The Lexington Nonprofit Coalition is a local alliance of KNN members that officially launched in late 2020 as a result of convenings that began in spring 2020. The Coalition’s members include organizations committed to a stronger, more unified and collaborative nonprofit sector serving the Lexington community.

The work of the Coalition to date has been essential to creating a unified voice that has better educated the Mayor’s office and the Urban County Council on the work and economic impact of nonprofits; helping move the Urban County Council to restore the proposed elimination of funding of the city's partnerships with nonprofits in the 2020 budget; challenging existing grant processes that create barriers and red tape for nonprofit partners; engaging in educating candidates running for Council and their view of nonprofit partnerships and the sector’s impact on the economy; and proposing stronger partnerships with the city as Lexington moves toward pandemic recovery. The Coalition has led to important actions to support students and families coping with non-traditional instruction; held critical conversations to ensure our city addressed both COVID-19 and racial and social inequities; and continues to reiterate the importance of nonprofits having a seat at the table when decisions are being made that impact the Lexington community.

The LNC:
- Is a coalition of Lexington KNN members
- Provides educational/informational opportunities specifically designed for Lexington nonprofits
- Provides networking and connection opportunities for Lexington nonprofit leaders
- Assist members with priority development and advocacy strategy
- Lobbies, educates, and advocates on behalf of the collective priorities established by the Coalition

What can members expect from LNC membership:
- Regular convenings (virtual and when able, in person) to connect, learn, share, and strategize on how to advance Lexington’s nonprofit sector
- Public Policy and Advocacy
  - Public policy priority development
  - Consistent monitoring of actions of the Mayor and Urban County Council with a nonprofit lens, provided for the Coalition in partnership with CivicLex
  - Grassroots advocacy development/tools to help Coalition members engage their constituents, including a social media presence unique to the Coalition and its advocacy goals
  - Guidance and support on effective advocacy and lobbying – clear messaging for members to use with officials
  - Engagement with local officials to lobby on behalf of the Coalition’s priorities – Mayor, Council, city officials (i.e. advocacy for the path outlined by CM Bledsoe with regard to securing increased city funding for nonprofit partnerships)
Facilitated engagement and lobbying on behalf of the Coalition’s collective priorities with Lexington’s legislators in Frankfort and sixth district representation in Congress

- Facilitated election engagement – strategy and implementation of LNC hosted candidate forums, voter guides, and/or other opportunities to elevate the role and voice of nonprofits with candidates, elected officials, and the community

**What is expected of LNC members:**
- Be an active participant in meetings, activities etc.
- Maintain confidentiality of information intended for/shared with and by Coalition members
- Actively solicit the participation and engagement of other nonprofits to participate in LNC and grow membership
- Be an advocate and build relationships with your elected officials
- Share information within your organization and network (action alerts etc.)
- Engage in securing external support opportunities with potential LNC funders

**Membership Dues:**
- Lexington Nonprofit Coalition membership is open to active KNN members and the goal is to make LNC membership as accessible as possible. As more members join the LNC and/or external funding is received, monthly dues amounts will decrease.
- Monthly dues paid via ACH payment that adjust as the number of members join the Coalition and/or external funding support is received. Because monthly payments would be made via ACH payment, KNN can adjust the dues accordingly as membership milestones and/or sponsorships are achieved or secured.