

## Gigi's Playhouse

Description: New location build out and programming.

Purpose: Note: An appropriation in 2018 was administered through Heritage and Arts but Human Services seems to make more sense. Gigi's Playhouse Down syndrome Achievement Center in Layton is the only non-profit of its kind serving over 100 families with Down syndrome children. Gigi's Playhouse fills a gap unmet by traditional special needs and social services programs because it is for families to learn about nurturing their children and to connect with other families with similar needs.

Amount: \$200,000 one-time FY 2019



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We are 98% volunteer run, with only our site coordinator being compensated for 32 hours. To keep our Playhouse open and programs running, we average 463 volunteer hours monthly.

We offer 42 monthly programs that service an average of 120 participants and their families. If we are granted the \$200,000 from the state, we will be able to increase those numbers by 15% and offer programming to most of Utah ranging from Logan to Cedar City.

With funding granted from the State of Utah for 2018/2019 we were able to relocate to a new facility and expand thru build out, giving us the opportunity to service twice as many individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. We were also able to keep existing programs running, and launching new Science and Math programs for our participants. Thru these various programs we are able to teach the individual with Down Syndrome how to be a viable and productive member of our community.

Please take the time to review the folder, the Playhouse is open Tuesday through Saturday for tours if you would like to stop by, or feel free to reach out to Brittanie Flint, John Adrian, or Leslie Shurliff, to schedule a tour and ask any questions you may have. Our door is always open.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Your friends at Gigi's Playhouse, Layton

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- **Request and budget: \$200,000**

Programs - New & Expansion	DD(new), Math(new)	\$ 88,000.00
*program costs are inclusive		
of applicable salary, fees,		
software, materials, and		
other misc costs		
Administrative	Salaries, Rent	\$ 50,000.00
General operating costs	Util., NSM	\$ 17,000.00
Expansion (Pop ups)	Programing from Cedar City to Logan.	\$ 45,000.00
		\$ 200,000.00

**Metric and Measure:**

2018 \*1250 Participants \*1955 hours in Programs \*5,556 Volunteer hours

Increase the above measures by 15% annually. Reports available monthly Impact:

Increase available services and geographic impact in Utah (Pop-up's) by 25%.

Increase community awareness, acceptance, and functional independence of these individuals.



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