

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization: Grace Athletics Ministry Enterprises, Inc DBA Crosscheck

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name Kevin

Last Name Wieters

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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

First Name *Field not completed.*

Last Name *Field not completed.*

Title: *Field not completed.*

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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area: Urban Support/Memphis Inner City

Amount Requested \$21,650

Total Organizational budget (for current year): \$16,000

Total Project/Program Budget: \$16,000

Dates covered by this budget: 1 Aug 2016 - 1 May 2017

Project/Program Name: KIPP Scholarship Program

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

Our Crosscheck mission is to be a Christ-centered athletic association with the mission of advancing and building God's kingdom through athletics. Doing this by intentionally sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and embodying what it means to be a follower of Christ. Our vision is to reach our community with the saving grace of Jesus Christ by serving all children desiring to participate; regardless of faith, race, socio-economic standing or athletic ability.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

Crosscheck is in its 10th year of existence. Recently we have expanded our athletic program to include a new sport (soccer) and reached 120+ Latino players from the Hickory Hill neighborhoods. Crosscheck has maintained and grown our Memphis footprint, bridging the suburban and urban gap through athletics, by developing and sustaining relationships with north and south Memphis teams, Frazier, and Binghampton schools, organizations, and teams. The urban representation in the 2016-2017 football season alone equates to 25% participation. The purpose of this grant is to continue expanding our urban, relational footprint. We have had 9 years of successful offerings for flag/tackle football, basketball, baseball, and soccer for ages 6-13.

Numbers of paid full-time staff: 4

Number of paid part-time staff: 2

Number of volunteers: Varies (5-10)

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

The primary need in establishing an urban relationship such as the proposed KIPP program is to provide transportation to Crosscheck games. Familial transportation is lacking or non-existent. Including all players, coaches, and family members increases the opportunity to be a part of our program. The impact is the family unit celebrates and experiences life together. Team and community pride is fostered which impacts their own communities.

General Operating Support

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

NA

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) is a non-profit school network to create a respected, influential, and national network of public schools that are successful in helping students from educationally under served communities develop the knowledge, skills, character and habits needed to succeed in college and the competitive world beyond. Currently the KIPP elementary schools do not have athletics. Crosscheck has partnered with KIPP to offer a variety of sports (i.e. Fall football, Winter basketball, Spring soccer). Augmenting the KIPP experience with athletics balances the educational activities offered by the schools.

How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

This project aligns squarely with the Crosscheck mission in reaching our community. Our community is defined as Shelby County; suburban and urban.

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you

Our measure of effectiveness (MoE) will be gauged by the

will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

KIPP participation throughout the season(s). In a short 5 weeks we have elicited 50+ players interested in playing flag football. Crosscheck's MoE will be to continue building a Crosscheck/KIPP relationship and serving the Memphis community. Success criteria also includes developing familial and community relationships. Measurements will be visualized by game attendees and contacts during/after the season(s). Success will also be gauged by the anticipated repeat and new participants across the season(s).

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.
3. Complete Budget for grant request

If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.
3. Complete Budget for grant request

File 1 [G A M E Inc.pdf](#)

File 2 [2015 990 Part 1.pdf](#)

File 3 [KIPP Grant Enhancement Proposal 20 July 2016.xlsx](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Kevin Wieters

Printed Name: Kevin Wieters

Date 7/20/2016
