



Alden Fellows Fellowship Expectations & Timeline – 2026

The Community Foundation of Louisville’s Alden Fellows Program supports up to five nonprofit leaders in the Louisville region with up to \$10,000 for high-quality leadership development experiences. To ensure a rewarding and successful Fellowship year, we ask applicants to review the expectations and timeline below before applying. For more information on eligibility, visit www.cflouisville.org.

Fellowship Expectations: If selected, Alden Fellows (Fellows) are expected to:

- **Use Funds for Eligible Professional Development**
Fellowship funds must be used for high-caliber leadership development opportunities, such as executive education, advanced certifications, or customized programs aligned with a Fellow’s professional goals. Funds may not be used for wellness retreat centers or personal wellness experiences.
- **Execute their Approved Fellowship Plan**
A Fellowship Plan, including a proposed use of funds, will be requested from those invited to submit a Comprehensive Application. Selected Fellows are expected to follow their plan as submitted or seek approval for any substantial changes.
- **Maintain Communication**
Fellows will participate in four quarterly check-in calls with Foundation staff to reflect on progress, share insights, and navigate any challenges that arise.
- **Share Learnings**
At the conclusion of the Fellowship year, each Fellow will be asked to submit a final report or participate in a reflective conversation with Foundation staff.

Additionally, Fellows may be invited to share their experiences at a to-be-determined community or Foundation-hosted event.

- **Remain Aligned with the Nonprofit Sector**

The Alden Fellows program is designed to support individuals working within Louisville’s nonprofit sector. If a Fellow’s professional role changes during the Fellowship year, the Foundation will work in good faith to assess continued alignment with the program’s goals.

Key Dates & Timeline (subject to change):

Application Opens	Monday, May 26, 2026
Info Session	Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Application Closes	Thursday, July 10, 2026
Fellows Selected	Early September 2026
Public Announcement	September 2026
Alden Fellows Past + Present Dinner	September 17, 2026
Fellowship Period	September 2026–September 2027
Fellowship Report Out	Approx. September 2027

Questions?

We’re here to support you throughout the application process:

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