

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: The Saddle Light Center	Federal Tax ID#: 74-2612738	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 \$
2014	\$5,000
2015	\$5,000
2017	\$5,000
2018	\$5,000
2019	\$5,000
Total	\$25,000

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

No

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$5,000	\$181,961	\$232,540

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Saddle Light Center is to provide equestrian therapy for children, teenagers, and adults that have a disability including: neurological, orthopedic, learning and emotional as well as a wide range of others. Our goal is to inspire our riders to accomplishments previously considered beyond their capabilities.

PROJECT INFORMATION**Program / Project Title:**

Program Expense/Prioritizing Horse Care During Covid

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
11/01/2020	12/31/2020

Program / Project Description:

During the Covid 19 pandemic we have continued operating to the best of our abilities by cutting expenses where possible without impacting the health and care of our horses or safety of our riders. However we lost two thirds of our riders at the beginning of the pandemic, and currently 75% of our riders are back. In addition, we are unable to safely hold our two major fundraising events for the year, EquestFest, and our annual raffle that is drawn at our holiday party, which we also decided was best to cancel this year. We rely on these events for much needed funds every year. Last year in combination we raised \$17,674 from these two events which helps us to maintain our high standard of care for our horses and program. The riders' fees only cover 46% of our expenses, the rest has to come from grants, fundraising events and donations.

We are asking for funds to apply to our Program Expenses to help with the following expenditures that we expect to incur over the course of 2 months (please note some are prone to change):

- Facility rent: \$3,800
- Hay, feed, shavings and supplements: \$6,888
- Farrier care: \$750
- Veterinary care and medication: \$1,323
- Barn manager & horse trainer fees: \$3,493
- Instructor and Therapist fees: \$5,285

Evaluation Plan:

We plan to evaluate our horses as happy and healthy as follows:

1. Physically: (a) to ensure that each horse maintains a healthy weight, horses weights are monitored and documented monthly. Their diet is then adjusted with grain, hay and supplements as needed. (b) To ensure that the horses are not physically overworked, a schedule is maintained to utilize horses in a manner that allows for no more than 2 hours per day Monday through Friday. When a horse is not fully capable of riders, substitutions are made with other horses keeping this schedule in mind.

2. Emotionally: (a) To ensure that each horse gets enough exercise, a trainer exercises the horses each week, in addition to our lessons. The trainer also helps to identify medical issues early with the horses. (b) To ensure that the social need ("herd mentality") is met, we maintain 3 outdoor paddocks and a round pen as well as individual inside stalls. The stalls are used for feeding each horse their individualized diet, staging for lessons, during the intense heat of the day and for inclement weather. Otherwise the horses socialize together outside.

3. Medically: (a) To ensure that each horse is in the best medical state the farrier cares for their feet every 4-6 weeks. (b) In addition, all 13 horses are seen yearly by Dr. Huffman, DVM and Dr. Martin, DVM for their annual check-up and teeth floating. A donation by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) have provided the yearly inoculations for all of our horses, thru the recommendation from Dr. Robert Ball, DVM. They are also de-wormed every 3 months to control internal parasites. (c) 6 of our horses currently require medications we must obtain from a veterinarian. (d) To ensure that each horse is in good shape, the barn manager, horse trainers, program director and horse handlers for each lesson evaluate gait and and responsiveness to ensure we catch injuries as soon as possible.

4. Awareness: (a) To ensure the Board of Directors are aware of any changes in the horses' status, there is a standing agenda item to talk about the horses and their conditions at every monthly BOD meeting along with a way forward for the horse as provided by the Program Directors.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

The Saddle Light Center has been in operation for more than 25 years and we continue to seek ways to ensure revenue needed as listed below:

1. As we continue to grow, we will continue to apply for grants to help us cover scholarships and program expenses. The scholarship program is one that enables us to provide assistance to those families who would otherwise not have access to our services. We generally seek grants for the scholarship program annually.

2. We will continue to build our client and instructor base so we can increase rider revenue to help with costs. Rider fees help cover some of the program expenses. We will at times also seek grants to assist with Program Expenses, so we can keep the fee for our services affordable.

3. As an organization, we will continue to ask for donations and participate in fundraising events if possible. We do participate in the Big Give and Amazon Smile and this year we're looking at a silent auction to be held on our website.

4. Our last resort will be to increase our fees, however, at this point, we have not had to do that for more than 10 years. We want to make our services as affordable as possible for everyone, whether self pay, CLASS (Community Living Assistance and Support Services), program sponsorship, or full and partial scholarships. We do not file for insurance reimbursement since most insurance companies still consider this activity experimental. If they reimburse the allowed sessions are very limited and the majority of our clients will need continued therapy for many years.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Facility Rent	\$3,800	\$950

Hay, feed, shavings and supplements	\$6,888	\$1,950
Farrier care	\$750	\$150
Veterinary care and medication	\$1,323	\$275
Barn manager & horse trainer fees	\$3,493	\$1,082
Instructor and Therapist fees for service	\$5,285	\$593
TOTAL:	\$21,539	\$5,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Kerstin Fosdick, President	Private Business
Patricia Lucas, Vice President	Retired Air Force
Lisa Cornell, Secretary	Private Business
Bruce Jennings, Client Representative	Private Business
Alison Gragg, Fundraising Chair	Private Business
Jolanda Straathof, Treasurer	Private Business
Justin Hoffman, Attorney at Law	Private Business
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