

HOUSING Service Learning Project

In partnership with Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center and UNITY, STEM Library Lab is offering a pre-packaged (Ready-to-Go) Service Learning Project. The Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC) is a nonprofit civil rights organization established to eradicate housing discrimination, and UNITY is a nonprofit that coordinates community partnerships to end homelessness.

This project ties Louisiana Social Studies Standards-aligned curriculum for grades 2-3 and grades 8-12 to relevant, hands-on community service. Students are given an overview of service learning, UNITY, and LaFHAC, and a housing presentation by LaFHAC, before students select one of two service projects which will produce items that will be donated to UNITY.

Guidelines and Requirements

- One visit from LAFHAC is approximately 60-90 minutes for grades 2-3 and 90-120 minutes for grades 8-12.
- Instructors agree to complete the following lessons prior to the LaFHAC visit:
 1. *Building Empathy Exercise*
 2. *Service learning definition and the five IPARD steps* lesson
 3. Overview of LaFHAC and UNITY
- Instructors agree to have students participate in the housing curriculum provided by LaFHAC.
- Instructors agree to complete a post-service reflection activity within two school calendar days of the LaFHAC presentation.
- Instructors agree to complete the Demonstration within two weeks of the presentation.
- School agrees to provide at least **1 teacher per 20 students** during the entirety of LaFHAC activities.
- Instructors agree to submit a final report within two weeks of the Demonstration completion.
- Instructors agree to attend a 30-minute orientation before beginning the project.

For more information about LaFHAC, visit lafairhousing.org/ or contact Education Coordinator, Silas Eames at (504) 708-2109 or seames@lafairhousing.org. More information about UNITY can be found at unitygno.org, or by contacting Joe Heeren-Mueller at (504) 483-9300 or by email at homelesswarehouse@unitygno.org.

HOW TO APPLY: After reviewing the guidelines, please submit your completed application via [email](#), snail mail, or in-person at 3011 N I-10 Service Road East, Metairie, LA 70002. This application will be processed with standard applications during the 2024-2025 grant submission period. It must be submitted by April 26, 2024. Approved applications (or award receipts) will be announced with all other 2024-2025 service learning grant recipients in July and August. Please contact [Maria Landrum](#) with questions.



Housing Service Learning Project Application

School Name: _____ Parish: _____

School Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

School Phone No.: _____ Teacher/Group Leader: _____

Teacher's Summer Phone No.: _____

Teacher's School Email Address: _____

Summer Email Address _____

Number of students: _____ Subject: _____ Grade(s): _____

Preferred Dates:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Principal's Approval

By applying for a pre-packaged service learning project, you agree to complete all lessons, follow the IPARD model, and attend an orientation to review the aforementioned materials. I understand that if this application is approved, the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation will issue a check to the school for the service learning field trip and other project expenses. To the best of my knowledge, this service learning field trip conforms to the rules and regulations of the school board and/or school trustees and is a beneficial activity for the school's students.

Principal's Name (Printed) _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

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	COST PER UNIT	* (number of students)	TOTAL
Project Supplies			=\$
Demonstration Supplies			=\$
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