

Tina Martinez  
Community Development Director

Subject: Amendment Proposal for Laredo 3rd Party Grant

Dear Ms. Martinez,

Smiles From Heaven respectfully requests an amendment to the original grant allocation for the Laredo 3rd Party Grant. Initially restricted to fuel and meal cards for pediatric cancer patients, we seek to expand the scope of these funds to include rent for the occupational space for the Smiles From Heaven Pediatric Cancer Center. This adjustment will allow us to offer a broader range of direct services beyond just fuel and meal assistance, ensuring comprehensive support for pediatric cancer patients, children with blood disorders, and their families.

With a dedicated space, we can provide essential services such as:

- Tutoring to help children keep up with their education during treatment.
- Music Therapy to aid in emotional well-being.
- One-on-One and Group Counseling to provide mental health support.
- Fuel & Meal Cards, Transportation Assistance, and Lodging Support to ease the burden of travel and living expenses for treatment.
- Resource Services to connect families with financial, medical, and emotional support.

By allocating funds toward rent, we can secure a safe and accessible location where these vital services can be delivered effectively. This amendment ensures that every dollar is maximized to provide holistic support to the families we serve.

**Proposed Budget Adjustment:**

Fuel Card and Meal Card: \$10,000.00

Rent: \$15,000.00

We appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Please let us know if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

*Ray Sanchez*

Executive Director

Smiles From Heaven