

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Project MEND	<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 74-2647324	<b>Are you a 501(3)(c) charity?</b> Yes
<b>Address:</b> 1111 Austin St.	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> Texas
		<b>Zip Code:</b> 78208
<b>Website:</b> www.projectmend.org	<b>Fax:</b> (210) 223-6363	

### Head Of Organization

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

<b>Name:</b> Cathy Valdez	<b>Title:</b> CEO	<b>E-Mail Address:</b> cathy.valdez@projectmen d.org	<b>Phone:</b> (210) 223-6363
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<b>Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding \$</b>
2008	\$10,000
2009	\$10,000
2011	\$5,000
2012	\$5,000
2013	\$10,000
2014	\$10,000
2015	\$15,000
2016	\$15,000
2017	\$15,000
2018	\$20,000
2019	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

**Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?**  
 Yes  
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<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$30,000	\$1,730,500	\$1,730,500

**Mission Statement:**  
 Project MEND is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals living with disabilities and illness through the refurbishment, reuse and distribution of medical equipment and other assistive technology.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Program / Project Title:**  
 Durable Medical Equipment Reuse/Assistive Technology Programs

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
10/01/2021	09/30/2022

**Program / Project Description:**

Funds are being requested for general operating expenses associated with the delivery and implementation of our Medical Equipment Reuse and Assistive Technology services. Services are provided to people of all ages living with disabilities and illness requiring them to utilize medical equipment and/or assistive devices. Believing that mobility and independence are basic human rights, Project MEND is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals living with disabilities and illness through the refurbishment, reuse and distribution of medical equipment and other assistive technology. Our major service provision, Medical Equipment Reuse, allows Project MEND to collect pieces of previously owned medical equipment from nursing homes, independent living facilities, the community and our partner agencies, and professionally refurbish and sanitize it to the State's standards. Once refurbished and logged into available inventory, the equipment is distributed to individuals who present with a need and prescription (Rx). Our clients face disabilities and life-altering illnesses that result in barriers to everyday tasks of living, but our mission promotes independence, safe mobility and improved self-sufficiency through the reuse of previously used medical equipment. Having the right pieces of medical equipment available at the moment it is needed is imperative to a person's ability to safely recover, rehabilitate and/or better manage a diagnosis. Project MEND and the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation are in a unique position to empower the disability population of San Antonio/Bexar County to live independently, with better quality of life.

**Evaluation Plan:**

We determine our quantifiable goals are met through client and inventory data-tracking that measures the total number of unduplicated clients served; total number of services provided; and total number of pieces of medical equipment refurbished and distributed. We measure the improvement in an individual's overall quality of life through self-reporting pre and post client questionnaires that capture a client's self-perception of their improvement in independence, mobility and self-sufficiency as a direct result of the equipment received.

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

Project MEND consistently seeks funding for program sustainability, which includes: grant-writing; service contracts with medical facilities/agencies; and municipal contract funding. Additional strategies implemented to sustain the Medical Equipment Reuse Program include fundraising events; aggressive outreach strategies; fee-for-service structure; securing endowments; networking with other agencies that serve individuals living with disability; soliciting in-kind support; and developing and maintaining relationships with local agencies that might have access to donated medical equipment. We also acknowledge that a broad repertoire of outreach options impact organizational sustainability and increases our chance of ongoing success, thus we continue to nurture and build collaborations with local nonprofits, outpatient clinics and hospitals; attend community health fairs and conferences; and engage in educational and awareness presentations to local employee giving campaigns and clubs.

**Line item Budget:**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation</b>
Durable Medical Equipment Reuse/Assistive Technology Programs	\$1,730,500	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,730,500</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Lee McKenna, Board Chair	Stream Realty
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Paul Wobser, Board Treasurer	ADKF
Jaime Fernandez, Board Secretary	USAA

Dexter Moon, Board Member	USAA
Marcie Casas, Board Member	GDC Marketing & Ideation
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