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## *Application*

# City Leadership for Building an Early Learning Nation

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**National League of Cities  
660 North Capitol Street Suite 450  
Washington, DC 20001**

**Submission Deadline: 7pm EST on November 19, 2018**  
**Submit applications via e-mail to Alana Eichner, Senior Associate for**  
**Early Childhood Success, at [eichner@nlc.org](mailto:eichner@nlc.org)**

## **CITY INFORMATION**

### ***Demographics***

Population:

Racial Demographics:

\_\_\_\_ % White    \_\_\_\_ % African-American    \_\_\_\_ % Hispanic    \_\_\_\_ % Asian  
\_\_\_\_ % Other

Percentage of Children Under 5:

Median Family Income:

Percentage of Persons Living in Poverty:

Percentage of Persons Without Health Insurance (under 65 years of age):

### ***City Governance Structure***

Please select your city's governance structure:

- \_\_\_\_ Council-Manager
- \_\_\_\_ Mayor-Council (\_\_\_\_ strong mayor or \_\_\_\_ weak mayor)
- \_\_\_\_ Commission
- \_\_\_\_ Town Meeting
- \_\_\_\_ Representative Town Meeting

If other or not sure, describe your city governance structure below:

Total Number of Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_

Number of At-Large Council Members: \_\_\_\_

Number of Ward/District Specific Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_

Number of School Districts (independent, dependent): \_\_\_\_ Independent    \_\_\_\_ Dependent

### ***Early Childhood Capacity***

What kind of local data or measurements related to children and families does your city have access to?

Is there an existing coalition in your city focused on early childhood? If yes, does an MOU or letter of intent guide the governance of this coalition?

City and town specific data can be found on the U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts at:  
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045217>.

## **CITY TEAM**

Each city team should be anchored with a city staff member. Additional core team members can include partners in other city agencies, leaders in community-based organizations, higher education partners, business leaders, workforce development stakeholders, etc.

### ***City Team Leader***

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

### ***Core Team Member 1***

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

### ***Core Team Member 2***

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

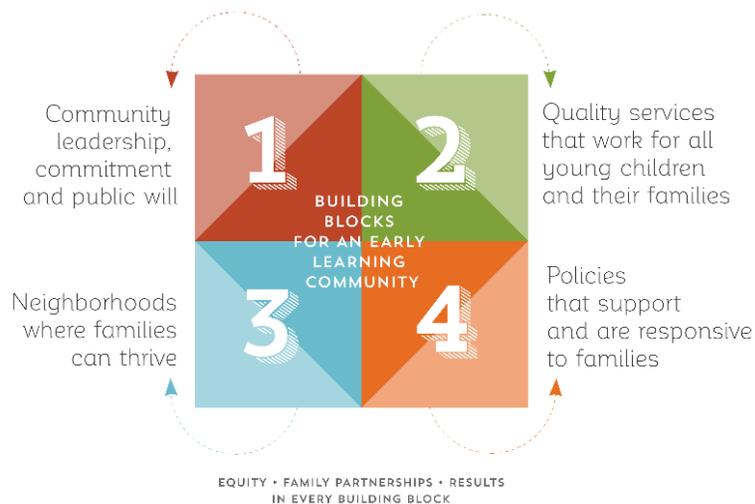
Phone:

Email:

## **NARRATIVE RESPONSES**

(No more than two paragraphs per question)

- 1) Describe the momentum and efforts that currently exist around early learning, including the unique strengths and challenges in your community.
- 2) Where does the work related to young children sit within your city government? Who are the key partners throughout your community (both within and outside of city government) that are leading work related to early learning?
- 3) Which stakeholder in your city has the strongest ability to make change and what are the stated priorities of this person or institution?
- 4) NLC's early learning is grounded in the Building Blocks for Early Learning Communities framework. Among the four "building blocks" listed below, which do you see as being the greatest area of progress for your city and why?



5) What are the top two short term and top two long-term goals that you seek to achieve in your city as a result of this initiative? Consider the [Early Learning Communities Action Guide](#) as you develop these goals.

Short Term

- 1.
- 2.

Long Term

- 1.
- 2.

## MAYORAL LETTER

As part of the application, we ask each city to submit a letter from the mayor in support of this initiative. This letter is important in demonstrating support from a city's elected leadership and a commitment to make early learning as a top city priority. If your city does not have a mayor, please contact Alana Eichner ([eichner@nlc.org](mailto:eichner@nlc.org)) to determine from whom your letter of support should be written.

The letter of support should address the following questions:

- What initiatives, commitments, and partnerships have been made by the city in the areas of early learning that provide a foundation for this project?
- How would technical assistance from NLC advance the city's efforts and benefit the community?
- How does this issue align with the mayor's and city priorities?
- How will you actively champion this issue?