

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind	Federal Tax ID#: 74-1339051	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 \$
2016	\$15,000
2020	\$20,000
2021	\$20,000
Total	\$55,000

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

Yes
Yes, 2017.

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$25,000	\$474,404	\$30,092,774

Mission Statement:
The mission of Vibrant Works is to empower people with vision loss. Our vision is that people who are blind and vision impaired will have opportunities to reach their full potential in all aspects of life.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
Improving Access and Inclusion for Children with Vision Impairment and Their Families

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
12/01/2023	11/30/2023

Program / Project Description:
Low vision or blindness can have a profound impact on a child's progress. A substantial portion of a child's development relies on sight: identifying faces, exploring their environment, and reading/writing. Without specialized support and encouragement, these children can experience a delay in meeting milestones, including their ability to learn language, understand concepts, socialize, and acquire literacy skills. These delays later impact a child's education, employment opportunities, and overall quality of life. Research has proven that BVI children who receive rehabilitation services are more likely to meet developmental milestones, have an easier time transitioning into adulthood, and feel more social inclusion. Unfortunately, services are often scarce, inaccessible, and/or unaffordable, especially for under-resourced families.

Vibrant Works equitably provides services to children with low/no vision and their families, including:

- *Little Lighthouse Learners (LLL) to aid preschool-aged children. Includes a custom-designed accessible playroom that members of a child's care team can reserve.
- *Family celebrations, like the Beeping Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Bash, Breakfast with Santa, and Family Day at Morgan's Wonderland.
- *Holiday, after-school, summer, and STEM camps, including inclusive sports events, college tours, and an overnight camp.
- *The Assistive Technology, Braille, and Tactile Graphics Lending Library enables children to borrow accessible technologies and braille books they could not otherwise afford.
- *Transition to Work (T2W) prepares BVI and other special needs youth, ages 16-22, to enter the workforce by teaching vocational, social, and life skills.
- *Caregiver support & training.

Between 12/1/2023 and 11/30/2024, Vibrant Works will serve 200 unduplicated children and 175 caregivers through CYP.

Evaluation Plan:

All CYP activities address one or more of the nine research-based Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) for children with visual impairments. These "real life" skills are those that young people who are blind and vision impaired may need some extra assistance learning, and include assistive technology, career education, compensatory skills, independent living skills, orientation and mobility skills, recreation and leisure, self-determination, sensory efficiency, and social interaction skills. Professional staff evaluate children both pre- and post-activity and record any changes for each ECC area. Staff records ECC changes and demographic information in our Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) Case Management Database. Congregate ETO data is evaluated quarterly by the Vice President of Services to ensure overall program efficacy. During the grant period (12/1/2023-11/30/2024), 95% of the children and youth served will demonstrate improvement in one or more ECC areas. In addition, parents, teachers, and/or other care team professionals complete surveys on a voluntary basis to track their and their children's satisfaction with CYP's programming, camps, and activities to ensure services meet expectations. The Program Manager reviews this feedback when developing and planning further programming. At least 98% of parents surveyed during the grant period will report satisfaction with CYP activities.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Vibrant Works' CYP program will continue to be the focus of grant funding and public donations, as are most of our low vision support services. CYP receives support through the Najim Charitable Foundation, the Faye L. and William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation, and the San Antonio Jr. Forum, with other grant requests pending or planned. Additionally, funds raised annually from our three signature events (Dining in the Dark, Fore the Blind Charity Scramble, and Big Give) directly benefit Vibrant Works' low vision support services, including CYP. Our organization also produces some income through our manufacturing, product sales, and military base stores staffed by employees who are BVI. This income is primarily used for operating expenses, accessibility, infrastructure, and expansion of Vibrant Works' mission focus on creating jobs for people who are BVI. In some cases, portions of this income will supplement the cost of our community services and low-vision rehabilitation programs, including CYP.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Salaries and Wages	\$222,915	\$13,000
Benefits	\$47,781	\$0
Taxes	\$17,435	\$0
Occupancy	\$50,236	\$0
Telephone and Internet	\$172	\$0
Lease Expenses	\$3,075	\$0
Depreciation	\$41,332	\$0
Professional Fees	\$3,018	\$0
Contract Services	\$5,850	\$2,000
Printing and Outreach Materials	\$1,522	\$0
Postage & Shipping	\$230	\$0
Office Supplies	\$1,193	\$0
Computer Hardware/Software	\$7,268	\$0
Program Supplies	\$21,522	\$10,000

Assistive Technology/Adaptive Aids	\$40,000	\$0
Business Travel/Mileage	\$6,054	\$0
Conferences, Conventions, and Staff Training	\$1,601	\$0
Student Grant Funding	\$3,200	\$0
TOTAL:	\$474,404	\$25,000

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