

Creative Community-Centered Project Planning

Information Gathering & Reflection

Connection To Community

Spend approximately 20 minutes considering these questions in relationship to community resources, strengths, and priorities:

- How does your organization serve, impact, and relate to the communities within this region and beyond?
- Where in your community do you have the strongest connections, relationships, and knowledge?
- Is there a core community or sub-region that you see as a priority?

Your Strengths And Leadership

Take 15 minutes or so reflect upon the following questions about yourself and your organization:

- What is your understanding of how decisions are made in the community?
- Do you understand the histories and demographic makeup of the community, as well as how different groups relate to one another?
- Do you have rapport among key community members and leaders?
- Can you work with, and motivate a wide range of people?

Defining The Community

Take 30 minutes or so to reflect on:

- Based on your perspective, describe your community in terms of its strengths, characteristics, and/or unique features.
- What are the social successes and challenges of your region?
- Identifying community assets allows community-based power, stories, and solutions to be centered & recognized.

- Community challenges and trends of injustice are important to include in your community description, as they help identify social and systemic issues that need to be raised and addressed.