



Leadership Networks – Class of 2009/10

Community Project Call for Proposals

Leadership Networks is a volunteer-driven community initiative aimed at building a stronger and more vibrant Central Alberta. Leadership Networks is a unique and challenging leadership development program for leaders from all sectors, public, private and non-profit. This program goes beyond the simple acquisition of information/knowledge and skills. It builds their leadership capacity in a “hands on” community classroom.

A key component of the Leadership Networks learning experience is the Community Project. This component divides the class into Community Project Teams (3 or 4 teams with 6 - 8 participants per team) for a small group experience leading to the development of a project that is beneficial to the community.

As the key experiential element of the program, the purposes of the Community Project are to:

- Provide the participant an opportunity to directly apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes being developed during the program,
- Develop the participant’s teamwork skills through a group learning experience,
- Link the participant to the community, and
- Improve the community by addressing relevant issues and fostering collaboration.

To support this program component, Leadership Networks is asking community organizations to submit proposals that will provide the Project Team and community organization with a mutually rewarding experience and finished product. The role of the community sponsor is to act as beneficiary and mentor to assure appropriate coordination between the Team’s project and related efforts in the community. We are asking interested organizations to submit project proposals for consideration for the Class of 2010. Multiple projects may be submitted by an organization however no more than 1 project will be selected from any single group.

Projects:

- Must be consistent with the general purposes and values of Leadership Networks,
- May not be partisan or religious in nature,
- May not have a primary purpose of soliciting funds for a community organization,
- May not have a primary purpose of advocating for a partisan or non-partisan political purpose.



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While the proposed project(s) should contain some level of detail, the goal is for the Team and community organization to meet, and in partnership develop, the final plan for the project. This way, everyone involved has some ownership of the project and the process. The Team and the community organization must agree to the final plan.

If you are involved with, or know of, a community organization that could make use of a Leadership Networks' Community Project Team, please provide them with the attached Community Project Proposal form and Community Project Team Operating Guidelines (used by program participants). ***All Community Project Proposals must be returned to The Leadership Centre office by October 7, 2009.***

Since only 2-3 proposals will be selected from those submitted, we cannot guarantee that your organization's proposal will be chosen. Proposals most likely to be selected are those that challenge the participants and provide some opportunity for creativity on the part of the Team. If a proposal is selected, participants will be assigned by The Leadership Centre in order to provide mutual benefit to the participant as well as sponsor. It is expected that organizations whose proposals are selected will commit the time and resources necessary to help develop the project plan and implement it.

We will be notifying all organizations as to the status of their proposal by October 17, 2009. The Leadership Networks project teams will begin work on the community projects November 7, 2009, with the final presentation to take place June 2010.

This is a very exciting opportunity for organizations to have very talented teams work on special organizational projects.

Your assistance in passing this information along is appreciated. If you have any questions or need further information, phone Carolyn Brock at The Leadership Centre office, 340-0324.

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Networks – Class of 2010.

Carolyn Brock, Program Manager
The Leadership Centre



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Instructions:

- Limit your responses to the space provided
- Complete all sections of the proposal
- Complete a separate proposal for each project you would like considered (maximum of 3 projects)
- Attach any promotional material pertaining to the sponsoring organization
- **Completed Proposals must be received no later than October 7, 2009 at The Leadership Centre office:**

*Suite 108- 50th Avenue
Red Deer, Alberta
T4N 4A3
Red Deer, AB
(403) 340-0324
email: office@theleadershipcentre.ca*

Project Title:

Subject Area (e.g. Economic Development, Arts, etc): _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Office Address: _____

(City/Town)

(Postal Code)

Contact Person: _____
(Surname) (First) (Initial) (Prefix)

Contact Numbers: Office: _____

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Fax: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____



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Project Rationale – Statement of Issue or Community Need:

Project Concept - Proposal to Address Issue or Need:

Project Objective(s) – Description of Specific Outcomes Expected:

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Project Involvement – Potential Role(s) for Community Project Team:

Project Funding – Funding Needs and Potential Sources (if applicable):

In order that we may give your proposal full consideration, the Leadership Networks Community Project Proposals must be submitted to the Leadership Centre office by *October 7, 2009.*