



City of Knoxville Office of Community Safety & Empowerment

2025 Empower Knox Grant Proposal – Event Funding

Open Application Window: November 11, 2024 - May 1, 2025

Preliminary Review Deadline: April 28, 2025 at 4:30

Application Window Closes: May 1, 2025 before 4:30

Section 1: Application Check List

Please submit all of the following. Applications that are missing materials will not be accepted.

- ☒ Completed all Application Questions including Section 1-4 as well as Grant Proposal Sections 5 & 6.
- ☒ **Organization Annual Report or Budget** for applicant organization or fiscal sponsor
- ☒ **Project Budget Form** (please use provided template)
- ☒ **W-9** for applicant organization or fiscal sponsor - <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9>
- ☒ **IRS 501c3 Tax Exempt Designation Letter** for applicant organization or fiscal sponsor
- ☒ **Currently registered with TN Secretary of State** or registration exemption letter from the State of TN for applicant or fiscal sponsor. See <https://tncab.sos.tn.gov/portal/registered-charities-search>
- ☐ (If using a fiscal sponsor) **Letter from Fiscal Sponsor** acknowledging intent to serve in that capacity

Section 2: Applicant Information

Organization Name: One Knoxville Collective Current Date: 04/30/2025
Contact Name: Jonathan Haskell Position held by contact: director
Contact Email: jonathan@oneknoxsc.com Phone Number: 865-456-0373
Physical Address: 1329 Chilhowee Ave. Knoxville, TN 37917
(If Different) Mailing Address: _____

Section 3: Applicant Details

1.) Current Legal Business Status: *(Select only one)*

☒ 501c(3): If 501c(3), applicant is registered with the [State of TN as a Charitable Organization](#).

Please provide Registration No. **EIN 92-3268829**

☐ Community-Based Organization (CBO) - Not an active 501c3 and/or utilizing a Fiscal Sponsor

(If Applicable) Fiscal Sponsor Name and Contact: _____

☐ Other (Local Education Agency, Non-Public School, etc): _____

2.) Describe the mission of your organization, the populations served, and the services offered. (100 words max)

One Knoxville Collective's (OKC) mission is to change lives through soccer. It is OKC's vision to provide soccer for all, removing any physical or socioeconomic barriers. Currently, soccer is based upon a pay-to-play model in the United States. This model excludes the most marginalized youth. The highest at-risk youth who would benefit the most from participating in the game are excluded due to high club, league, and team fees. OKC has a vision to disrupt this model and to offer programs within the most vulnerable Knoxville communities through a new program, the East Knoxville Soccer Club.

3.) Have you received funding from the City of Knoxville in the past? If yes, list grant type and amount (50 words max)

☒ Yes
(If yes, list grant and amount)

☐ No

We received a \$10,000 grant from the African American Equity Restoration Task Force for the same program.

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Section 4: Project Budget

1.) Project or Event Title: East Knoxville Soccer Academy

2.) Funding Amount Requested: \$ 1500

3.) Estimated Project Timeline (Start Date): June 1 (End Date): July 31

Line Item	Description/Details	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Program Materials				
T-shirts	shirts for participants			\$ 300.00
Snacks / water				
Total Program Materials:				\$ 500.00
Training & Meeting Supplies and/or Operating Costs				
Equipment	balls, goals, cones			\$ 200.00
Total Training, Meeting, and/or Operating Costs:				\$ 200.00
Participant Stipends (if applicable)				
Stipends	for older students assisting the program			\$ 500.00
Total Participant Stipends:				\$ 500.00
Personnel and/or Administrative Costs				
Program director				\$ 300.00
Total Personnel and/or Administrative Costs (May not exceed 20% of Total):				\$ 300.00
Total Budget (Should equal Section 4, Question 2 – Total Amount Requested):				\$ 1,500.00

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Please submit all grant application pages including Section 1-4 as well as Section 5 & 6 for each project.

Review the Empower Knox Event Funding Grant Guidelines [here](#).

Funding available from \$500-\$1,500 for direct engagement of youth ages 12-24. Not suitable for fundraising event sponsorships. Event must occur between January 1 and September 15, 2025. Short Answer text boxes will cut off beyond the word count maximum. Answers beyond the maximum may not be considered.

Section 5: Project Proposal and Focus

- 1.) Event Title: EKSA - Summer Program
- 2.) Funding Amount Requested (up to \$1,500): 1500
- 3.) Exact or Proposed Event Timeframe (Start Date): June 1 (End Date): July 31 (no later September 15, 2025)
- 4.) Number of anticipated youth ages 12-24 directly served by requested funds: 40
- 5.) Please describe your event and the intended audience (150 max)

The East Knoxville Soccer Academy (EKSA) will launch its after-school program at Vine Middle in fall 2025. To build momentum, EKSA will offer a summer program for rising 6th–8th graders that bridges the 2024–25 school year with the fall launch. The summer initiative has two key components: a weekly structured play night—envisioned as a community-centered event like “Tuesdays at Tubman” or “Friday Night Lights”—and a 3-day intensive training camp in partnership with One Knoxville SC. Depending on turnout, weekly sessions will feature either a casual league format or organized pickup games. EKSA will also enlist and compensate older student-athletes from Austin-East to lead and mentor younger participants. This peer-led, community-rooted approach not only strengthens skills on the field but also builds leadership, belonging, and neighborhood pride—laying the foundation for a sustainable, youth-driven program in East Knoxville.

- 6.) How will your event support the Empower Knox mission to *Build Successful Life Outcomes for Knoxville’s Youth*? (150 words max)

The EKSA summer program is designed to support long-term success for Knoxville’s youth by achieving five key goals: 1) Provide high-quality soccer instruction to help players develop technical skills and a deeper understanding of the game; 2) Foster leadership, confidence, and character through consistent engagement with positive, near-peer role models; 3) Build a sense of belonging and connection among youth across East Knoxville, strengthening neighborhood ties; 4) Encourage a healthy, active lifestyle that supports physical and mental well-being; and 5) Offer safe, structured, and inspiring opportunities that keep youth engaged and empowered during out-of-school time. Together, these goals lay the foundation for stronger life outcomes by equipping youth with skills, support, and community rooted in consistency and care.

Section 6: Signature and Acknowledgement

- 1.) Reach out via email or phone for more information and assistance with your application or project proposal:

Questions?

Emily Norris
865-215-3524
enorris@knoxvilletn.gov

- 2.) If you wish, to have your application preliminarily reviewed for completeness:

Preliminary Application Review Due:

Monday, April 28, 2025 before 4:30p

- 3.) Submit applications and accompanying documents by email or in-person:

Final Application Deadline:

Thursday, May 1, 2025 before 4:30p

Applications will not be accepted beyond this deadline.

<p>Emily Norris Youth Engagement Manager</p> <p>400 W Main Street, Room 546E Knoxville, TN 37902</p> <p>865-215-3524 enorris@knoxvilletn.gov</p>

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