

Introduction

Propel SEL is a 12-month action learning project for 2-4 person teams from organizations that offer out-of-school youth development and mentoring programs for youth in grades 6-12 in the 9 county metro. Participating programs will increase the intentionality of social-emotional learning practices in their youth programs. Propel SEL is funded by the Greater Twin Cities United Way and the Carlson Family Foundation and hosted through a partnership among the Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth, Ignite Afterschool, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, and Sprockets.

This application is intended to help the selection committee understand each applicants goals and readiness for participation in the Propel SEL Professional Learning Community. It will also help us ensure the diversity of participating organizations as we seek cohort members that bring a range of experiences and perspectives and are committed to racial equity in their SEL practice.

We suggest that you review the PDF version of the application and prepare answers before starting the on-line application.

Questions? Contact:

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Tell us about your organization!

In this section, we'll learn more about your organization and the youth you work with. If you operate multiple youth programs and plan to focus only on one of them to integrate SEL, please think only of that program when completing this section.

* 1. What is the name and address of your organization?

Name of organization	<input type="text"/>
Street address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	<input type="text"/>

* 2. Please provide the name and contact information for the primary person associated with this application. This is the person we will contact if we have questions about your application and to notify you if your organization has been accepted into Propel SEL.

Main Contact Name	<input type="text"/>
Main Contact Title/Role	<input type="text"/>
Main Contact Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Main Contact Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

* 3. The Executive Director, CEO, or equivalent (department director is sufficient in large systems) must be supportive of your organization's participation in Propel SEL and will need to sign the participation contract if selected. Please provide us the contact information for this leader in your organization.

Executive's name	<input type="text"/>
Executive's email address	<input type="text"/>
Executive's phone number	<input type="text"/>

* 4. What grades are the youth participants in your program(s)?

- Middle School or Junior High
- High School
- Both
- We do not serve youth in middle/junior high or high school

* 5. Propel SEL is intended for both afterschool/summer youth development and youth mentoring programs. Your program(s) is/are primarily (check one):

- afterschool/summer youth development/enrichment
- mentoring
- we provide both youth development and mentoring programs

Other (please specify)

* 6. For the population of youth served by your program(s), please provide the approximate percentage served next to each race/ethnicity category.

American Indian/Native Alaskan

Asian

Black/African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

White or Caucasian

Other

Unknown

7. How many staff regularly work directly with youth in your organization? (select one answer)

- Fewer than 5
- 5-10
- 11-20
- More than 20

* 8. We would like to know more about your goals for the scope of Propel SEL within your organization. Please check which statement best describes how Propel SEL will be scaled within your organization.

- We have multiple programs and/or program sites (locations) and, through Propel SEL, we plan to integrate SEL organization-wide across programs and sites (locations).
- We have multiple programs and/or sites but will focus on integrating SEL into one or a small number of those programs or program sites through participation in Propel SEL (we are not focusing organization-wide at this time).
- We only have one program or program site and will focus on integrating SEL into the programming at our site.

* 9. Think about the program site(s) you will engage in Propel SEL or that you hope will be impacted by Propel SEL, please list the city or the cities that site or those sites are in.

* 10. Please briefly describe the youth program(s) within your organization that will benefit from Propel SEL. Please include things like the program mission and goals. Give an example of the typical kinds of activities in your program. Tell us about the youth population served and if you offer any culturally specific programming. (400 word max)

Organization Goals and Propel SEL Team

In this section we look forward to learning more about your goals and reasons for applying to participate in the Propel SEL Professional Learning Community. We will also learn more about the team you are assembling to attend Propel SEL cohort meetings.

* 11. Briefly describe your organizations goals for participating in Propel SEL. What do you hope to learn? In what ways do you hope Propel SEL will positively impact your organization and program(s)? (300 word max)

* 12. Propel SEL requires engaging young people in developing your SEL plans. Rate your level of experience at engaging youth voice in your program? (More stars means more experienced)

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Briefly provide one example of how your organization has engaged youth voice in your program (100 character max).

* 13. Propel SEL will require organizations to design a parent engagement and/or communication plan. Rate your level of experience gathering feedback from parents of youth participants? (More stars means more experienced)

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Briefly describe one way you have engaged and/or communicated with parents in your program over the last year (100 character max)

* 14. Please tell us how many people from your organization will participate in Propel SEL monthly meetings. For the application we ask that you know the name of at least 2 members of your team. You will provide that information in the next question.

- 2 participants
- 3 participants
- 4 participants

* 15. Please tell us about the staff team that will attend monthly Propel SEL meetings. Teams can range from 2-4 participants. In order to ensure each organization has a successful experience, we highly recommend that teams include a person with decision-making ability in the organization, a program manager/supervisor and a staff person who works directly with youth. We recognize that one person may fit multiple categories.

Name of participant 1

Role/Title of participant 1

Race/Ethnicity of participant 1

Name of participant 2

Role/Title of Participant 2

Race/Ethnicity of participant 2

Name of participant 3 (optional)

Role/Title of participant 3 (optional)

Race/Ethnicity of participant 3 (optional)

Name of participant 4 (optional)

Role/Title of participant 4 (optional)

Race/Ethnicity of participant 4 (optional)

* 16. Briefly share why you've assembled this particular team. What will they get out of the experience and what will they bring to the experience? (300 words max)

Current Organizational Engagement with Social Emotional Learning

Hang in there! This is the last required section. Through the following questions, we want to know more about your current level of experience with social emotional learning.

Organizations are not required to have robust, intentional SEL plans already in place in order to participate in Propel SEL. Your organization is also not required to be measuring SEL outcomes.

Responses to these questions will help cohort facilitators and trainers better plan cohort meetings and will aid in evaluation of the Propel SEL initiative.

17. Please check which social and emotional domains your program has identified as focus areas to intentionally support (These domains were identified through Propel SEL community listening sessions with afterschool providers).

- Interpersonal/Relationship Skills
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Social Awareness
- Self-Management
- Hope/Optimism
- Belonging
- Voice/Autonomy
- Self-Awareness
- Self-Efficacy
- Commitment/Dedication
- Growth Mindset
- Cultural Fluency/Fluidity
- Initiative
- Leadership
- We have not identified specific SEL domains that our program should be designed to support

Other (please specify)

* 18. Is your program currently utilizing an SEL Framework to inform your work with youth? Please indicate which of the following SEL Frameworks your program is currently utilizing to inform your work with youth. (Check all that apply)

- Collaborative for Academic, Social, Emotional, and Learning (CASEL)
- Thrive! (Susan Crown Exchange or SCE)
- Clover Model (PEAR)
- Foundations for Young Adult Success (U Chicago CCSR)
- REACH Framework (Search Institute)
- My organization/program is NOT currently utilizing a SEL framework

Other (please specify)

* 19. Please indicate all assessments currently used to measure SEL in your program. (Check all that apply)

- SAYO (Survey of Academic & Youth Outcomes)
- HSA (Holistic Student Assessment)
- DAP (Developmental Assets Profile)
- DESSA (Devereux Student Strengths Assessment)
- REACH (Relationships, Effort, Aspirations, Cognition, and Heart)
- Our organization/program is NOT currently using any assessment to measure SEL
- We use a self-developed assessment to measure SEL

Other (please specify)

Propel SEL Need-Based Organizational Stipend

We want a broad range of organizations to have the opportunity to improve their SEL intentionality, knowledge and practice by participating in the Propel SEL Professional Learning Community.

We understand that, for some organizations, a limited budget can prevent pulling together the most effective staff team to participate.

Propel SEL has a limited number of need-based organizational stipends available to help defray the costs an organization incurs to have staff participate in Propel SEL.

Stipends will go to organizations and do not go directly to individuals. It is the responsibility of the organization to ensure staff are compensated for participation at Propel SEL cohort meetings and for time to carry out Propel SEL related activities and plans back at their organization.

* 20. Would your organization like to be considered for a need-based organizational stipend in order for all team members to participate in Propel SEL cohort meetings?

Yes

No

Organizational Stipend Application

21. Please let us know the budget for out-of-school youth development and mentoring programs within your organization:

- Under \$100,000
- Between \$100,000-\$499,999
- Between \$500,000 and \$999,999
- Over \$1,000,000

22. Please tell us why your organization requires an organizational stipend in order to participate in Propel SEL.

23. Please tell us the total stipend amount required to ensure your team can fully participate. Include a brief budget narrative of how you came up with that amount.

Great Job- You're All Done!

Thank you for applying to the Propel SEL Professional Learning Community.

The selection team is excited to learn more about your organization. We will notify you if we have additional questions.

Final notifications about acceptance into the cohort will be made on January 15th.