programs and overall budget. The DSASTX has historically received generous individual support of all programs and operations.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Salaries and Employee Expenses	\$60,000	\$10,000
Contract Labor	\$1,120	\$0
Supplies	\$7,200	\$2,500
10% General Operations-Occupancy/Facilities	\$11,141	\$2,500

TOTAL:	\$79,461	\$15,000
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

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