

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Jefferson Area Community Outreach for Older People		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 74-2345987		<b>Are you a 501(3)(c) charity?</b> Yes	
<b>Address:</b> 2201 St.Cloud	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> Tx	<b>Zip Code:</b> 78228		
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### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Bri Valdez	<b>Title:</b> President/CEO
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### Application Contact

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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation	
Year	Funding \$
2018	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>	\$15,000

**Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?**  
 Yes  
 10/2020

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$25,000	\$245,000	\$245,000

**Mission Statement:**  
 The Jefferson Outreach mission is to help Seniors maintain healthy, secure and independent lifestyles. We are committed to providing no-cost supportive services that help enhance the quality of life of individuals over 60, their loved ones and care givers.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Program / Project Title:**  
 Senior Companion Ministries

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

Start Date	End Date
01/01/2022	12/31/2022

**Program / Project Description:**  
 Grant funds will be used to support our newest program, Senior companion ministries! The program provides requested support to low income elderly shut-ins, in the form of personalized one on one home visits. Each three hour fellowship visit prioritizes emotional and spiritual support as well as healthy living. According to texas.gov 42.6% of seniors over 60 in Bexar County live alone in non-family households. A 2020 study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found disturbing health risks associated with elder loneliness and isolation. Higher rates of depression, anxiety and suicide with a nearly 4 times increased risk of death. These health factors were also associated with about a 50% increased risk of spiritual decline and emotional distress. Spirituality is a significant part of many people's lives as we age it becomes more difficult to stay connected. Without spiritual and emotional support many can begin to lose faith. Lack of this type of social bond can be particularly challenging during difficult times. Social isolation and loneliness has also been linked with a greater likelihood of unhealthy behaviors and inactivity, that can result in behavioral disorder, such as excessive hoarding, dirty homes, and poor personal hygiene. Another area of concern for lonely adults is decreased appetite, causing malnutrition, decline in mental capacity and lower energy levels that generally lead to better resistance of illness and disease. Overall relative to others, lonely seniors over 60 tend to live alone; and have poorer self-rated health, more physical limitations in carrying out daily activities,

**Evaluation Plan:**  
 Our organization serves one of the most vulnerable populations in Bexar county, Seniors over the age of 60 and disabled adults who are economically disadvantaged. 80% of our clients fall below the poverty level, 55% are veterans or spouses of veterans, 75% of all our clients live home alone or independently with no means of transportation and very little resources to help support a healthy lifestyle. We serve all districts within Bexar County, and on an emergency basis we will go out of our scope of service area, by providing emergency assistance to individual up to 15 miles outside the county line. We are currently accepting new clients. With the new implementation of our Senior Companion Ministry Program, our goal is to provide essential services that allow disabled elderly individuals to remain independent in their home.

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

We have been serving the community for 37 years and plan to not only continue to provide no cost resources to clients, their families, loved ones and caregivers, but grow our new Senior Companion Ministry Program. We have many multi-year grants and partnerships that will push us there until at least another year. Despite the pandemic, we also have plans to host safe fundraising events and generate additional donations through a mail campaign.

**Line item Budget:**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation</b>
25,000	\$257,600	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$257,600</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

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