



CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

City Council

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Safety and Empowerment

DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE: LaKenya Middlebrook

AGENDA SUMMARY

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Community Safety and Empowerment budget and donating same to YOKE in support of two Summer Adventure Camps for youth to keep young people engaged in positive activities over the summer.

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED

All Districts

BACKGROUND

For nearly 50 years, YOKE has partnered with local schools to offer high-quality, accessible after-school programs — always free of charge and open to students of any or no faith background. Their singular focus on middle school students ensures a targeted, effective approach during a critical developmental window. Studies show that mentored youth experience higher graduation rates, stronger family and peer relationships, improved behavior and self-esteem, greater educational ambitions, and a reduced likelihood of risky behaviors. YOKE's programs not only impact students immediately but also equip them to lead and serve the next generation, creating a ripple effect of hope and transformation throughout entire communities.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

June 5 through July 10, 2025

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

FISCAL INFORMATION

\$1,500.00 to be funded from 000100.011116.8950.0839 Office of Community Safety and Empowerment budget and administered by Office of Community Safety and Empowerment Staff.