

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc.	<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 74-2243259	<b>Are you a 501(3)(c) charity?</b> Yes	
<b>Address:</b> 8242 Vicar Dr.	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> Texas	<b>Zip Code:</b> 78218
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### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> John Schwab	<b>Title:</b> Executive Director
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### Application Contact

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding \$</b>
2012	\$10,000
2013	\$5,000
2014	\$15,000
2015	\$10,000
2017	\$20,000
2018	\$5,000
2019	\$20,000
2020	\$20,000
2022	\$135,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>

**Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?**

No

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$25,000	\$155,000	\$5,546,402

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of RMI is to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their maximum level of independence.

**PROJECT INFORMATION****Program / Project Title:**

Implementing Individual Skills and Socialization Services at the Life Enrichment Program

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
03/01/2023	09/30/2024

**Program / Project Description:**

Medicaid waiver organizations serving individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) are subject to the ever-changing regulations from the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS). These regulations are in place to protect the individuals served, but they are not without challenges. The CMS has mandated a new service, Individualized Skills and Socialization (ISS), in the Home and Community-Based Services waiver program. ISS will replace day habilitation. While the overall goal of ISS is positive, the steps to compliance are far from easy. Providers across the State of Texas are struggling to figure out how to offer ISS services within their current budget limitations. ISS services require three costly tasks that are hard for any organization to handle:

- 1) Higher staff-to-client ratios (changing from 1-10 to 1-6);
- 2) Increased rates for outside activities. (Currently, gas and staff activity fees are covered by Medicaid reimbursement. New regulations no longer allow these items to be billed to Medicaid;
- 3) If CMS determines that an offered service does not comply with regulations, penalties can include administrative fines and loss of revenue billed.

\$19,200 will help cover the increased staff-to-client ratios mandated by Medicaid. Additionally, philanthropic funding is needed to help cover the transportation cost to and from community outings. We anticipate transportation costs to increase by \$5,800.

**Evaluation Plan:**

It is crucial to follow the ISS program guidelines by November this year. A donation of \$25,000 from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation will cover startup costs for hiring two additional staff members at LEP. We will also be able to cover the increased transportation costs that come with providing more opportunities for community integration. The new staff members will undergo evaluations at the 3-month and 6-month marks to ensure they have the necessary skills to perform their jobs confidently.

It is required that all individuals receiving services have an Individual Plan of Care (IPC) that outlines their specific goals and objectives. These goals are addressed on a daily basis, documented weekly, and reported monthly to the local authority. Furthermore, the IPC is updated annually to reflect the individual's recent accomplishments.

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

By donating \$25,000, the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation will help cover the expenses needed to offer ISS services, such as increased staffing ratios and transportation. It should be noted that ISS services will also increase the Medicaid billable rate by approximately 25%. During the first full year of providing ISS, LEP expects a significant increase in Medicaid funding growth. We just need a little to get on our feet.

**Line item Budget:**

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
2 Handicap Accessible Vans	\$130,000	\$0
2 New Direct Care Staff at LEP	\$19,200	\$19,200
Transportation	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
J.R. Cantu	Independent Education and Behavioral Counselor
Marcia Stipek	Community Advocate
Kenda Willoughby	Community Advocate
Jerry DuTerroil	Attorney
Mary Hanlon-Hillis	Transition Specialist Alamo Heights I.S.D
Aimee Locke	Attorney
Jerry Terry	3 Jays Enterprise, LLC.
Daisy Torres	Broadway Bank