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# University of Texas at Arlington

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## Memorandum

To: Catherine Arredondo, Director of Development

From: Julia Lilly, Student

CC: Dr. Timothy Ponce, Professor

The purpose of this memorandum is to present multiple grant opportunities that are in line with Northside Inter-Community Agency (NICA) core values as stated on your GuideStar profile and website which is to end generational poverty using education and wrap-around services for youths and their families. Additionally, NICA has a focus on providing food to the community as well as improving the location of their food pantry so as to provide better access to available food. Below are the three grants to explore:

**Grant Funder: Texas Capital Bank Foundation**

**Website:** <https://www.texascapitalbank.com/foundation>

Texas Capital Foundation funds Texas-based nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to low-and-moderate income communities in the markets where the bank operates. This foundation's goals align with three of your foundation's primary focuses: food, youth, and capital funding needs.

Grant Details:

- Grant amount determined by need.
- Applications are accepted ongoing. No deadlines.
- Applicable Target: access to nutritious food, afterschool programs and small business support.
- Eligibility: 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status, serving low- and moderate-income communities.
- Reporting requirements not required.

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Grant Requirements:

- Proof of imparting services to low-and-moderate income communities (defined as 80% or less of area median income).
- Serving low-and-moderate income individuals, families, or communities.
- Programs must fall under Texas Capital Bank's philanthropic focus areas: Live (convenient access to nutritious food), Learn (afterschool programs), or Lift (small business support).
- Current tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Financial statements, board member list and org chart with grant application.
- No specific documentation is required at this time; however, it is suggested that your record keeper be ready to provide an in-depth study of your three programs: Food Pantry, Youth Collective, and estimates for potential remodel of the Food Pantry.

Grant Justification:

Here's why this grant opportunity might be a good fit for NICA:

- NICA's mission aligns with the grant's goals: Since NICA's mission is to provide convenient access to nutritious food through their food pantry, provide afterschool programs for youth through your Youth Collective, and because you need small business funding in order to continue your current programs this grant is in line with all NICA's missions.
- NICA's experience: Since NICA's current programs can demonstrate a positive impact on the community since 1969 in all three target areas and because they meet all three categories outlined in the grant requirements, they are most likely to be awarded a grant. They will need to be able to demonstrate the need for the small business grant under the Lift program and how they will use the funds to further the other two programs under Live and Learn.

Top Three Alignments:

NICA	Foundation
Need for Remodel	Small business funding
Food Focused	Focused on Food for lower income families.
Texas Based	Texas Based

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## Grand Funder: Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation

Website: <https://www.alkek.org/grantguidelines.htm>

Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation is committed to helping non-profit organizations in the United States further develop their current programs and often provide funds for construction. This foundation's grants align with your focus of improving the food pantry through remodeling.

### Grant Details:

- Funding amount: Up to \$150,000 available for construction.
- Application deadline: Applications are accepted ongoing. No Deadline. However, only one application per calendar year may be submitted.
- Applicable Target: Nonprofits who wish to expand and provide better infrastructure for their current programs.
- Eligibility: 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status.
- Reporting requirements not required.

### Grant Requirements:

- Grants are limited to organizations and projects serving the State of Texas.
- The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or loans of any type.
- The Foundation does not make direct scholarships to students. All scholarship programs are administered through educational institutions.
- The Foundation does not make grants intended to influence legislation or to support candidates for political office.
- No specific documentation required at this time; however, it is suggested that your president have estimates for the remodel of the Food Pantry and numbers in regard to how many additional families the remodel will service. If details about how it will help, the organization become more compliant with ADA requirements and how it will improve general use of the facility, those should also be included.
- Please do not include tax returns, detailed budget packages or financial statements with your submission.

### Grant Justification:

Here's why this grant opportunity might be a good fit for NICA:

- NICA's mission aligns with the grant's goals: Since NICA's current goal is to improve the food pantry and general infrastructure this foundation is a perfect match as their mission is to improve infrastructure and provide construction to nonprofits. Visiting their grants given page will reflect amounts of money they have donated towards construction. For

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example, they provided a \$150,000 grant to the Salvation Army for facilities construction.

- NICA's experience: Since NICA already has a facility and proof of clients served through the current food pantry which will align with the foundation's goals to fund established nonprofits. NICA will need to demonstrate the need for renovations of the food pantry and how it will create more assistance in the community.

Top Three Alignments:

NICA	Foundation
Need for Remodel	Focus on Infrastructure and Construction
Community Based Organization	Focus on community-based organizations
Texas Based	Texas Based

**Grand Funder: Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities**

Website: <https://tcdd.texas.gov/grants/funding-available/>

TCDD has funding available for a grant project to increase choice-making skills among youth with developmental disabilities (DD), from birth to age 14, and among their parents and caregivers. This foundation's grants align with your focus on helping underprivileged families in your community.

Grant Details:

- Funding amount: Up to \$300,000 per year for one organization for up to five years.
- Application deadline: August 23, 2024.
- Applicable Target: Children with developmental disabilities from birth to 14 years old who need to learn life choice-making skills.
- Eligibility: 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status, serving families with children who are disabled.
- Reporting requirements not required

Grant Requirements:

- The project must focus on children with disabilities from all backgrounds.
- The project must include a plan to train parents and caregivers.
- The project must evaluate the effectiveness of the training.

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Grant Justification:

Here's why this grant opportunity might be a good fit for NICA:

- NICA's mission aligns with the grant's goals: Since NICA's mission is to promote personal dignity and end the cycle of poverty, this grant aligns with that mission by focusing on developing choice-making skills in young children that will take them into adulthood. This is in line with your Youth Collective program which promotes life skills for children ages 13-14 with the added focus on children with learning disabilities.
- NICA's experience: Since NICA has experience working with families that have children with disabilities, this experience would be valuable in implementing the grant project. While children with disabilities is not explicitly stated on your website, the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) has determined that families who care for children with a disability more 6.5% more likely to fall into poverty due to medical expenses. Therefore, it is likely that many of your clients and their children have some sort of disability. Since NICA has expertise in teaching choice-making skills, this expertise would be valuable in developing and delivering training for parents and caregivers.

Top Three Alignments:

NICA	Foundation
Child based programs	Children with disabilities
Ages 13-17	Ages 0-14
Teaches life skills	Focus on teaching life skills

We'd like to meet with you at your earliest opportunity to discuss the grants outlined above.

Sincerely,

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