

**City of Knoxville  
FY2022 Community Agency Grants  
Goals & Priorities**



**Public Safety**

**Public Safety** is a critical and primary function of City government. People deserve to be and feel safe in Knoxville. Knoxville is fortunate to have collaborative and forward-thinking leadership in our Police and Fire Departments, as well as at many other local public safety partners. Over the last year, however, tragic events in other cities underscored the importance of continual innovation and improvement. Many non-profit partners support proactive prevention and effective response to crises facing local residents.

**Healthy & Connected Neighborhoods**

The City invests in **Healthy & Connected Communities** to help make sure Knoxville is a great place to live – no matter your neighborhood, no matter your income. We work to create a sense of place within our community, and we support diverse and affordable housing options and projects that bring energy and life into neighborhoods. Local non-profits enhance the quality of life in our community; they bring people together to help support each other, find connection, and celebrate our rich culture, history, and art.

**Clean & Resilient Future**

The City focuses on securing a **Clean and Resilient Future** for Knoxville. We are committed to advancing our goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 for City operations, and 80% by 2050 for the Knoxville community as a whole. Government can lead by example in reducing carbon emissions and providing services and infrastructure that are clean, resilient and reduce Knoxville’s environmental impacts. However, all residents and organizations have a role in building a sustainable future. Small, everyday actions add up to help make Knoxville a greener, healthier community.

**Thriving Businesses & Good Jobs**

A healthy economy supports a healthy community, and vice versa. Especially amidst the turmoil of the pandemic, it remains critical to support **thriving businesses and good jobs**. The City strives to be a model employer. More broadly, through partnerships that advance education and workforce development, the City aims to connect families with opportunities to thrive and help make sure Knoxville remains a great place to work, to invest, to visit, and to raise a family.

