



UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS
COMMUNITY RESIDENT IN ACTION (CRIA)
(Reviewed April 2024)

2024-2025 Call for Proposals
Due June 8, 2024 by 5 pm MST

University Neighborhood Partners' mission is to bring together University and west side people and resources in reciprocal learning, action, and benefit... "a community coming together."

Philosophical grounding: This program and the opportunities supported through it, are grounded in the belief that community residents bring important knowledge and capacities to the campus-community work of UNP on the west side of Salt Lake, which are unique and essential for University-Neighborhood mutually beneficial collaborations. The CRIA carries an award of \$6,120 (Six thousand one hundred twenty) per year, for a maximum of two years. The CRIA will be awarded every one or two years based on progress.

Applicants must submit their proposals via e-mail to T.molina@partners.utah.edu, by 5:00 PM MST, on June 8, 2024.

Program goals:

- To enable community residents to provide their knowledge and expertise in campus-community partnership projects.
- To provide residents with an opportunity for meaningful collaboration through UNP partnerships.
- To provide visibility for the role of community residents in community partnerships both on and off campus.
- To enable west side neighborhoods to better respond to expressed community interests and needs.

Criteria for selection of Community Resident Leader(s):

- Resident(s) has/have expertise and interests that match the interests and needs of a planned or on-going UNP partnership.
- Resident(s)'s involvement strengthens the capacity of a linked community organization or resident group as a long-term partner with UNP.
- Resident(s) is/are personally interested in working with the partnership and the project, and has/have already committed time to learning about the project and interacting with those involved.
- Resident(s) has/have demonstrated commitment to the broad area of community work through some level of involvement related to the project.
- Partners involved with the specific project agree that the involvement of the resident(s) will be beneficial to the project.
- Priority will be given to resident(s) who live in a west side Salt Lake neighborhood.

Process for selection of the Community Resident in Action Leader(s):

- Candidates (individuals or teams) may submit an application/proposal (6 page maximum length) directly, or may be nominated by UNP partners and/or staff based on the candidate's interest level and work plan.
- The proposal/nomination should include the following information: 1) Project idea, including how the CRIA work will strengthen a current or planned partnership; 2) past involvement with UNP partnerships; 3) how the project will build connections between residents and community resources (e.g. schools, non-profits, local government, and other resident groups). 4) Applicant's contact information.
- Applications must be submitted to T.Molina@partners.utah.edu by 5 PM MST June 8, 2024.
- UNP Advisory Board members, partners and staff will be part of the selection committee, which will review applications and select the best proposal.
- UNP Partners and staff will discuss the position with the selected CRIA candidate(s).
- In July of the academic year prior to service, an appropriate UNP staff member, Board member, or community or campus partner will formally invite the selected Community Resident Leaders to serve in a capacity to be defined in writing
- The CRIA award may be extended for a second year pending a review of progress after one year.

The selection will be finalized by July 30, 2024 for activities to begin in the fall of 2024.

Types of contributions anticipated from Community Resident In Action Leaders:

- It is anticipated that a Community Resident Leader will contribute expertise related to his or her personal interests to meet needs of a specific partnership project. The time involved will vary, but will be roughly described in the written explanation of the position.
- Tangible outcomes of the work may include:
 - Organizing a group of residents to carry out a specific project through a University-Neighborhood partnership, or any other mutually agreed upon outcomes.
 - Teaching of course modules or seminars based on their expertise to other community residents within a University-Neighborhood partnership.
 - Organizing learning modules to help U of U partners understand aspects of west side community life and develop a University-Neighborhood partnership.
- Community Resident Leaders will be asked to present their work at an appropriate community, UNP, or U of U event to highlight the contributions of community-based expertise to University-Neighborhood partnerships.

Benefits to the Community Resident Leader(s):

- The Community Resident Leader(s) will be recognized at appropriate community, departmental, college, or university functions.

- Outcomes of Community Resident Leaders work will be graphically displayed in an appropriate place in the community.
- An honorarium of \$6,200 per year, for up to two years, will be given to the Community Resident Leader(s) to enable him/her to devote time to the partnership as agreed upon with UNP staff and partners.

Benefits to the community and the campus:

- Community members will have new opportunities to participate in active problem-solving and social justice work within their own neighborhoods.
- West side neighborhoods and the University of Utah will have additional human resources to assist in addressing shared issues.
- The interpersonal networks that connect the broader community will be strengthened.
- The tangible outcomes of the specific project will benefit all those involved.
- Connections built through project interactions may attract neighborhood students to the U and other higher education institutions, and may result in increased diversity in Utah higher education.