# Carnegie Assessment for Community Engagement

### Workbook: Infrastructure and Finance

## *This section of the workbook should be completed by the AVP CP and the AVP SRCA with input from Finance and Procurement. Please complete the questions to the best of your ability and return to Nicole Vaugeois by February 7, 2022.*

* 1. Does the institution have a campus-wide coordinating infrastructure (center, office, network or coalition of centers, etc.) to support and advance community engagement?

o No o Yes

If Yes: Describe the structure, staffing, and purpose of this coordinating infrastructure. If the campus has more than one center coordinating community engagement, describe each center, staffing, and purpose and indicate how the multiple centers interact with one another to advance institutional community engagement:

The purpose of this question is to determine the presence of “dedicated infrastructure” for community engagement. The presence of such infrastructure indicates commitment as well as increased potential for effectiveness and sustainability. We expect a description of specific center(s) or office(s) that exist **primarily** for the purpose of leading/managing/supporting/coordinating community engagement.

* 1. Are internal budgetary allocations dedicated to supporting institutional engagement with community?

o No o Yes

If Yes: Describe the source (percentage or dollar amount) of these allocations, whether this source is permanent, and how it is used:

The purpose of all the questions in this section is to assess the level of institutional commitment to community engagement in terms of dedicated financial resources. Please provide the amount or percent of total institutional budget that funds the primary investment and ongoing costs of the infrastructure described in B.1 as well as any other funds dedicated to community engagement, including but not limited to internal incentive grants, faculty fellow awards, teaching assistants for service-learning, scholarships and financial aid related directly to community engagement, and funding for actual engagement projects, programs, and activities. Do not include embedded costs such as faculty salaries for teaching service-learning courses in their standard workload.

* 1. Is external funding dedicated to supporting institutional engagement with community?

o No o Yes

If Yes: Describe specific external funding:

These funding sources may include public and private grants, private gifts, alumnae or institutional development funds, donor support, or federal/state/local government and corporate funds dedicated to community engagement infrastructure and/or program activities.

* 1. Is fundraising directed to community engagement?

o No o Yes

If Yes: Describe fundraising activities directed to community engagement:

Please describe institutional fundraising goals and activities pursued by offices of advancement, development, alumni, or institutional foundations that are focused on community engagement. Student fundraising activities in support of community engagement may be included.

* 1. Does the institution invest its financial resources in the community and/or community partnerships for purposes of community engagement and community development?

o No o Yes

If Yes: Describe specific financial investments and how they are aligned with student engagement strategy:

In this question, we are asking specifically about financial investments in community programs, community development, community activities/projects, and related infrastructure, often in the context of community/campus partnerships. Examples might be a campus purchasing a van for a community-based organization to facilitate transportation of volunteers; a campus donating or purchasing computers for an after-school program located in a community-based organization; a campus investing a portion of its endowment portfolio in a local community development project, etc.

* 1. Do the business operation of the campus as an anchor institution align with local economic and community development agendas through hiring, purchasing, and procurement?

o No o Yes

If Yes: Please describe business operation practices tied to the local community:

This question is asking specifically about how the campus practices in the areas of recruitment, hiring, purchasing, and procurement align with and are an intentional complement to the institutional commitment to community engagement. This can include programs to encourage/support minority vendors, among many other practices. These institutional practices contribute to the context for successful community engagement.