

At Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., we continually strive to achieve the maximum amount of beneficial impact with our grant funding dollars by collaborating with our nonprofit partners whose missions closely align with our own. As our Board of Trustees take part in the review of grant applications related to the six areas of focus in achieving our mission at Delaplaine Foundation — Arts & Culture; Educational Advancement; Health; Human Services; Historical Preservation; Spiritual Enlightenment, we are eager to bring guidance forward from individuals in our local community who have expertise to provide a knowledgeable perspective in these key areas of focus. To that end, Delaplaine Foundation is looking to form a Community Advisory Council, comprised of people with current and specialized knowledge in each of these sectors. We are soliciting help from the local nonprofit community and community at large and hope that you might nominate a "subject matter expert" from one of these six categories:

Cultural Arts \* Education \* Health \* Human Services \* Historical Preservation \* Spiritual Enlightenment

In order to avoid conflicts of interest, we are searching for individuals who are <u>currently not</u> employed by or serving on the Board of any nonprofit organization that is receiving grant funding or has previously received grant funding from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc. Please feel free to contact us if you need assistance determining whether an organization has or is currently receiving funds. We are looking for at least one representative for each of our funding sectors and encourage the nomination of individuals in underrepresented communities in order to gain the broadest possible perspective of trends and concerns in these areas of focus. Nominees should reside or work within Frederick County.

Community Advisory Council participants will be expected to meet with the Council Chair between two and four times a year to discuss current trends and needs in their areas of expertise. Although details have yet to be decided, virtual attendance is a possibility. The Council Chair will present information gleaned during the meetings that will later be reviewed and summarized for Board members for consideration.

Our goal in creating a Community Advisory Council is to enable best-informed funding decisions, and to enhance our present connections with our nonprofit partners by staying abreast of issues that impact those partnerships. We appreciate in advance your nominations, and please know we will respect the wish of anyone who does not wish to be identified as a nominator. Please forward the name and contact information of your nominee, along with their area of expertise, to Blair Wilson at <a href="mailto:bwilson@delaplainefoundation.org">bwilson@delaplainefoundation.org</a>.

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