Leaders Partnering to End Poverty
Leadership Capacity Building Sessions

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You can submit your application in one of two ways:

- Visiting leadership.blandinfoundation.org, selecting “LPEP - Grand Rapids” under “Events” and completing your application.
- Complete the paper application enclosed and mail to the Foundation (address on application).

Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP) focuses on building leadership capacity in the community to increase opportunities for people to move out of poverty, and is designed for community members who are passionate and committed to this cause.

The purpose of LPEP is to:

- Deepen understanding of poverty related issues.
- Strengthen social capital across economic disparities.
- Develop leadership capacities and skills.
- Learn core leadership competencies to organize a focused community effort to impact poverty related issues.

By applying you are committing to attending all seven formal training sessions and as many community events as your schedule allows. A cohort of 40 participants will be selected for the program and they will be active in executing events, choosing specific issues to address and creating momentum for your community initiative.

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We cover the cost of the meals and training sessions. Your cost is time and travel to and from sessions. Funds to help offset costs of attending the program (mileage, lost wages, childcare, etc.) are available through Rural Leadership Access Funds. Information on how to access these funds will be made available during the application process.

If you have questions about the program email or call Tom Sippola at tjsippola@blandinfoundation.org, 218-327-8737 (direct) or 877-882-2257 (toll-free). You can also learn more about the program by visiting lpep.blandinfoundation.org.