



## Jefferson Collaborative Membership Information

The [Jefferson Community Collaborative](#) is a network of community-serving organizations who are committed to working together to improve community life in Pittsburgh’s South Hills and lower Mon Valley. As a direct outcome of the inaugural Jefferson Forum in 2015, the Collaborative emerged as a platform for organizations across the Jefferson Region to network and collaborate. The Collaborative has become a membership of 100+ community-based organizations and an incubator for powerful ideas, a tool for capacity building and a facilitator of group action on broad community aspirations.

- **Our Mission:** To bring together change-makers to positively impact the health & vitality of communities south of Pittsburgh.
- **Our Vision:** To create agile, healthy, and sustainable communities for diverse populations throughout the Jefferson region.

The Collaborative comes together in full meetings throughout the year and sponsors [initiatives](#) including the Jefferson Counts 2020 Census Campaign, Mental Health First Aid and the Around the Table South community conversation project. In addition to these networking opportunities, issue-oriented **Action Teams** enable member organizations to work together on cross-sector solutions for key challenges in our communities. Our current focus areas are **Diversity, Equity and Racial Justice** and **Civic and Policy Engagement**:

### Diversity, Equity, and Racial Justice Action Team

This Team has conducted Implicit Bias Training, Racial Wealth Gap Simulations, and produced a [DEI Resource Bank](#) to embody the following principles:

1. Celebrating differences
2. Striving for equity and inclusion in the Jefferson Area
3. Championing racial justice

### Civic and Policy Engagement Action Team

This Team has developed a civic and policy engagement plan with the following goals:

1. Education and training of Collaborative members on how to best approach civic and policy engagement
2. Education of elected officials and regulators of the value of the work of members of the Collaborative
3. Providing a collective voice for issues through the Collaborative

### Membership Criteria & Benefits:

To be considered for Collaborative Membership, your organization must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a community-based organization which provides services or programs to residents or communities in the Jefferson Area. A listing of Jefferson area communities can be found on our [website](#).
2. Attend at least one Collaborative event or program per year other than the Jefferson Forum
3. Your programs may not compete with any activities of Jefferson Hospital or the Allegheny Health Network

Membership Benefits	
NETWORKING! Participation in Collaborative meetings, initiatives and pilot programs with an opportunity to provide feedback	Mini-Grants to support initiatives serving the Jefferson region
Submit updates and content for the Collaborative Newsletter	Lead or serve on Action Teams or project-based initiatives
Recognition at Jefferson Forum, future versions of the Jefferson Community Directory and Collaborative communications	Priority preference for “Spotlight Presentations” at Collaborative meetings and in the Collaborative newsletter
Advance access to data, reports, and other products of the Jefferson Community Collaborative	Use of Jefferson Collaborative name in grant proposals and fund-seeking activities

## Jefferson Collaborative Membership Application

### Jan. 1, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2022

Please return the following two pages via email to [daniel.vereb@jeffersonrf.org](mailto:daniel.vereb@jeffersonrf.org) or to the Jefferson Regional Foundation,  
Attn: Daniel Vereb: 565 Coal Valley Rd, Jefferson Hills, PA, 15025.

How does your organization engage with Jefferson Communities? (Please check all that apply)

- Our organization is headquartered or has a physical location in the Jefferson Area
- Our organization has dedicated staff in the Jefferson Area
- Our organization offers active programming in the Jefferson Area
- Our organization has a strong presence in the Jefferson Area, serving a large number of residents/communities
- Other, please list: \_\_\_\_\_


Please describe briefly how your organization will add value to the Collaborative Membership Network:

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As a Member of the Jefferson Community Collaborative, my organization commits to:

1. **The mission and vision of the Jefferson Community Collaborative.**
2. **Participating in Collaborative meetings and activities throughout the year as our schedules allow.**
  - Full Collaborative Meetings
    - o Meetings of the Full Collaborative occur throughout the year. While attendance is not mandatory, all members are expected to attend to the best of their ability.
    - o Organization leadership is encouraged to attend the Jefferson Regional Foundation's Annual Jefferson Forum in May.
  - Action Teams and Other Initiatives
    - o Action Teams are formed around priority issues in the Jefferson Region. While participation is not mandatory, it is expected that all members will make every effort to serve on an Action Team.
3. **Being responsive to requests for participation in data collection and surveys as requested by Collaborative leadership to the best of our ability.** To ensure the Collaborative is functioning effectively, occasionally members will be requested to participate in data collection efforts or surveys. The collection of this data allows for measuring outcomes and assessing needs among membership and throughout Jefferson communities.
4. **Following the Jefferson Community Collaborative Code of Conduct.** The Jefferson Community Collaborative asks participating organizations to adhere to the following Code of Conduct to maintain, open, respectful, and productive meetings and teams.
  1. *Participants will maintain a welcoming & inclusive environment*
  2. *Participants will engage in meetings by expressing their own point of view in a respectful, appropriate manner*
  3. *Participants will consider others' points of view in a thoughtful, considerate matter and respond constructively*
  4. *Participants will be representatives for and voices of the people they serve. Resident/community voice is vital for moving the Collaborative and the Jefferson region forward*
  5. *Participants will represent the Collaborative to community members and additional stakeholders*

## Collaborative Member Organization Profile

Organization Name:			
Organization Address:			
Organization Phone:			
Organization Website:			
Major Program/Service Category:			
Major Funding Source:			
Full-Time Staff Size:	Choose an item.	Budget Size:	Choose an item.
Executive Director /CEO/President:	Name	Email	Phone
Executive Director /CEO/President Signature <b>(required)</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">  </div>		

Primary Contact:	<b>Name and Job Title</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Equity and Racial Justice Action Team <input type="checkbox"/> Civic and Policy Engagement Action Team
<i>Member organizations are welcome to send representatives at any level to Collaborative activities as they choose. For communication purposes, please list any employees who may participate and should be added to the mailing list:</i>				
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