



LEADERSHIP NIAGARA

2023-24

Community Projects Application



Community Partnership

Throughout the Community Leadership Development Program, participants develop their competencies and skills in a number of areas to encourage community leadership in Niagara.

The cornerstone of the program is participation in an Experiential Learning Project with a Community Partner. In small teams of 3-5 people, our participants collaborate to support a local community not-for-profit organization in addressing a challenge or working on a project the organization has identified.

This learning activity benefits both our participants and the community organizations they work with.

Working as a team allows participants to:

- ◆ Apply the program learnings to a real situation in Niagara to become effective change leaders
- ◆ Develop an increased understanding of Niagara's communities, people and sectors
- ◆ Collaborate with a diverse group of community leaders
- ◆ Develop their personal community leadership acumen
- ◆ Gain an understanding of a local not-for-profit organization, learn about its role in supporting the local community, and understand the challenges and opportunities they face.

Community partners are critical to the success of this aspect of the LN Community Leadership Development program. Our participants represent a wide range of organizations in Niagara and come with a variety of skills. They are aspiring leaders who care about their community. Working collaboratively, our project teams can assist your organization in working

through a challenge or project. Your organization will collaborate with a network of professionals who will:

- ◆ Bring fresh outlooks to your team Provide creative ideas for addressing your challenge or project
- ◆ Apply expertise from diverse professional backgrounds
- ◆ Community partners will ideally submit a challenge or project that:
 - ◆ Will be addressed over a 6-8 month period (participants will begin during November 2023 and complete the bulk of the work by June 2024)
 - ◆ Encourages participants to learn about the organization and community they are assisting

There is no fee to participate in the project for the agency/organization. Depending on the project type, costs may be incurred as the project progresses. Discussions on project type, deliverables and potential costs to the organization will take place at the beginning of the project with the LN participants, the agency lead and the Executive Director of Leadership Niagara.

Community Partners will be available to meet with the project teams to establish key strategic touch points over the course of the project. Partners will be available to respond to questions and will be able to meet either virtually or in person with the project teams. Additionally, project partners will meet with the Executive Director of Leadership Niagara to create an information video and will virtually attend Learning Day 2a on December 1st.

Some examples of past projects are included on our [website](#).

Community Partnership Application

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Website: _____

Executive Director/CEO: _____

Email: _____

Primary Contact Person for Project: _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

Your Mission:

Please select which of the following best describes your organization:

Incorporated Charity or Non-profit (with provincial, national or international leadership/support)

Incorporated Charity or Non-profit with local Niagara leadership (without provincial, national or international leadership/support)

Non-Incorporated Community Society Organization (local community group)

Challenge/Project Description

Please provide a detailed description of the project, including its objectives, scope, major timelines and expected deliverables? (This description will enable our participants to grasp the project's requirements and align their work)

What is the specific need and/or problem that your organization is looking to address through this project? (Understanding the underlying need and/or problem will help the project team contextualize the project and align their efforts accordingly to meet the organization's expectations.)

How will the success of the project be evaluated? (It's important to define the criteria for evaluating the project's success to provide the team with clear guidelines and enable them to work towards achieving measurable outcomes.)

In what ways do you foresee the team's work will impact your organization? (Understanding the potential impact of the participant's contributions will help them see the value and significance of their involvement in the project.)

What resources, guidance, and support will your organization provide to the team throughout the project? (It's crucial to ascertain the level of support that the organization will offer, such as access to data, subject matter experts, and mentorship. This information will help both the team members and LN to assess the available resources and plan an approach accordingly.)

Community Leadership Development Learning Experience

How will participation in your project help LN Community Leadership Development participants to develop a greater understanding of your organization and its role in addressing issues in the Niagara community?

What opportunities do LN Community Leadership Development participants have to adapt the solution design and decision making?

The Leadership Niagara project timeline is from November to May. Please indicate below any significant events, milestones or deadlines for your organization that might relate to this challenge/project.

Date/Month	Event/Milestone/Deadline
November	Meet with the CLD group to discuss and review project
May	Final Presentation to agency by the Community Leadership Development group.

Community Leadership Development Community Project Agreement

I understand that the information contained in this application will be provided to the participants of the program as part of the selection process.

Initial: _____

I hereby acknowledge that Leadership Niagara cannot guarantee that our Community Project proposal will be selected by the participants of the program.

Initial: _____

By submitting this proposal, I understand and commit to ensuring that the project lead from our agency will be present at a learning day in the Fall. Your agency representatives will be expected to be available at times to be determined for the presentation and networking with the participants.

Initial: _____

Executive Director: _____

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____

Date: _____

Submission deadline: **September, 2023**

We will contact you to confirm whether your organization's project has been shortlisted to be presented to the participants in November. We look forward to receiving your proposal and encourage you to contact us.

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