

# Community Application Meeting Guide

For Blandin Leadership Programs

This meeting guide is designed to help you complete your Blandin Leadership Program community application. To successfully facilitate the meeting and collect your responses, be sure to first invite a diverse group of interested community members to the conversation. You will then want to work through the checklist of application questions below, with everyone at your meeting, to help us learn more about your community.

**As a reminder:** You will find a link to the Community Application in your inquiry confirmation email.

## **Which community or communities will be represented?**

The leadership programs are specific to a community of place. The desired population size of the community (or communities) is a minimum of 4,000. If your community has a smaller population are there neighboring communities or areas that you have a natural connection with; a school district, shared services, collaborative programs, etc.

## **Do you have a cross-section of the community represented on the application?**

Download the '9 Dimensions of Healthy Community' Workbook – familiarize yourself with the definitions of the 9 dimensions and who the individuals are that bring experience and knowledge from each of those dimensions within your community (or communities).

The application should include the voices from diverse networks. For example, some of the diverse networks in your community may include: gender identity, race and ethnicity, age, language, culture, faith tradition, political perspective, along with representation across different sectors of your community (9 Dimensions).

There should be a minimum of 6 people signing the application. Make sure to include the name, email, how they are engaged in the community and which of the 9 Dimensions each person represents.

## **Answer the community questions:**

- Why is this a good time for your community to participate in the Blandin Leadership program?
- What is happening in your community that you are most proud of?
- What are 1-2 challenges/opportunities affecting your community?
- In what ways are you engaging diverse populations in your community?
- What does your community hope to happen as a result of the training?

## **Who is your designated community contact?**

This person will be the main contact between the Blandin Foundation and your community.