



Call for Community Service Project Proposals

Leadership Grand Strand, now celebrating its 30th year of service to the community, is accepting proposals for community service projects for Class 30. Each year thirty leaders from around the area come together to assist the community, while enhancing their leadership skills through our nine-month program.

Nonprofits and government agencies are encouraged to submit a proposal that addresses specific needs your organization is facing as it seeks to help our community. Projects over the years have varied widely. They can be anything that involves hands-on volunteer hours. Examples of past projects include design and implementation of a conference, improvement of a local animal shelter, providing assistance to a program for abused children, building or repairing homes, etc.

LGS Community Action Projects

Each year the LGS Class, as part of their graduation requirements, tackle real community needs submitted by local organizations. These projects must be completed between September and April, and must have a lasting benefit to the community. The sponsoring organization must furnish the funding necessary for the project. Fundraising by the LGS class is expected to be a very minimal part of the project, if it is included at all.

Guidelines

All projects:

1. Should enhance the participant's understanding of practical leadership, as well as yield tangible results of lasting benefit to the community.
2. Should involve a community partner with which the project team works closely as a resource of information and guidance. A staff liaison at the community partner organization should be prepared to act as a mentor and facilitator to the LGS project team.
3. Can be from any field, for example – education, regional planning, human services, economic development, the arts or government services.
4. Should integrate theory and practice.
5. Should provide an opportunity for research, planning, resource development, project implementation, as well as collaborative and negotiation skills.
6. Should be able to be completed between September 2009 to April 2010.
7. Must have a tangible end result.
8. Must not be partisan.
9. Should be primarily funded by the community partner. The LGS team cannot be involved in major fundraising efforts for the project. Favorable consideration will be given to projects that require little or no fundraising.

Leadership Grand Strand Proposal Outline Specifications:

1. Include the name, mailing address, telephone, cell phone, fax and e-mail address of the contact person with your organization. Please also include a secondary contact or staff support person and their contact information.
2. State the name of your organization and a brief overview of its responsibilities. Please make sure to include the mission statement.
3. Statement of need(s). Please list all that you wish considered.
4. Proposal of project to address need(s). Be specific.
5. Describe the lasting benefits the project will have to your organization and the community.
6. Estimate the cost of the project and the target support needed from LGS.
7. LGS participants are given a specific amount of project hours they must complete for projects selected. Projects must be of a scope to involve 30 participants for 25 hours over the eight-month period (750 total man hours). Please provide an estimate on how many hours per person your project would require and a few basic ideas of the types of activities in which the class would be participating.
8. Please supply a one-paragraph biography of the person who will serve as your staff liaison to the LGS team.
9. Enclose a copy of IRS 501.C.3 designation letter and a current list of your board members.
10. Proposals must be no more than five total 8 1/2" x 11" pages.
11. Proposals should be bound with a paper clip or binder clip. No staples, please.
12. All proposals are due by July 7, 2009 to be considered. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to:

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Please direct all questions to Diana Greene at (843) 916-7222 or by e-mail at:
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Leadership Grand Strand looks forward to the opportunity to work with your organization for the betterment of the Grand Strand community.

