

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM FUND?

Grant funds support projects and activities that create **repeated, meaningful and sustainable inclusive sports, social and education opportunities**. All projects and activities must aim to engage students with and without disabilities of similar ages and numbers as equal partners, teammates, classmates and peers. Focus should be placed on activities that bring students together regularly in nearly equal ratios, or as close as possible, so they can form relationships and meaningful interactions.

Grants are made possible primarily from funds provided by the United States Department of Education and therefore, are subject to strict spending guidelines and may not be guaranteed year to year.

Unspent grant funds must be returned to Special Olympics Kentucky by May 31st!

Approved Budget Line Item Definitions	
Supplies	Office type supplies, sign materials, art supplies, meeting materials, photo printing, Spread the Word t-shirts for your leadership team (must receive SOKY approval).
Equipment	Team uniforms, reusable water bottles and sport equipment (except footwear) related directly to Unified sports. Bowling shoe rental is an acceptable expense and can be included in this line item.
Transportation	Approved travel related directly to UCS activities and unified sports. Mileage reimbursement, bus rental, train fare, parking fees.
Awards	Trophies, medals, plaques, special graduation tassels or cords for unified athletes and partners.
Stipends (suggested \$500 per person)	Wages for teachers, coaches, and school staff supporting UCS programming outside of the normal school day. Amounts may vary per school and each school should modify to what would be sustainable for your school to fund in future years.
SOKY League Fees or Other Athletic Fees	Fees charged by Special Olympics Kentucky to participate in Unified Sports or fees charged by the school or high school athletic association to participate in Unified Sports.

When preparing your application, please keep in mind funds **cannot** be used for the following:

- Any activity that includes only students with disabilities or only students without disabilities.
- No food other than **PRE-APPROVED** snacks during a unified sports competition.
- Fees for assembly speakers or presentations.
- Footwear (i.e. athletic shoes for a sports team).
- Arts and crafts activities not directly related to inclusive club/community or sport initiatives.
- Purchase of items to be sold for fundraising efforts.
- Electronics (i.e. computers, cameras, tablets)
- Shirts or clothing other than pre-approved Spread the Word t-shirts for leadership team.

NOTE: Special Olympics Kentucky (SOKY) will work with your school to establish the appropriate distribution method(s) for your approved funds. This may include direct invoicing by providers to SOKY, upfront funding or reimbursement.