

Storytelling Engagement Community Projects

Resources for Community-Driven Leadership

Community-Driven Leadership Framework

- All members are seen as leaders, are given opportunities to grow in their leadership, and are able to represent their communities at multiple tables.
- People are engaged in and have authorship of their lives and their future.
- People can and are *practicing transformation* in their lives, relationships and communities to improve their own health and well-being.
- People must work collectively to understand the reality they seek to transform in order to improve and sustain the overall health and well-being of their communities.
- People are adaptive, innovative and resilient despite the constraints that push them to conform to dominant, hierarchal forms of leadership and power.
- People have formal and informal processes to share power in ways that are contextual and responsive to changing group dynamics and based in cultural practices.

Grantmaking Priorities

We are interested in receiving proposals from community groups that use culture, non-hierarchical leadership, or collective decision-making processes to address social issues and give voice to the experiences of our community. We recognize that culture and identity shape how we see leadership and become leaders. We use the terms “culture” and “community” in their broadest possible sense to allow each group to define those for themselves. We know that powerful communities engage members in creating a shared understanding through stories and reflection.

We are interested in uncovering and reflecting on the many ways community leadership is practiced to enhance the health and well-being of all community members.

Purpose

1. To support and explore community-driven leadership that improves the overall health and well-being of a group as defined by those individuals, families, or community members.
2. To develop and share stories of dynamic and cultural practices that support intersectional and relational shared power.

Eligibility questions

- Are you part of a community-driven initiative that is ready to and interested in telling your story of community leadership?
- Are you willing to participate in a virtual learning community (2-3 times over 8 months) and at least one in-person convening with other community-driven project leaders?



Resources

Total funds allocated: \$65,000

Grant or contract period: 3 – 8 months

Grantees will co-develop:

- at least one community conversation/storytelling space
- at least one story ‘product’

<i>Scope</i>	<i>Number & Amount</i>	<i>Letter of Inquiry</i>
\$20,000 for projects with a specific focus on either convening storytelling spaces or creating stories with community members	3 – 5 awards of \$5000	By invitation, ongoing
\$45,000 for projects with dual purpose to convene community(ies) and create stories	3 – 5 awards of \$10K - \$20K	By invitation: Oct 14 Deadline: Dec 15

Grantees will:

1. Co-convene storytelling spaces with community-driven initiatives and community leaders to intentionally reflect on and uncover their experiences, processes, challenges and impact
2. Co-create story ‘products’ in a variety of media that community leaders can use to tell their own story to their own audiences (e.g. articles, podcasts, newsletters, videos, visual essays)
3. Participate in a learning community with community-leadership projects from across the country to explore themes and patterns from their experiences and stories

Timeline for key project activities

<i>Key activity</i>	<i>Possible time period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold at least one community conversation, forum or other convening to capture community stories or create a shared community story 	anytime March – August 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in learning community virtual gatherings by web or conference calls 	2-3 times Winter/Spring and Summer 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and share your story ‘product’ 	By October 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an in-person learning community gathering to review and learn from other examples of community driven leadership 	Fall 2020

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