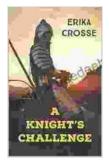
Knight Challenge: A Bold Investment in Civic Innovation



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What is Knight Challenge?

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Knight Challenge is a national initiative by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation that invests in bold ideas that use digital media to strengthen communities. Since its launch in 2012, Knight Challenge has funded over 100 projects that have helped to create more informed and engaged citizens, build stronger civic networks, and improve the quality of life in communities across the country.

How does Knight Challenge work?

Knight Challenge is a two-stage competition. In the first stage, applicants submit a brief proposal outlining their idea. A panel of judges reviews the proposals and selects a small number of finalists to receive a \$30,000 grant to develop their ideas further. In the second stage, the finalists submit a full

proposal and a panel of judges selects the winners, who receive grants of up to \$1 million to implement their projects.

What types of projects does Knight Challenge fund?

Knight Challenge funds projects that use digital media to address a wide range of civic issues, including:

- Citizen journalism: Projects that help citizens to gather, report, and share news and information about their communities.
- Civic technology: Projects that develop new tools and technologies to make it easier for citizens to participate in civic life.
- Urban revitalization: Projects that use digital media to revitalize urban areas and make them more livable.
- Community development: Projects that use digital media to strengthen community bonds and improve the quality of life for residents.

What are some examples of Knight Challenge-funded projects?

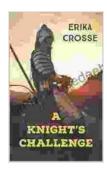
Some examples of Knight Challenge-funded projects include:

- City Bureau: A Chicago-based nonprofit that trains and supports community members to report on local news stories.
- Code for America: A national nonprofit that develops open-source software tools to make it easier for governments to serve their citizens.
- Detroit Digital Justice Coalition: A coalition of organizations working to use digital media to address racial and economic inequality in Detroit.

- Public Lab: A New Orleans-based nonprofit that develops low-cost environmental monitoring tools.
- Smart Chicago: A citywide initiative to use data and technology to improve the quality of life in Chicago.

How can I apply for Knight Challenge?

Knight Challenge is open to individuals, organizations, and collaborations. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To learn more about Knight Challenge and to apply, visit the Knight Foundation website.



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