FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I apply as an individual to the leadership accelerator program?
Unfortunately, part of the program's design is to bring together individuals from different city departments who may share a goal of improving streets for kids. As a result, we are only accepting applications from the teams of three representing one city.

What if we have more than three interested individuals to apply from our city?
Given we want to create a diverse, yet intimate community, we are limiting participation during any meeting(s) to a maximum of three participants per city. However, teams may suggest alternate participants in the situation that all three members of a team cannot be present at a meeting. We also understand that this is a long commitment and in special circumstances, teams can suggest alternative participants (e.g. when going on maternity or family leave, changing jobs, etc.)

Should all of the team's participants be from different departments?
While we strongly encourage the teams' diverse composition, teams that have two participants from the same areas/departments and the third participant from a different field are eligible to apply. If possible, include

What if I cannot attend all sessions of the program?
We recognize that 100% participation at every session may not be possible. However, we strongly encourage full team participation as much as possible to obtain the most from the program. Where truancy is an issue, teams will no longer be eligible for implementation grants in the second year of the program.

What if all members of the team are not proficient in English
We ask that all members be proficient in English due to our current constraint that all content and materials will be delivered in English. We will offer live interpretation during sessions when possible, but cannot guarantee the specific languages at this time.

Do I need to have a "project" in mind to apply to the leadership accelerator program?
It is a goal of the leadership accelerator to help city participants develop or further refine projects that may already be in process in their city. However, a project does not need to be defined at the start of the leadership accelerator, although ideas for possible projects are encouraged.

At the end of the first year, we will open up applications for technical assistance grants for up to $20,000 USD per project for participants in the leadership accelerator. To be eligible for these grants, applicants must have a project in process to where a grant could add to or supplement.

What type of letter of support is required as part of the application?
Given the leadership accelerator will require participant time and attention, we desire to have executive-level support from city leaders (for example, a mayor or the department head for each applicant). These are not intended to be peer or colleague letters of support. You can submit one letter mentioning all team members or three individual letters based on your team setup.

Will you be offering the program in different languages?
At this time, we will be offering the program in English and may offer limited live interpretation depending on demand.

At what times will the program be offered?
Participants should expect to commit approximately three to six hours per month (two meetings and independent readings) which will likely take place at the same time monthly to accommodate the widest range of participants. However, the specific time has yet to be determined.

What is the time commitment for this program?
Participants should expect to commit approximately four to six hours per month (two meetings plus independent work) which will likely take place at the same time monthly to accommodate the widest range of participants. However, the specific time has yet to be determined.

If I'm already working with GDCI, am I eligible for this program?
Yes, we welcome current GDCI partners to apply.

Can I apply for the implementation grants even if I am not selected to be part of the leadership accelerator?
No, we unfortunately will only accept implementation grant applications from participant teams of the leadership cohort.

Is there a financial cost for applicants?
There is no financial cost for participating in the Streets for Kids Leadership Accelerator.