2019-2020 NON-PROFIT PROJECT APPLICATION

Tampa Connection is now accepting applications from local nonprofit agencies for our 2019-20 Tampa Connection program! Please read below and submit an application if your nonprofit agency is interested in submitting a project to be considered.

Since 1986, the **Tampa Connection** has prepared more than **2000** young professionals to become active volunteers and leaders in the Tampa Bay community while building lasting relationships with peers in varying industries. The program, consisting of program learning days and execution of a project for a local nonprofit, encourages leadership development, community awareness and personal growth.

Each year, local nonprofits submit project proposals to the **Tampa Connection** Board of Directors for consideration. A limited number of agency projects are selected to be carried out by the **Tampa Connection** class members during the program year (August - May). Project teams, consisting of approximately 12-15 members, are asked to take full responsibility for the planning and implementation of the projects selected, and work with the nonprofit throughout the process. We have included some examples of past projects for reference. The most successful projects had the following characteristics:

- Tangible
- Well defined by the agency
- Goal oriented
- Achievable within 6 months

Fundraising under any capacity for the nonprofit agency is **not** an acceptable project for the **Tampa Connection** class members. Any applications with a fundraising component will not be considered. Additionally, the nonprofit agency is responsible for funding seed money or supplies for the project.

Please note our class members typically do not have the skills to create websites. Agencies looking for this type of project or any other technology type of project will be asked to have a technology employee available from the agency directly. Material and information can be gathered, but coding and creation will most likely be outside of the skillset of the class members.

If your organization would like to submit a project idea for consideration, please complete an application and return it to nonprofit@tampaconnection.org by **June 15, 2019.** If you have questions regarding project ideas, please email nonprofit@tampaconnection.org**.**

All nonprofit project applications will be reviewed and discussed by the **Tampa Connection** Board on July 11, 2019. All applicants will be notified whether they were selected as a finalist after the July 11 meeting. All project finalists will be asked to make a brief presentation to the board members on July 25, 2019 in the afternoon or early evening. If chosen for the program, agencies are expected to attend our Purpose and Projects program in September (final date to be announced) to explain your project and expectations to the Tampa Connection class members who will be working on your project. Agencies are also expected to attend monthly team meetings to ensure project is on track and meeting the needs of the agency.

No applications will be accepted after June 15, 2019.

We encourage you to be creative in identifying a meaningful project that would benefit your organization and utilize this resource to the fullest.

Please pass this application along to the appropriate person who handles these types of requests within your organization, or, alternatively, please provide us with contact information for the appropriate person at nonprofit@tampaconnection.org. Thank you for your time.

The Tampa Connection Board of Directors

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Nonprofit Agency Name:	
Physical/Mailing Address:	
Agency Website:	
Contact Name (for communications regarding this project):	
Contact Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

ABOUT YOUR AGENCY

Your agency's mission statement:

A brief description of the services provided by your agency:

Summary of the project for your nonprofit you are proposing:

An overview of the goals you hope your project will accomplish, and description of the current challenges this project would rectify:

What resources (personal contacts, tools, talent, monetary) are you prepared to contribute?

What is your definition of success for this project?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do you have 501(c)(3) filing status?	
Has your agency previously been selected for a Tampa Connection project?	
Has your agency ever applied and not been selected for a Tampa Connection project in the past?	
Can your project be completed in August-May time frame?	
Will your agency be available to meet with your team members on a monthly (or as needed) basis?	
Do you agree to provide the resources necessary for the success of the project to the project team?	
Does your project require fundraising of any sort?	
Is the Contact person listed above in a leadership position and/or have decision-making ability and availability for connecting with the group?	
Do you have a backup contact in the event the dedicated contact is unavailable for any reason?	

Have you tried to create/implement the proposed project in the past? If yes, please explain.

Is there anything else you want us to know about your organization or the proposed project?