**LEADS Announces Inaugural North Shore Fellows**

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After a comprehensive nomination and selection process, the first of two cohorts of LEADS Fellows in the North Shore has been announced. This diverse, cross-sectoral cohort of change-makers will commence a 9-month fellowship developed and delivered by Harvard Business School faculty and staff, beginning in September of 2022. The program is designed to support gateway city leaders making systems-level change at the local and regional level, with representatives from the private, public, and non-profit sectors from the communities of Lynn, Salem, Peabody and Beverly . For a full listing of Fellows’ bios, visit [www.leadsma/northshore](http://www.leadsma/northshore)

LEADS works with a large group of strategic partners in the North Shore, led by Essex County Community Foundation (full listing available on our website, [www.leadsma.org](http://www.leadsma.org)). Collectively, our partners nominated over 100 regional leaders to the cohort, which were winnowed down by a 12-person regional steering/selection committee. The fellows reflect the communities and region they lead, including a near equal representation of male and female leaders; approximately 38% leaders of color (matching the average across the 4 communities); strong representation from public, private and non-profit sectors and distribution across size of firms from sole proprietors to leaders of companies of nearly 1,000 employees.

The 9-month fellowship consists of multiple modules delivered in the North Shore and Boston/Cambridge and culminates with the creation of actionable project teams working on priority issues at the local and regional level. LEADS has committed to hosting a second North Shore cohort in 2023-24, nominations for which will be open in the winter of 2022-23.

Learn more about LEADS, the fellows, and our partners in the North Shore at [www.LEADSMA.org](http://www.LEADSMA.org)

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