

A PROGRAM OF THE GREATER PENSACOLA CHAMBER

# **CLASS PROJECT(S) PURPOSE & GUIDELINES**

#### AIM:

To make it possible for every Leadership Pensacola (LeaP) class member to understand, support and help community not-for-profit organization(s) meet their mission within the greater Pensacola area.

### **PURPOSE:**

- To provide opportunity to sharpen leadership skills such as consensus building, putting vision into practice, creativity and team-building in a manageable group setting
- To implement a service project to address a community issue
- To foster collaborative relationships with community leaders while focusing on service and advocacy
- To provide an introduction to active organizations within the community
- To network within the community and fill future volunteer leadership roles
- To gain satisfaction and to have some fun

### **GUIDELINES:**

- Organization must have non-profit 501c3 status
- Organization must be a member of the Greater Pensacola Area Chamber of commerce in good standing
- An in-person site visit will be required to determine eligibility
- Organization will submit an application proposing ideas that allow teams to experience problem-solving along with a representative to help guide the project
- Projects should be organized around the following kinds of formats:
  - Implement/coordinate a physical or service project
  - Create and/or implement research or promotional campaign project
  - Any combination of the above
- Organization proposals directly serve the community, and supports services already in place or new initiatives proposed by the Organization. The goal is NOT a complex, lengthy project.
  Project should not require more than \$30k in fundraising efforts. The project must have a clear outcome, result or end product
- Project themes are limited to: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and wellness, poverty and quality of life
- If selected as a finalist, a representative will be required to present the proposed project to the LeaP Class on 08/01/25.

## **PROCESS:**

- 1. The class reviews Organization project applications submitted by the deadline and that meet the project purpose and guidelines.
- 2. Collaborate and discuss the project in more detail with entire Class Project team and the Organization's representative to brainstorm possible approaches.
- 3. Develop a CP team action plan in collaboration with the Organization:
  - a. Describe the project
  - b. Indicate approval of plan from the Organization representative
  - c. Identify specific goals and objectives
  - d. Develop a timeline
  - e. Create CP team charter
  - f. Assign responsibilities; including, an agreement on individual service hours, a rotation in leading CP team meetings and commitment for all team members to be involved in the project execution
- 4. The Organization must approve the Class Project team's plans and assure that the project is viable.

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