University Neighborhood Partners mission: “. . . bringing together university and west side resources in reciprocal learning, action, and benefit.”

Philosophical grounding: This program and the opportunities supported through it are grounded in the belief that community residents bring important knowledge and capacities to the campus-community work of UNP that are unique and essential for our mutual collaboration. The CRIA carries an award of $5000 per year for a maximum of two years. The CRIA will be awarded every two years.

Program goals:
- To enable community residents to provide their knowledge and expertise in campus-community partnership projects.
- To provide residents with an opportunity for meaningful collaboration through UNP partnerships.
- To provide visibility for the role of community residents in community partnerships both on and off campus.
- To enable west side neighborhoods to better respond to expressed community interests and needs.

Criteria for selection of Community Resident Leader(s):
- Resident(s) selected has expertise and interests which match the interests and needs of a planned or on-going UNP partnership.
- Resident’s involvement strengthens the capacity of a linked community organization or resident group to be a long-term partner with UNP.
- Resident is personally interested in working with the partnership and the project, and has already committed time to learning about the project and interacting with those involved.
- Resident has demonstrated commitment to the broad area of community work through some level of involvement related to the project.
- Partners involved with the specific project agree that the involvement of the resident will be beneficial to the project.
- Priority will be given to residents who live in a west side neighborhood.

Process for selection of Community Resident Leader(s):
- UNP Partners and staff will be invited to discuss the position with potential CRIA candidates. Candidates (individuals or teams) may submit a proposal directly or may be nominated by UNP partners and/or staff based on the candidate’s interest level and work plan. The proposal/nomination should include the following information: 1) Project idea, including how the CRIA work will strengthen a current or planned partnership; 2) past involvement with UNP partnerships; 3) how the project will build connections between
residents and community resources (e.g. schools, non-profits, local government, other resident groups). 4) applicant’s contact information.

- The appropriate Staff or Board Committee will select the following year’s candidate based on above criteria.
- In May of the academic year prior to service, an appropriate staff member, Board member, or community or campus partner will formally invite potential Community Resident Leaders to serve in a capacity to be defined in writing.
- The CRIA award may be extended for a second year pending a review of progress after one year.

**Types of work anticipated from Community Resident Leaders:**

- It is anticipated that a Community Resident Leader will contribute expertise related to his or her personal interests to meet needs of a specific partnership project. The time involved will vary, but will be roughly described in the written explanation of the position.
- Tangible outcomes of the work may include teaching of a course or seminars based on their expertise to other community residents or within a partnership, organizing learning modules to help U of U partners understand an aspect of west side community life, organizing a group of residents to carry out a specific project through a partnership, or any other mutually-agreed upon outcomes.
- Community Resident Leaders will be asked to present their work at an appropriate community, UNP, or U of U event to highlight the contributions of community-based expertise to the partnership.

**Benefits to the Community Resident Leader:**

- The Community Resident Leader will be recognized at appropriate community, departmental, college, or university functions.
- Outcomes of Community Resident Leaders work will be graphically displayed in an appropriate place in the community.
- An honorarium of $5000 per year, for two years, will be given to the Community Resident Leader to enable him/her to devote time to the partnership as agreed upon with UNP staff and partners.

**Benefits to the community and the campus:**

- Community members will have new opportunities to participate in active problem-solving and social justice work within their own neighborhoods.
- West side neighborhoods and the University of Utah will have additional human resources to assist in addressing shared issues.
- The interpersonal networks that connect the broader community will be strengthened.
- The tangible outcomes of the specific project will benefit all those involved.
- Connections built through project interactions may attract neighborhood students to the U and other higher education institutions, and may result in increased diversity in Utah higher education.