

# Leadership Development & Family Policy

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The Mariee C. Wallace and the Leadership Development and Citizen Engagement (LDCE) Steering Committee encourages you to apply for a LDCE Grant. Grant proposals can be for up to \$1,500.00. LDCE is an educational effort of two partnering organizations: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (OCES) and Oklahoma Home and Community Education, Inc. (OHCE). LDCE grants are to provide seed money for emerging leaders to develop and refine leadership skills through specific training or by working on a project of importance to the community, neighborhood or county. **The proposed project or training must foster leadership development and citizen involvement.**

Emerging leaders learn about leadership when they test and practice their skills by working on a project or participating in leadership development training that results in personal or community improvement. To be considered for a LDCE grant the applicant(s) must clearly indicate how the proposed project or training will enhance leadership, individually or collectively, and/or lead to an improved condition at the community, county or state level.

Prior to proposal submission, applicants should carefully consider the following selection criteria:

- Significance of need for leadership development—this need should be clearly described in the proposal
- Evidence of how emerging leaders will increase and/or enhance their leadership skills
- Evidence of collaboration among individuals or groups (i.e., school, 4-H, volunteer, and/or professional groups)
- Projected impact of leadership training and/or project

**It is vitally important that each project proposal clearly indicate how leaders will be developed and/or how community projects will increase citizen involvement in addressing local problems.**