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MCUM's NPO Lab

Individuals and groups interested in starting a nonprofit organization or new nonprofits (with a 501 (c) 3 status of less than a year) in Monroe County will be invited to apply to participate in MCUM's NPO Lab. Accepted applicants will be provided services:

- Office space
- Fiscal administration of funds
- Mentoring/professional development
- Networking opportunities with other groups and organizations with similar mission focus
- Board recruitment and development

To be eligible, programs must have the following qualifications:

- Serve residents of Monroe County
- Complete screening procedure and be approved for participation
- If 501(c)3 status has already been obtained, it must have been awarded less than 1 year from date of application.
- Submit fiscal sustainability plan within 3 months of beginning program
- Have a mission that will improve the lives of residents of Monroe County

Laboratory Goals:

1) Improve opportunities for like-minded NPOs to flourish in our community.
2) Improve coordination and efficiency of NPOs with similar missions.
3) Provide a safe, nurturing environment for good ideas to develop to improve the lives of residents of Monroe County.
4) Provide NPO start-ups with local, practical information that will improve the likelihood of long-term mission success.

Timeline for Process:

Application due – June 10, 2016 by 12:00 pm. Must be electronically submitted with attachments in PDF format to mcum@mcum.org.

Interviews – Week of June 27th . Applicants will be notified of selection for interview by June 17, 2016.

Decision announcement – July 12, 2016

Program start date – August 1, 2016

Applications must include the following:

1) Application form
2) 1023 or 1023 EZ if already submitted
3) Board list with contact information
4) Mission statement

Please contact mcum@mcum.org with any questions during the application process.