



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Refugee Soccer, and its novel female-focused program, #SheBelongs, benefits thousands of youth across various communities here in Utah. This funding is critical to maintaining the strong growth of these programs so that even more communities across Utah will better be able to create more belonging, cultivate mutual understanding and respect, build character and confidence, and improve the mental and physical well-being of all Utahans. The primary populations that are positively impacted are refugee AND non-refugee communities across the state, girls and boys, in schools and after-school programs, churches, and on more and more soccer fields everywhere.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: ADAM MILES

Organization: REFUGEE SOCCER

Position: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$60,000.00	
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$15,000.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOCCER

Economic and Community Development

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$10,000.00	
Technology Purchases	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$15,000.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$100,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes



Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

We would serve fewer children.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

02205

Agency:

600 / Workforce Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Primary Market: Utah youth, refugee and non-refugee, girls and boys, ages 6-20.

Secondary Market: Family, Schoolmates/Teachers/Admin, Club/Team, and broader community members of the youth we engage.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

1. Initiate and deepen cross-cultural connectivity, which increases mutual understanding and respect. 2. Increase physical well-being, self-esteem, and improve mental health for all our beneficiaries. 3. Provide more opportunities for character and leadership development for Utah's youth. 4. Deter youth from unproductive, unsafe activities, such as excessive screen time, gangs, and crime.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

With this funding we expect to be able to engage and work with a minimum of 2,500 Utah youth in various life-elevating ways during FY26. Refugee Soccer tracks the impact of the work with expert assessments of participants and uses the data to adjust its work for maximum outcomes.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees