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As the inaugural class of the Community Leadership Program prepares to graduate next month, the North Valley Community Foundation is accepting applications for its second class.

The deadline to apply is May 31 for the next yearlong program, which starts in August and ends in May 2024. The curriculum includes nine monthly daylong sessions, an orientation, a weekend leadership retreat and a graduation session.

The monthly sessions revolve around three subjects: community health, community life and community vitality. The program will help budding leaders grow personally and professionally while learning and networking with other members of the class and community leaders.

“One of the most valuable outcomes we’ve heard from our current participants is the access to relationships this program provides,” said Jovanni Tricerri, vice president of programs at NVCF. “This program seeks to build a strong network of collaborators who can lean on each other to get important work done based on mutual trust and commitment to the common good for our communities. We want to expand a network of people that spans the business sector, nonprofit sector and government agencies committed to building a thriving community where everyone is invited to contribute to its success.

“We’ve learned from our experience in disaster recovery that resilience grows at the speed of trust. And when our community leaders leverage each other’s strengths to get meaningful work done our communities grow stronger. That’s why we’ve launched this program.”

NVCF will select 24-30 individuals to participate in the Community Leadership Program through an application and interview process. The program seeks candidates who are committed to fostering collaboration and inclusivity, as well as driving positive change throughout the region.

Final selections will be announced in July. Tuition for the annual program is \$2,500 with scholarship opportunities available.

Learn more and apply at [www.nvcf.org/lead-community-leadership-program](http://www.nvcf.org/lead-community-leadership-program).