



# EMERGING LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

at COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

## 2020-2021 Program Syllabus and Schedule

### INTRODUCTION – WAYS TO GIVE & ENGAGE

September 9, 2020 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*The term “philanthropy” is typically thought of as an exclusive club open only to those who can afford it. Beyond wealth and money, how else can a person give and engage with nonprofits in a meaningful way? This session will explore the idea of aligning your values and passions with your philanthropy goals, and how we need to redefine ‘philanthropy’ to include the giving of your time, talent, treasure, or voice. Social meet & greet of CFT staff and cohort, with brief overview of CFT, North Texas Giving Day, and the ELP program. Short group exercise using Values cards.*

### LANDSCAPE OF GRANTMAKING

October 14, 2020 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*Before getting to the point of making a grant to an organization, it is helpful to understand the current landscape of grantmaking in Dallas - here, the group will hear about the CFT framework of grantmaking, in comparison to other types of funders, and understand how decisions are made in context of local issues. For further local context, there will be a presentation on the current issues affecting the region. Group will break up into multiple smaller breakout discussions.*

### GRANTMAKING AND PLANNING

November 4, 2020 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*This integral session provides an opportunity for cohort members to give input on the grantmaking process that will occur over the course of the program. The group will decide on a shared list of values and funding priorities in an intensive 90-minute workshop that will involve table discussions and voting on the focus issue areas. This work will provide CFT staff with the framework to bring an array of nonprofits of varying size and serving diverse populations that match the group’s decisions.*

### FINDING AN EFFECTIVE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

January 13, 2021 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*We have all had our heartstrings tugged on when reading stories or watching videos that are shared about nonprofits, whether we have an existing relationship with them or are learning about them for the first time. What tools can be used in assessing whether a nonprofit is actually effective or impactful – and what does that mean? This session will address what is important to you when you decide you may want to give*

*to an organization, things to consider, and hopefully, address some misconceptions. Smaller group discussions and report-outs to the larger group.*

### **NONPROFIT PITCH DAY**

February 10, 2021 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*Through the CFT Philanthropy team's vetting, using the ELP cohort's priority focus areas and values, six nonprofits will be invited to pitch their organizations and/or programs to the group. Hear firsthand about some great nonprofits and their work in the community, and based on voting, three will move forward in the funding process to receive group site visits.*

### **NONPROFIT SITE VISITS\***

March 10, 2021 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*Sometimes applications, pitches, or even videos do not fully capture the work that nonprofits do in the community. See and experience for yourself these nonprofits by attending a site visit facilitated by CFT staff. Debrief and group discussions to follow after reconvening at CFT. Based on preference and availability, ELPers who RSVP will be assigned to one of the final three nonprofit organizations to site visit. \*For the 2020-21 cohort, please be advised that there may still be the possibility of these visits being on a virtual platform, subject to change.*

### **FUNDING AN ORGANIZATION: GRANT DECISION**

April 7, 2021 | 9:00AM – 11:00AM

*This session is when the cohort will make final grant decisions. Here, you will have the opportunity to advocate, discuss, and determine the outcome of the \$25,000 available to award through another intensive workshop of table discussions, voting, and final group consensus.*

### **CELEBRATION AND CHECK PRESENTATION**

TBD

*The Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy cohort will be able to present the check to the chosen grantee, and network and reflect with their class.*