

# 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> 5727 IH 10 West	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> Texas	<b>Zip Code:</b> 78201
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### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Cathy Valdez	<b>Title:</b> CEO
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> cathy.valdez@projectmend.org	<b>Phone:</b> (210) 223-6363

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,000</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>
\$25,000	\$1,662,100	\$1,662,100

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

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Program / Project Title:**  
 Operating support

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
10/01/2019	09/30/2020

**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. Through Medical Equipment Reuse, Project MEND directly addresses the need for affordable and readily available medical equipment for the under-served disability community of Bexar County. While there are hundreds of agencies providing for the lack of financial security, emotional needs and housing for this population, Project MEND is the only agency filling the gap of home medical equipment. The benefits of this process include: saving usable medical equipment; keeping unsanitary and/or bio-hazardous equipment out of the hands of untrained individuals; promoting a "green-friendly" environment; and providing cost-savings to the community.

To achieve our stated goal, we strive to accomplish the following annually:

1. To provide services to 1500 clients;
2. Evaluate, sanitize, repair, and refurbish no less than 3000 pieces of donated medical equipment, promoting a culture of resourcefulness and a reduction in potential trash;
3. Distribute no less than 3000 pieces of medical equipment to eligible clients; and
4. Provide services that result in no less than 95% of clients reporting an increase in their mobility, independence and self-sufficiency.

**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>
General Operating	\$1,637,100	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,637,100</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Dexter Moon, Board Chair	USAA
Lee McKenna, Board Secretary	Stream Realty
Jack Cantrell, Board Treasurer	Retired (KCI Finance)
Virginia Mika, Board Member	University Health System
Marcie Casas, Board Member	GDC Marketing & Ideation
Charlie Weil, Board Member	Transwestern Commercial Realty
Josh Newton, Board Member	Overland Partners
Matt Swantner, Board Member	Jackson Walker, LLP
Bill Phillips, Board Member	University Health System
Paul Wobser, Board Member	ADKF
Carey Quackenbush, Board Member	GDC Marketing & Ideation
Jaime Fernandez, Board Member	USAA
Lexi Michael, Board Member	Acelity