



Leadership Alamance

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To: Executive Directors, Board Chairs, and Responsible Parties of Nonprofit Organizations, Agencies, and Other Service Organizations

From: Logan Garrison Savits

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Facilitator for Leadership Alamance

Re: Request for Proposals for Community Learning Partnerships

Enclosed is a *Request for Proposals for **Community Partnership Proposals***: an initiative of the Chamber's Leadership Alamance program.

Leadership Alamance is designed to:

- Develop and deploy *informed*, *skilled* and *involved* leaders for Alamance County
- Grow a deeper understanding of our community
- Foster valuable contacts and communication networks.

Leadership Alamance community partnerships are designed to give class participants a chance to apply their skills and experience while addressing challenges our area nonprofits face.

Class members will review all submitted proposals and deliberate on which proposals they believe they can strategically address during the program. Depending on the number and type of applications received, some proposals may not be chosen.

Selected proposals are supported by teams of approximately ten people. If selected, your Leadership Alamance team will contact you to coordinate next steps by early November, and will run through late May when formal partnerships end.

To submit an application, please review the following guidelines. To increase the opportunity for a successful partnership, the organization must designate a staff member to serve as coordinator for the learning partnership. This person will be the primary liaison for the Leadership Alamance partnership team and will assist and facilitate the team on their work. Ideally, any organization submitting an application for a partnership should select a coordinate who:

- Knows and understands the mission, vision, values, and core beliefs of their organization
- Has the authority to make decisions related to the scope of work
- Is aware of potential third-party requirements for any potential projects, i.e. permits, NDAs, state/local limitations, resources, etc.
- Has a basic knowledge of other organizations and offerings in the same nonprofit space as the partnership
- Is aware of available resources (revenue, grants, fundraising opportunities), limitations, and any related applications processes and timelines
- Can quickly and willingly pivot potential projects to a different, but still impactful, alternative as roadblocks arise

It is our hope that this collaborative partnership will provide short- and long-term value to your organization, Leadership Alamance participants, and our County.

The tentative partnership timeline is as follows:

- Community Learning Partnership Applications open: August 27, 2026
- Optional online Information Session hosted by the Chamber: September 9, 2026 at 2 pm
 - [Click here to register for the Information Session](#)
- Community Learning Partnership Applications due: September 30, 2026 at 5 pm
- Decision notifications on or before: October 26, 2026
- Initial Partnership Meetings: October 27 – November 10, 2026
- From November 2026 – February 2027, LA Team will:
 - Explore – Conduct stakeholder outreach/engagement
 - Generate – Create options based on what they gathered
- Formal check-in meeting with your organization: No later than March 2027
- Design and facilitate action-plan in collaboration with your organization: March – May 2027
- Partnership Projects complete: no later than May 21, 2027
- Partnership Presentations: June 3, 2027

We look forward to hearing from you! If you have questions, please contact me at (336) 228-1338 or logan@alamancechamber.com

Leadership Alamance Community Learning Partnership Application Guidelines

The primary purposes of Community Learning Partnerships are to:

- Broaden awareness of community goals, strengths, and challenges
- Facilitate direct involvement in local issues and programs
- Aid in the empowerment and revitalization of Alamance County
- Provide fun, meaningful experiences where class members can practice/develop team and individual leadership skills

The following criteria are guidelines for your application. While not requirements, they have been developed to ensure a successful project for all parties involved.

The partnership creates space for:

- Participants to exercise creativity, leadership, and collaborations skills
- Teams to leave a tangible contribution to the community
- Participants to address a true need within the County
- Action opportunities that are feasible within the budget parameters of your organization
- Actionable testing of team ideas feasible inside the time constraints of the program
- Unforeseen circumstances, radical changes, or creative solutions

Each Leadership Alamance class member is required to participate in a Community Learning Partnership. Because they are asked to make a commitment to this partnership, we respectfully ask that your organization and the designated staff member be committed to its success as well.

Good facilitators/coordinators will:

- Assume a mentoring role in the partnership
- Provide clear vision and guidance in a timely manner
- Give consistent, honest, and open feedback to the project team
- Assist with project-related items which team members cannot perform for the organization, i.e. permit applications with local municipalities, contract signature for rental spaces and fundraisers, etc.

Projects must be completed by May 21, 2027. Leadership Alamance, its future classes, and the Alamance Chamber cannot be responsible for long-term projects.

Applications are due by 5 p.m., September 30, 2026.

[Click here to download the Community Learning Project Application.](#)

Please email completed applications to logan@alamancechamber.com. I will confirm my receipt of your application within 3 business days. If you do not hear from me by then, please give our office a call: 336-228-1338.