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Lead, a leadership program at North Valley Community Foundation, has selected the first class in its Community Leadership Program and is now accepting applications for its first Nonprofit Institute.

Lead is focused on building a leadership foundation in the region that values collaboration, trust and inclusion. Lead is guided by a steering committee of experienced, knowledgeable business and community leaders.

The Nonprofit Institute is accepting applications through Sept. 16 at www.nvcf.org/lead-nonprofit-institute. The Nonprofit Institute is a weekly intensive leadership training program for rising and current nonprofit leaders focused on what it takes to run a nonprofit organization. The week, scheduled for Jan. 9-13, will be filled with seasoned coaches and facilitators focused on topics of unique significance to the broad range of nonprofits in the region.

Topics will include board and staff relations, governance, management and revenue generation while building skills and practices around leadership, personal strengths, team building and collaboration.

Key staff, volunteers and board members are all welcome to apply. The location for the weeklong event will be within driving distance of Butte County. Double-occupancy rooms, materials and food are included in the \$2,000 cost. Scholarships are available. Selected applicants will be invited by Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, participants have been chosen for the first Community Leadership Program, which starts this weekend with monthly sessions through May. These sessions consist of in-depth discussions with a diverse group of community leaders across various sectors from mental health and education to public safety and economic development. Each session includes the opportunity to discuss timely issues with policymakers, business executives and other organization heads.

The steering committee selected 23 participants for the first class: Maitreya Badami, Chico State University; Sendi Barrett, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service; Kimberly Brooke, First 5 Butte County; Angie Dilg, City of Chico; Anjie Goulding, Chico Area Recreation and Park District; Briana Harvey-Butterfield, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services; Keesha Hills, V Mode Virtual; Breana Hodnett, Oroville Rescue Mission; Marcus Hopkins, Oroville City Unified School District; Curtis Johnson, Butte County Development Services; Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley; Norma Lacy, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service; Yoseline Lopez-Mejia, Ampla Health; Stacey Malcolm, Butte County Department of Education; Amanda McGarr, City of Chico; Jessie Mercer, independent contractor; Lindsay Poulin, Meriam Park; Alaina Quevedo, Habitat for Humanity of Butte County; Rosaura Reyes Zazueta, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service; Alex Reynaga, Valley Oak Children's Services; Brett Sanders, 3CORE; Kate Scowsmith, Camp Fire Collaborative; and Antanea Wolf, Crown Love Culture.

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