

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	
Address: 17530 Old Evans Rd	City: Selma	State: Texas	Zip Code: 78154
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Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation

Year	Funding \$
2013	\$5,000
2014	\$5,000
2015	\$5,000
2017	\$5,000
2018	\$5,000
2019	\$5,000
2020	\$5,000
2021	\$5,000
2022	\$1,200
Total	\$41,200

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 \$:
\$7,000	\$198,696	\$257,656

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide equestrian therapy for people of all ages who have a disability, including but not limited to neurological, orthopedic, learning and emotional disabilities.

PROJECT INFORMATION**Program / Project Title:**

Program Expenses - Healthy Horse Maintenance and Rider Program Expenses

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
01/01/2023	12/31/2023

Program / Project Description:

The funds will be used to maintain our programs. This includes maintaining horse health, such as feed, supplements, medicine, and veterinarian and farrier services, and rider program support, such as instructors, therapists, and supplies and equipment. The health of our horses is critical to providing our unique types of therapy for our clients. We provide two types of equestrian therapy for 58 clients: hippotherapy and therapeutic riding. The benefits of hippotherapy are improved posture, balance, strength, and trunk control, and therapeutic riding improves riding skills while enhancing cognition, physical abilities and emotional and social well-being.

Therapy sessions are held outdoors, so extreme weather conditions (too hot, too cold, stormy) can cause clients or The Saddle Light to cancel some sessions, which reduces our rider revenue. In addition to weather cancellations, we understand the fragile health and concerns of our clients and anticipate above-average health-related cancellations. We do plan for 70% realization of available lesson each year but have experienced an above-normal decrease in revenue. While revenue is down due to cancellations, our horses still require daily feed and care to remain healthy, so our challenge is to maintain the high quality of care our horses require. In the first 6 months of 2023, we lost 217 therapeutic riding lessons and 239 hippotherapy sessions resulting in lost revenue of \$27, 599.

Evaluation Plan:

Clients are referred to us by physicians and therapists and an Initial evaluation is performed when goals are set to address the client's needs. Instructors and therapists record progress and set new goals as initial goals are met. We measure the impact of our therapy by improvements seen in functional abilities of our clients. The health of our horses is monitored daily, with any issues addressed immediately. Our horses enjoy the benefits of a consistent feeding schedule, health supplements as needed, vaccinations, deworming and medicine as needed, weekly grooming and exercise, and access to veterinarian and farrier services on a regular basis. When the horses are healthy and happy, they make the best therapy partners for our clients.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Rider revenue, agency payments, and scholarships support our program expenses at a minimum of 48%. Our ability to maintain the current number of therapy sessions and clients is evaluated each year, with adjustments made, as required within our budget.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Horse & Barn Expenses	\$62,312	\$5,000
Rider Program Expenses	\$40,680	\$2,000
TOTAL:	\$102,992	\$7,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Kerstin L. Fosdick, LTP, President	Private Practice
Vicki Howard, Secretary	Retired
Bruce Jennings, Client Representative	Private Practice
Alison Gragg, Fundraising Chair	Private Business
Jolanda Straathof, Treasurer	Private Business
Clint Butler, CPA	Private Business
Anne Walker, Grant Writer	Retired