

MIBOR ECDC 2022 GRANTEE

NEAR EAST SOCCER ALLIANCE

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**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

INVESTMENT

\$2,500

Project Overview:

The Near East Soccer Alliance (NESA) is a youth recreational program of Englewood Community Development Corporation (ECDC). NESA was created out of a desire to provide a local and affordable opportunity for all families to participate in soccer on the near east side of Indianapolis. NESA's hope is for youth to engage in play, friendship, and competition in healthy and encouraging ways and that through healthy play, youth and families of differing backgrounds can come together. NESA now serves about 250 youth and their families each spring and fall season. The youth range in age from 4 to 14 years old.

NESA is also part of Naptown United, an Indiana Soccer Club whose focus is on diversity and inclusion in youth and adult soccer and who provides soccer programs with tools, resources, support and training regarding equity, engaging families and youth of color, social-emotional learning, gender inclusivity, providing spaces for those with disabilities to play and more.

The funds from the MIBOR ECDC are being used for needed scholarship opportunities for lower-income families and to help cover administration costs for the program.

+ Improves Quality of Life

+ Improves Community Livability

+ Promotes Cultural Opportunities

+ Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities

+ Increased Programing

+ Increases Community Engagement and Participation

+ Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming