**Framework for Community Leadership by a Community Foundation**

**DEFINITION AND OUTCOME**

The community foundation is a community partner that creates a better future for all by pursuing the community’s greatest opportunities and addressing the most critical challenges, inclusively uniting people, institutions and resources from throughout the community, and producing significant, widely shared and lasting results.

### FIRST-LEVEL BUILDING BLOCKS

- **A. Values, culture and will**
  - The community foundation manifests the values, culture and will to exercise community leadership.

- **B. Relationships**
  - The community foundation continuously builds the relationships to exercise community leadership.

- **C. Resources**
  - The community foundation accesses and develops the resources necessary to exercise community leadership.

- **D. Understanding and skills**
  - The community foundation accesses and develops the understanding and skills to exercise community leadership.

### SECOND-LEVEL BUILDING BLOCKS

- **A. Values, culture and will**
  - The community foundation is committed to effecting change that advances the common good.

- **B. Relationships**
  - The community foundation is an engaged and trusted community partner.

- **C. Resources**
  - The community foundation serves as a place for residents and other stakeholders to connect with intellectual, political, social and financial capital.

- **D. Understanding and skills**
  - The community foundation has the skills to help residents and other stakeholders to be involved in and drive community improvement efforts.

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Track your community leadership progress using Candid’s [Community Leadership Assessment Tool (CLAT)](https://www.candid.org).