

SAGE Legacy Fellowship

Sample Roles and Ideas

SAGE's retreat and five sessions break down the process of launching your community benefit project into small steps. This allows you to design a worthwhile project that can be launched in six months, and that will benefit your community in a meaningful way. For long-term initiatives, you can phase your project to achieve a milestone during the fellowship.

Our goal is to help you develop and lead a project that leverages your time, talent and passion. Here are four project roles and related ideas (but don't let these ideas limit you):

Entrepreneur – Innovate and execute a project to solve a problem or meet a need

- Create new job training opportunities by developing a program for low-income high school graduates to serve as interns in your company
- Tackle student loan debt by developing a new revenue stream for a community college
- Connect children with nature by developing an outdoor club led by volunteers at a local elementary school, and expand the model to other schools

Organizer – Organize neighbors, friends, or colleagues for a project of lasting impact

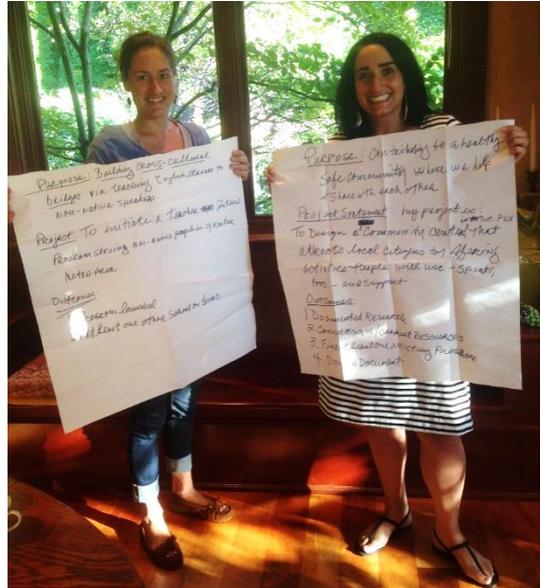
- Reduce the environmental footprint of your community by motivating neighbors to receive energy audits and undertake new conservation measures
- Promote sharing of community resources by organizing a local library for toys, tools, sporting goods, gardening supplies or something else
- Help people grow their own food by working with your local school or park to set up a community learning garden

Manager – Manage a significant volunteer project for an existing organization

- Employ leadership skills by organizing intergenerational forums to discuss community concerns and solutions
- Leverage marketing skills by strengthening a nonprofit's core outreach materials
- Apply technical skills by designing and implementing a nonprofit's computing systems

Policy advocate – Identify a public policy initiative to advance

Feasible and short-term projects may involve local matters that concern new or expanded educational services for children and youth, or efforts to restore degraded natural areas.



At the fellowship retreat, fellows map out initial plans for their community benefit projects and gain feedback from others.