

Request For Proposal



LEADERSHIP EAU CLAIRE™ (ADULT) COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Deadline: Friday, July 31, 2020

Introduction:

Leadership Eau Claire™, a program sponsored by the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, is in its 39th year. This annual program assembles current and future community leaders to examine community issues and contribute to their leadership skills.

As part of the nine-month curriculum, each participant is required to work with classmates and a nonprofit organization on a community service project. We invite you to tap our participants' expertise and enthusiasm in helping you address an important challenge.

Community Needs and Issues:

Proposals are accepted for projects in any of these areas within Eau Claire County:

- Affordable Housing
- Attracting and Retaining Young Professionals
- Buildings and Infrastructure
- Buying Local
- Clean Water for Recreation
- Community Events
- Community Health
- Competitive Wages
- Convention Center
- Crime
- Cultural Activities
- Diversity
- Downtown Revitalization
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Financial Instability
- Foster Families
- Healthcare Cost
- Homelessness
- Hunger
- Mental Health
- Mentoring those with criminal records
- Non-Profit Support
- Obesity
- Parking
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Population Retention
- Poverty
- Public Transportation
- Substance Abuse
- Supporting Rural Communities
- Workforce Retention and Development
- Youth Civic Engagement

Project Goals:

Your project should allow participants to:

1. Learn about a critical community issue that you are trying to address.
2. Learn your organization's purpose, mission, history and role within our community.
3. Identify and propose solutions and begin implementation of solutions.
4. Potentially build a foundation for a continuation of the project in the future by interested parties.
5. Build leadership and team-building skills.
6. Do something positive for the community.

Guidelines:

1. Make your project challenging and strategic – reflective of our participants' abilities and skills.
2. NO fundraising projects will be accepted (e.g., raise \$100,000 for a new roof.) This includes creating an event that is intended as a fundraiser.
3. **Be clear in your expectations.**
4. The project must require 8 class members to participate.
5. Projects must not have political affiliations.
6. Project should be completed by May 2021.

Selection Process:

The LEC Executive will select from the proposals 10 organizations to be presented to the LEC Class at their Opening Retreat. **HIGHLY SUGGESTED: Non-profits submit a video explaining the project that accompanies the submission of the written project.** LEC participants will then choose group projects after reviewing the proposals. You will be notified by September 31, 2020 if your group project was selected. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that your project will be one of the five chosen.

What We Ask of You:

Complete the Request For Proposal Form and return to the Chamber by **July 31, 2020**. Include any pertinent information. **HIGHLY SUGGESTED:** Non-profits submit a video explaining the project that accompanies the submission of the written project – in person presentations will not be conducted.

If your project is selected, we require you to:

1. Assign one staff person to be the LEC project team's contact and liaison for the project's duration.
2. Meet regularly with your project team to provide guidance and monitor progress.
3. Provide a meaningful challenge that stimulates involvement, learning and leadership growth while helping you achieve key objectives.

Past Projects List: <https://www.eaCLAIREchamber.org/group-projects1.html>



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Organization Name _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____ Website _____

Number of paid staff members _____ Number of active volunteers _____
Years organization has been in existence: _____ Estimated hours needed to complete project: _____
served _____
Issue(s) the project would address (please see list on page 1) _____
Short-term Goal of Project: _____
Long-term Goal of Project: _____
Projected Date Projected would be completed: _____

Description of proposed project:

(Please provide **clear objectives** for this project and desired outcome(s). Please attach additional information about the proposed project and/or your organization. Please be as concise in the scope of the project as you can.)

Please attach a brief history of your organization including your mission and any other information you feel would be beneficial when choosing group projects.

RETURN TO THE CHAMBER OFFICE BY July 31, 2020 via fax at 834-1956, email to schumacher@eauclairechamber.org or mail to 101 N Farwell St Suite 101, Eau Claire, WI 54703.