

Community Foundations for Civic Health: Virtual Learning Series Learning Roadmap



Session 1: Introduction & What Is Civic Health?

- Date: August 18, 2026
- Key Learning Questions:
 - What is community leadership, and what is the unique role of community foundations?
 - What is civic health, and why does it matter?
 - Why is this work compelling to you and your community?
 - What will this series cover?

Session 2: Ecosystem Mapping

- Date: August 20, 2026
- Key Learning Questions:
 - Why does collaboration matter for civic health?
 - How can you identify the best partners for each strategy?
 - Who are the key civic health players in your community, and what work is currently in progress?

Optional In-Person Engagement: 2026 Community Foundations for Civic Health Summit

- Date: September 9-10, 2026
- Location: Wilmington, DE
- Virtual Learning Series participants will receive a discounted registration rate

Session 3: Sensemaking for Community & Organization Strategy (Workshop Session)

- Date: September 29, 2026
- Key Learning Questions:
 - Where does your foundation sit in relation to local organizations (e.g. nonprofits, faith communities, etc.), institutions, and decision-making processes?
 - What civic health work are you currently engaged in, and how do you want to engage in the future?
 - What capacity do you have, and what capacity do you still need?

Session 4: What Are the Most Effective Civic Health Practices and Approaches?

- Date: November 5, 2026
- Key Learning Questions:
 - What programs, practices, and activities strengthen civic health?
 - How do you build a civic infrastructure that fits your local context and current strategies?
 - Which organizations are trusted, experienced partners you can engage?

Session 5: How to Measure Civic Health

- Date: December 8, 2026
- Key Learning Questions:
 - How do you decide what to measure and how to measure it?
 - How do you talk about measurement with community members, leaders, and funders?
 - Who are your measurement allies in the community?

Session 6: How to Communicate Civic Health

- Date: January 19, 2027
- Key Learning Questions:
 - How do you currently talk about civic health in your community?
 - How do you choose the right language for the right audience and purpose?
 - Who are your communication allies in the community?

Session 7: How to Fund Civic Health and Engage Your Board

- Date: February 9, 2027
- Key Learning Questions:
 - What is different about raising dollars for civic health?
 - How can you collaborate effectively with local funders and bring local donors along?
 - How can you frame civic health work for your board?
 - How can you design a board learning agenda around civic health?

Session 8: Your Civic Health Next Steps

- Date: March 16, 2027
- Key Learning Questions:
 - How can you operationalize your learnings for your community foundation's civic health work?
 - How should you approach current and potential partners?
 - How could you integrate what you've learned into your existing community leadership work?