

Leadership Anchorage Community Service Project Proposal

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The community service project provides a way for Leadership Anchorage to “give back” to Anchorage. Core to our program is providing emerging leaders with the skills, knowledge and relationships that will help them with their desire to improve our community. The community service project is a way for our students to reach out to groups and provide solutions for identified needs. Our class participants provide talent, initiative, creativity and leadership for projects that may otherwise lack the time, experience or skills to be realized. Past sponsors have said their projects have built organizational effectiveness and boosted outreach to the community. These effects have been felt not only for the period of the project, but also beyond: this program has illustrated long-lasting benefits and relationships.

Leadership Anchorage

Leadership Anchorage started in 1997 as a program of the Pew Partnership for Civic Change. Leadership Anchorage was created to introduce the “emerging leaders” of non-profit, neighborhood, and ethnic organizations to accomplished professionals and civic leaders in Anchorage and Alaska.

13 years later and almost 250 graduates later, Leadership Anchorage is now recognized as one of the top civic leadership programs in the United States.

Important Dates:

- Optional pre-proposal meetings: Mid-Aug.
- Proposals due: Sept. 1
- First stage notification: by Sept. 30
- Sponsor presentation: Mid-Oct.
- Acceptance notification: week after presentation
- Project start: Mid-Oct.
- Project end: Early May
- Graduation presentations: Mid-May



LA 13 - Class of 2010

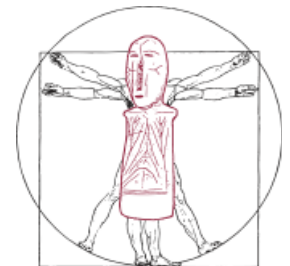
Each project must:

- Address a previously identified community need
- Clearly provide project scope, project budget (if applicable), and project deliverables along with expected volunteer hours. If possible, project should provide clear metrics for measuring percent work complete
- Identify and clearly define the resources provided by the sponsor
- Provide a project contact person. She/he does not need to provide ongoing coordination (unless the project requires it), but she/he must be able to describe and define it. This contact is a resource person, and not the leader or director of the project group.
- Prior to the start of the project, provide any sponsor required training or certifications required for team members. Expected hours of training must be included in the proposal.
- Projects must not be a fund raiser or “drone” labor
- Be achievable within an approximate 8 month time frame, and approximately 100 to 400 hours of team contribution.
- Begin by Mid-October and wrap-up the beginning of May

Evaluation Process

Project proposals will be screened by the Project Director to ensure they are appropriate, feasible, and fit program goals. If applicants wish, they can meet with the Project Director in mid-august to discuss their ideas. Those proposals accepted to the first stage will be notified by September 30, 2010. Those accepted will then be required to make a five minute proposal presentation to the Leadership Anchorage class on a date to be set in mid-October. After these presentations, the class will select the projects and organizations they wish to work with. Typically, not all sponsors who have made the first stage are selected. The one-page proposals and five minute presentations will form the only information participants have to make their selection. Presenters should be prepared to answer questions from the class if clarification is required.

Please keep in mind these volunteers are emerging leaders as well as potential future board members. This provides a wonderful opportunity for both your organization and our participants.



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Alaska Humanities Forum

The mission of the Alaska Humanities Forum is to use the wisdom and methods of the humanities to enrich the civic, intellectual and cultural life of all Alaskans."

The Alaska Humanities Forum engages Alaskans in humanities-based projects and innovative programs which are either funded by the Forum or run directly by the Forum. Our major programs are:

- Grant Program
- Rose Urban Rural Exchange
- Alaska History and Cultural Studies High School Curriculum
- Leadership Anchorage
- Take Wing Alaska

These programs serve the Forum's mission by:

- Funding numerous independent projects and programs based in the humanities within Alaska.
- Building bridges of understanding between Alaska's urban and rural peoples.
- Researching, preserving, celebrating and sharing Alaska's rich history and cultural traditions.
- Strengthening the foundations of civil society in Alaska.
- Selecting and preparing diverse people from Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks for leadership roles in their communities.

The Forum is a 501(c)(3) organization. Founded in 1972 by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Forum is one of 56 state and territorial groups also supported by the NEH. The Forum is also a member of the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

Sponsor:

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number:(____) _____

Website (if available): _____

Sponsor contact information:

Name: _____

Telephone Number:(____) _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Project information:

Name of Project: _____

If training of team is required, please describe and list how many hours: _____

Estimated Total Hours for Project Completion: _____

In addition to this application form, on a separate piece of paper (maximum of one page, single-sided), please provide the following:

- A brief description of your organization and its mission
- A brief description of how you feel this project will help with an identified community need (documentation is beneficial such as letters of support, community council resolutions, etc...)
- Description of your project which includes: 1) a brief summary of its goal and intent, 2) identification of the desired work products (i.e. outreach plan, videos, curriculum material, etc...), and 3) a rough outline of the tasks that will be required to complete it with approximate times to complete each.

Please direct all inquiries to:

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