

Rio Reimagined

Call for Community Leaders

Regional Vision Plan Scoping Process

Call for Community Leaders Release Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Responses to Call Due: Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm (MST)

Response Form: [Click here](#)

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Selection Date: Selections are anticipated the week of July 21st. Responses to the Call for Community Leaders will be reviewed by representatives from the ASU University City Exchange, Maricopa Association of Governments, Greater Phoenix Leadership, and RIO Ambassador to Urban Waters.

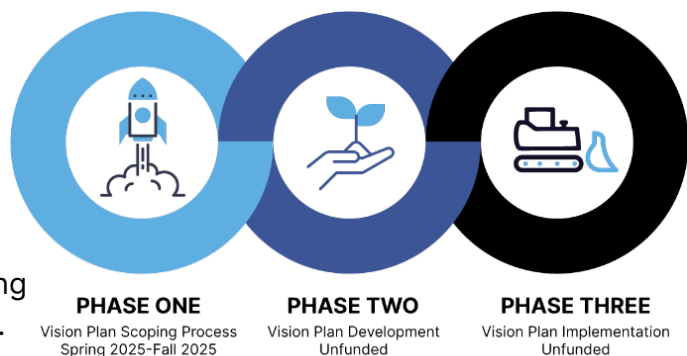
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About Rio Reimagined:

Since the Rio Reimagined initiative first launched in 2018, there has been an intentional focus on partnership building and the creation of a regional identity for the river corridor. Local communities have invested in discrete planning and projects related to the river, however; a uniting community vision or plan has not yet been established for the Rio Reimagined study area, a 55+ mile Salt and Gila River corridor traversing the urban metro Phoenix area.

The Rio Reimagined partnership has identified the need for an overarching vision for the RIO study area that builds upon a foundation of existing plans, projects, and prior community engagement efforts, requiring expansive community-led design and outreach, and alignment of municipal, county, and Native nations planning priorities.

In June 2024, elected leaders from the Rio Reimagined signatory communities provided their support for initiating a planning process that would be completed in phases. A consultant team, led by ABLE, was selected to guide RIO partners in Phase One, including facilitating Scoping Committee meetings.



Individual Tasks/Deliverables:

Rio Reimagined is seeking three individuals to serve as Rio Reimagined (RIO) Regional Vision Planning ***Community Leaders*** on the RIO Vision Plan Scoping Committee and the Community Engagement Subcommittee. The Community Leaders will be responsible for developing recommendations to ensure that the engagement model for RIO Phase Two is inclusive and able to solicit and incorporate meaningful input across the 55-mile river corridor.

The ***Community Leaders*** will:

- Work within the Scoping Committee to **answer 7 questions that will inform a scope of work for a regional vision plan for RIO** (participate in 3 virtual scoping committee meetings, 2 hrs each; 6 hrs total)
 - Question 1: What kind of plan is this and how will this regional scale plan support pre-existing plans?
 - Question 2: Who are the intended audiences of the plan?
 - Question 3: How much direction will this plan provide?
 - Question 4: What guiding principles should inform a community engagement model for Phase Two?
 - Question 5: What will be the framework for identifying the stakeholders for Phase Two?
 - Question 6: How will the plan be formally adopted?
 - Question 7: How will the plan be implemented?
- Work within the Community Engagement Subcommittee **to develop recommendations for Questions 4 and 5 above** (participate in 4 virtual subcommittee meetings, 2 hrs each; 8 hrs total)
- Complete 2-3 hours of independent work/week August-November (~45hrs over 4 months)

Schedule/Work Expectations:

The total estimated time commitment for this role will be approximately 60 hours between August – November 2025, including independent work and virtual committee meetings. A pre-kick-off meeting of the members of the Community Engagement Subcommittee is anticipated the first week of August prior to the full Scoping Committee kick-off meeting.

Compensation of \$2,400 is available for each Community Leader for their time and expertise.

Community Leader Description:

Community Leaders will have a broad network and trusted relationships including hard to reach or traditionally disengaged communities. These individuals will be able to build

relationships and trust between their networks and the Rio Reimagined project. They will be comfortable moving between a diverse range of audiences as well as be able to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds and demographics.

They will also...

- Have the ability to bring together groups with varied interests and guide a decision-making process
- Have place-based insight within the Rio Reimagined corridor from lived and/or professional experience; local and lived experience with an understanding of the region
- Have an understanding of how to best engage with the diverse communities within the study area

Selection Criteria:

Input from the public on the important qualities, skillsets, and experience (i.e 'criteria') for the three Community Leaders was recently gathered through a survey and an interactive discussion at the June Rio Reimagined partnership meeting. A total of 140 responses were received. Based on that engagement, responses to the Call for Community Leaders will be scored based on the following criteria:

Selection Criteria	Point Value
Experience in community engagement, organizing, facilitation, and outreach	30 points
Experience building partnerships or working in coalitions with diverse perspectives	25 points
Local and lived experience in the corridor (cultural, ecological, etc)	25 points
Experience in planning processes	10 points
Experience in advocacy and leadership	10 points
Total	100 points

Conflict of Interest for Future Phases:

The Community Leaders selected and compensated to serve on the Rio Reimagined Regional Vision Plan Scoping Committee and Community Engagement Subcommittee will not be eligible to submit a bid or proposal for future Request for Proposals for Phase Two that would seek firms or persons to execute the scope of work designed as part of this current scoping process.