

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT PROPOSALS

2026–2027 Leadership Barren County Class

About the Community Project

Each year, the Leadership Barren County Class works together to complete a community project as part of the program's graduation requirements.

The Lead Forward Committee invites eligible nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to submit proposals for physical community projects they would like to complete but currently lack the resources to undertake.

Projects that meet the eligibility requirements will be presented to the class for consideration. The class will then select one project to complete during the 2026–2027 program year.

Project Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, the proposed project must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or an educational institution located in Barren County.
2. The project must be completed no later than May 1, 2027.
3. The project must be sustainable and provide a meaningful, long-term benefit to the Barren County community.
4. The proposal must be for a physical project—not a fundraiser. However, the class may raise funds to help cover the cost of completing the selected project.

Important Dates

Application Deadline

Friday, September 4, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. CDT

Project Presentations

Thursday, September 10, 2026

4:00–5:30 p.m. CDT

Barefoot Republic Camp

Project Selection

Friday, September 11, 2026

Presentation Requirement

A representative from each applying organization must be available to present the proposed project to the Leadership Barren County Class on September 10.

Each organization will receive:

- 10 minutes to present and pitch its project
- 5 minutes for questions from the class

Application Submission

Please submit your completed application to:

Erin Hiles

Director of Programs & Events

erin@barreninc.com

PROJECT APPLICATION

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Primary Contact Name and Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Project Information

Project Name:

Project Location:

Please describe the proposed project in detail. Include the work that needs to be completed and the desired outcome.

Who will benefit from this project, and how will they benefit?

How will the project be maintained and sustained after its completion?

What is the estimated total cost of the project?

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Please provide a brief breakdown of the anticipated expenses, if available.

Could this project be completed without the assistance of the Leadership Barren County Class? Please explain.

Are there any additional details, resources, limitations, or considerations the class should know when evaluating this proposal?

Authorization

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and that I am authorized to submit this project proposal on behalf of the organization.

Authorized Representative's Signature:

Date:
