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Description of Nature of Partnership

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Community Connectors program throughout the state, applicants are required to partner with education stakeholders from the faith, business, and nonprofit communities. Each applicant must identify its partners and include description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities in question 12 of the grant application.

A partner agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Community Connectors grant application. However, in partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement.

Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:

1) Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Community Connectors grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Community Connectors program.
2) Maintain a familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
3) Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
4) Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
5) Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.

Lead Applicant
Name: Mike Conibear
Title: Executive Director
Organization: Boys + Girls Clubs of Lorain County
Sign: Mike Conibear

Partner
Name: Thomas E Tucker
Title: Superintendent
Organization: Lorain City Schools
Sign: Thomas E Tucker

Partner
Name: Frank Whitfield
Title: President + CEO
Organization: Lorain County Urban League
Sign: Frank Whitfield

Partner
Name: Cynthia M. Kushner
Title: Director, Marketing + Outreach
Organization: Lorain County Community College
Sign: Cynthia M Kushner

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Additional Partner (Optional)
Name: Amonica Davis
Title: Manager, Student Outreach
Organization: Lordson Corporation
Sign: Amonica Davis

Partner
Name: Dr Patricia Hubbard
Title: Global Technology Director
Organization: PolyOne Corporation
Sign: Patricia A Hubbard

Explanation of how Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County meets the definition of Faith-based organization:
The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and, by extension, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County, is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Among its core beliefs, the Clubs provide: ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences,and hope and opportunity. B&G Clubs of Lorain County serve a high-risk population - 95% are eligible for free and reduced lunch and half are from single parent-led homes - many of whom are in desperate need of a caring adult that is able to understand and respond to their particular needs.Thus, each child that walks through the Club's doors is treated as a unique individual, with different strengths and challenges. Club staff work tirelessly to ensure that each child receives the encouragement, psychological tools and resources, and the values, including hard work, discipline, and personal responsibility, that he/she needs to attain academic success, maintain a healthy lifestyle and become engaged citizens.