

# ENGAGE FORWARD

Engage Forward, formerly called Civic Engagement Projects, empowers class members from the Engage program to take active roles in the community through this partnership with local nonprofit agencies. Engage Forward connects your nonprofit organization with this year's Engage Program class members to actively collaborate on finding solutions to issues facing your organization or the community you serve. Your organization (and those you serve) will be the beneficiary of this infusion of manpower, creativity, connections, and effort. These projects will be highlighted in communications and events to our alumnit throughout the year. The impact of these class projects has historically been significant and of lasting benefit to the participating organizations.

We will begin with a collaborative workshop to create project ideas from your supplied issues, then generate project proposals. Proposals will then be judged by the alumni committee to be presented to the class. The class will then select the projects that they wish to support.

## About Leadership Palm Beach County

Leadership Palm Beach County (LPBC) is a nonprofit organization that brings together leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to build and steward a vibrant, interconnected community. Leadership Palm Beach County consists of over 2000 of our county's professional and community leaders.

Every year, LPBC welcomes around 55 new members into the organization as class members of the Engage Program. LPBC offers these leaders a unique opportunity to be part of a class that has come together to:

- > Enhance their personal and professional leadership skills
- > Understand the complex issues facing Palm Beach County through open, thought-provoking, and balanced discussion
- > Participate in civic work that aims to serve the greater good of our community
- > Build relationships with other leaders who find solutions to the challenges facing our county

For over 20 years, a critical part of the Engage Program's leadership experience is participation in a community service project with a local nonprofit organization. We do this to increase the working relationships of our class members and to encourage lasting relationships with local organizations that are actively engaged in making Palm Beach County better.

Past classes have been composed of individuals from various fields such as nonprofit organizations, Business, Government, Law, Marketing, Finance, and Healthcare, with jobs at all levels from CEOs and Executive Directors to project administration and HR. Due to the unique nature of Leadership Palm Beach County, each incoming class will have its own diversity of careers and skills to contribute to Engage Forward projects.

## **Qualifying for Participation**

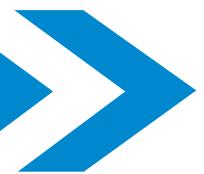
To successfully participate in this initiative and ensure the projects have the greatest impact, we ask that your organization commit to the following. If your organization cannot commit to these things, we encourage you to revisit this opportunity next year, and we appreciate your interest.

- > Must attend one of our proposer workshops. First time applicants are encouraged to attend the In Person option.
- > Must have two full-time staff members minimum (including Executive Director / CEO)
- > Allocate an average of 10 hours staff time a month to the project
- > All projects are self financed by the proposing organization.
- > Clearly identify at least one organization or community issue that needs our help
- > Must sign our MOU and abide by our reporting standards after project completion
- > At least 3 years must have passed since the completion of your last Engage Forward project
- > If a proposing Organization has staff as part of the Engage class, that individual cannot participate on the project as a staff member of the organization, nor can they select, or participate on the project as a class member

### **Proposer Workshops - Required to Attend One!**

- 1. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 3:30 4:30 pm Virtual on Zoom, Presentation with Q&A only
- 2. Recorded Option will be made available after the first workshop, no Q&A.
- 3. Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:30 5:00 pm In Person Presentation, Q&A, and breakout sessions

Please register online at leadershippbc.com in advance to receive the meeting links and locations. You must attend one of the above three options to be able to participate in Engage Forward. We strongly encourage all first-time proposers to take advantage of the in person option.



## Selection and Judging of Proposals

All organizations are allowed to submit up to two project proposals consisting of a completely unique proposal document package for each project idea. All proposals are judged by our Alumni committee, composed of LPBC Alumni from the nonprofit industry and related professions. A maximum 100 points can be accumulated through 4 sections and an endorsement letter from your organization leadership. The scores will be reviewed and projects discussed by the committee, and 4-6 projects will be selected to present to the class. Those projects will be asked to "pitch" their project and organization to the class at their Orientation. The class will then select the projects they wish to work with at their retreat. Selected proposals will be given to all class members (unedited and as submitted) to aid in their decision making.

## Important Dates for Engage Forward

#### 2024

April 8 Request For Proposal is Open

May 21 Collaborative Proposer Workshop - Virtual presentation with Q&A,

Week of May 27 Recorded Workshop made available

June 13 Collaborative Proposer Workshop, In-person, breakouts

Week of June 21 Office Hours Phone Call or virtual meeting with Alumni for Proposal assistance.

July 11 @ 5:00 pm Proposal Deadline

Week of August 12 Organizations notified of Round 1 results
August 28 Project Presentation at Orientation (Round 2)
September 13-14 Project Selection at Opening Retreat
Week of September 16 Organizations notified of Round 2 results

#### 2025

May \* Projects Completed

\* These dates subject to change, revised dates will be communicated to qualifying projects / organizations in a timely manner if needed.

# **Engage Forward Proposal**

# Section 1. Organization Information

Organization Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Primary Phone	
Website	
Primary Contact Name (Last, First)	
Primary Contact Title	
Primary Contact Phone	
Primary Contact Email	
Year Established	
Number of Staff, Full TimePart Time	_ <b>Volunteer</b> (part time or equivalent)
Annual Organization Operating Budget (inclusive of salaries, over	head expenses, programming, etc.)
Have you established a Governing Board? If so, how many memb	
Which Proposer Workshop did you attend?	
REQUIRED - PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR 501(C)(3) DETERM	MINATION LETTER FROM THE IRS.
Organization Mission Statement	
Organization Vision Statement	
Organization Core Mission Focus	
Please identify one focus area listed below that aligns best with yo	ur organization's mission or population served
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☐ Animal-Related	Arts, Culture, and Humanities
Civil Rights, Social Action & Advocacy	Community Improvement and Capacity Building
Education	Environment
Employment	Health Care
Housing & Shelter	Adoption and Foster Care
Emergency Assistance	
	Family / Personal Social Services
Family / Support of Specific Populations	Legal Services
Mental Health & Crisis Intervention	Military and Veterans
Recreation & Sports	Youth Development
Science and Technology	Other Please Specify
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Core Mission Focus - Optional	
If you would like to provide additional information about your organ	lization and/or its core mission focus, please do so below.

# Section 2. The Problem (25 point max)

2.1	Please describe an issue that exists within your organization or the community that you serve. Why is this issue important? Please remain focused on the issue and do not describe your mission statement. (250 word max)
Se	ection 3. Possible Solution / Project Description (25 point max)
Pro	ject Title
3.1	Please outline the proposed project detailing the project's goal(s), the deliverable(s) and the Leadership Class participants' role in the project. <b>NO Fundraising, Marketing &amp; Awareness, Political based projects (250 word max)</b>

3.2	Please answer the below questions as accurately as possible to give clarity to the type of project you are proposing.				
Proi	ect Types				
	I understand that Leadership Palm Beach County has a longsta fundraising. Monetary goals will not be accepted as a metric of Leadership Palm Beach County is a politically neutral organizat the category below that best describes the project you are pro	succi	ess for an Engage Forward Project. I also understand that nd partisan projects will not be accepted. Please indicate		
	Logistics & Internal Optimization/Organization		Program Development		
	Event Creation and Execution		Social Enterprise		
	Other Please Specify				
3.3	Skills Requested; please select all of the skills that may be need	ded t	o effectively deliver the project as it is proposed.		
Adn	ninistration	Bus	siness		
	Organization, Operations & Logistics		Strategic Thinking & Planning		
	Scheduling & Time Management		Risk Management & Quality Assurance		
	Resource Development & Management		Project Management		
	Technical Writing & Documentation		Research		
	Entrepreneurship				
		Fina	ance		
Pror	notion	Н	Accounting		
	Event Planning & Execution	Н	Budgeting		
H	Presentations & Public Speaking	H	Business Analysis		
H	Artistic Skills Design, Web, Photography & Video Social Media & Digital Marketing	ш	Statistics & Data Analysis		
H	Creative and Narrative Writing	Hun	man Resources		
	Steative and transactive writing		Networking & Soft Skills		
			Team Building & Motivation		
			Relationship Building		
			Customer Service		
Se	Section 4. Objective at Completion (25 point max)				
4.1	Upon completion, how will this project impact the community y metric of success? Your metric of success cannot be based or				

# Section 5. Project Sustainability (25 point max)

5.1	Please outline your organization's plan for continued use or utilization of this project after its initial completion.  How does this project fit into the overall growth of your organization or benefit the community you serve?  What resources will your organization contribute annually going forward to ensure sustainability? (250 word max)				
5.2	Please answer the below questions as accurately as possible to give clarity to the type of project you are proposing.				
Ini	tial Project Budget				
	We understand that projects are self financed by the proposing organization. The initial project budget amount required to participate in Engage Forward is determined by Line 12 on the organization's most recent IRS Form 990. Please indicate below which best applies to your organization.				
	Line 12 is under \$500,000, so we agree to fund at least \$500 for our Engage Forward Project.				
	Line 12 is over \$500,000, so we agree to fund at least \$1,000 for our Engage Forward Project.  If you would like to fund over \$1,000 for your Engage Forward Project, please specify the amount here:				
	going Annual Project Budget er the initial Engage Forward project is completed how much money will your organization allocate to sustain this project? Ongoing Annual Budget for this particular project				
	The project is part of an existing program. That program has annual funding of The project will be folded into our annual operating budget as previously stated.				
	The project will be in need of a funding source upon completion.				
Section 6. Letter of Appeal (Required)					

Please provide a one page letter signed by your organization CEO or ED endorsing this project, the organization's commitment to fulfilling project goals, and an overall appeal to the class for support.

# Proposal Deadline: July 11, 2024 Email to info@LeadershipPBC.org

For More Information Please contact Leadership Palm Beach County.