2026-2027 NONPROFIT PROJECT APPLICATION

Applications due: June 5, 2026

Tampa Connection Overview:

Since 1986, Tampa Connection has prepared more than 2,500 professionals to become active volunteers and leaders in the Tampa Bay community. The program, consisting of class learning days and execution of a project for a local nonprofit, encourages leadership development, building relationships and community awareness.

The Tampa Connection Board of Directors are seeking local nonprofit organizations to submit project proposals to be considered for the 2026-2027 program. A limited number of nonprofit projects are selected to be carried out by the Tampa Connection class members during the program year (August – May).

Nonprofit Project Overview:

Teams consisting of approximately 10-15 members from the Class Program are asked to take full responsibility for the planning and implementation of the projects selected for the participating nonprofits in partnership with the organization.

We encourage Nonprofits to be creative in identifying a meaningful project that would benefit your organization, while utilizing the diverse skills of Class Members to the fullest. The most successful projects have the following characteristics:

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

Nonprofit Selection Overview:

All nonprofit project applications will be reviewed by the Tampa Connection Board. Applicants will be notified in mid-July whether they were selected as a finalist to present to the Board of Directors. Project finalists will be asked to make a brief presentation to the board members on **August 4, 2026**. If chosen for the program, organizations are expected to attend multiple days including the Purpose and Projects program on **September 17, 2026**, where you will have a chance to explain your project and expectations to the Tampa Connection class members who will be working on your project. Organizations are also expected to attend monthly team meetings to ensure the project is on track and project deliverables are meeting the needs of the nonprofit.

If your organization would like to submit a project idea for consideration, please complete an application as soon as possible**.** No applications will be accepted after **June 5, 2026.** If you have questions regarding the process or project ideas, please email administrator@tampaconnection.org**.**

NONPROFIT PROJECT APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Nonprofit Organization Name:	
Physical/Mailing Address:	
Nonprofit Website:	
Primary Contact Name (for ongoing communication regarding this project):	
Primary Contact Title:	
Primary Contact Office Phone Number:	
Primary Contact Cell Phone Number:	
Primary Contact Email Address:	
Backup Contact Name (for outreach if primary contact is not available):	
Backup Contact Title:	
Backup Contact Office Phone Number:	
Backup Contact Cell Phone Number:	
Backup Contact Email Address:	

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ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

Your nonprofit's mission statement:

A brief description of the services provided by your nonprofit organization:

Summary of the project you are proposing for your nonprofit (please be specific and include detail):

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A description of the current challenges to your nonprofit that you hope this project will rectify:

How do you expect the project to address those challenges, and what would a successful project outcome look like for your assigned team at the end of the program year? Please be specific.

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

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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?

How did you hear about Tampa Connection?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please answer "Yes" or "No", unless otherwise specified)

Do you have 501(c)(3) filing status?	
Has your organization previously been selected for a Tampa Connection project?	
Has your organization ever applied and not been selected for a Tampa Connection project in the past?	
Can your project be completed in the August-May time frame?	
Will your organization be available to meet with your team members on a monthly (or as needed) basis?	
If your project has affiliated costs, does your organization have a budget / funds set aside for any anticipated costs of the project? (If yes, please specify the amount)	
Do you agree to provide the resources necessary for the success of the project to the project team?	
Do you agree that your Tampa Connection team members will not need to engage in any fundraising for your organization as part of the project?*	
Does the primary contact person listed above have a leadership position and/or have decision-making authority and availability to connect with the group?	

***Please note:** *Fundraising under any capacity for the nonprofit organization is not an acceptable project for the Tampa Connection class members. Any applications with a fundraising component will not be considered. The nonprofit is responsible for funding any needed seed money or supplies for the project. Additionally, our class members typically do not have the skills to create websites. Nonprofits applying for this type of project or any other technology type of project will be asked to have a technology employee available from the organization. Material and information can be gathered, but coding and creation will most likely be outside of the skillset of the class members.*

Due to the nature of Tampa Connection's nonprofit application process and volunteer class members, Tampa Connection cannot guarantee the protection of confidential information, if any, shared through this application or with Tampa Connection's Board of Directors or class members. Applicants are encouraged to identify proposed projects and share project information, ideas, and goals with this in mind.