FLORIDA CIVIC ADVANCE NETWORK- GOING FORWARD
June 2015

Collaborating to Strengthen Civic Life in Florida Communities

Florida Civic Advance Network Goals

1. To obtain and share information about exemplary and innovative civic practice

2) To encourage, influence, and undertake research in regard to civic practices

3) To assist local leaders, citizens, and governments in strengthening civic life in their communities

THE FLORIDA CIVIC ADVANCE

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AREAS OF CIVIC ACTIVITY AND PRACTICE

The following is a list developed by the Florida Civic Advance network of 12 areas that define and shape community civic life. The Florida Civic Advance is an emerging network and coalition of over 30 organizations dedicated to helping Florida communities strengthen their capacity and performance in each of these areas:

1. Voter Education & Participation
2. Collaborative Economic Development
3. Civic Information & Deliberation
4. Community Visioning & Planning
5. Volunteer Service & Charitable Giving
6. Civic Education & Student Service Learning
7. Intergroup & Intergenerational Connecting
8. Multi-Sector Partnering
9. Citizen Engagement with Government
10. Civility, Neighborliness & Community Caring
11. Nonprofit Community Impact
12. Inclusive Community Events

We want to solicit your ideas, input and knowledge on an open FCA survey on identifying and add to a list of Florida civic showcase initiatives and project examples Florida Civic Areas Showcase Examples and documenting what we know about civic practice in Florida’s communities What Do We Know?

Building on the results of the February 2015 FCA Summit, the Florida Civic Advance network will establish a Coordinating Committee of network leaders and organize and seek support for managing four FCA workgroups in the Summer of 2015 to serve the following purposes:

1. **CIVIC SUCCESS MODELS WORKGROUP**: To develop plans and provide guidance identifying, describing, and analyzing the most successful and innovative civic activities and leadership practices in Florida.

2. **COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP ASSISTANCE WORKGROUP**: To design implementation strategies that can build on civic success models and help Florida communities and their leaders strengthen their civic capacities and leadership practices.

3. **CIVIC INDICATORS WORKGROUP**: To identify and develop the most appropriate indicators to measure the civic health of Florida communities building on the work to date. The initial focus in 2015-16 will be on civic indicators for mid size cities and larger metropolitan areas and for the state of Florida in comparison to other states.

4. **CIVIC RESEARCH AGENDA WORKGROUP**: To select and prioritize research topics and projects that can provide knowledge to strengthen civic life in Florida communities, and to propose ways in which such research can be funded and undertaken.

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1 If you believe your organization would like to join the FCA Network, please contact Robert Jones at rmjones@fsu.edu