# Civic Engagement Interview Guide

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| Project Goals | To understand the nature and scope of the community issue and project plans to address it. | 1. **Description of the community problem.** *(Probe for the significance of the problem, how and where it is manifested, and its impact on the community.)*  
2. **Specific project goals/ for addressing the problem.** *(Probe for how goals and strategy were decided.)* |
| Project Implementation | To describe how the project was implemented, including time-frame, resources, activities, and difficulties | 1. **Project time-frame.**  
2. **Project participants.** *(Probe for students, faculty/administrators, community groups/individuals, etc.)*  
3. **Project activities.** *(Probe for products that were generated from activities.)*  
4. **Implementation issues.** *(Probe for difficulties/challenges and efforts at resolution.)* |
| Participant Role | To describe how the participant contributed to the project | 1. **Participant’s involvement.** *(Probe for activities in which participant played a leadership role.)*  
2. Time spent (hours/week).  
3. Products produced (e.g., instructional materials, publications, flyers/brochures, etc.). |
| Project Impact | To assess the impact of the project on student outcomes and the nature of the impact process. | 1. **Project impact on gains in knowledge.** *(Probe for current vs. previous understanding of the problem.)*  
2. **Project impact on skills/abilities learned/acquired.** *(Probe for leadership, management and communication skills.)*  
3. **Project impact on interests.** *(Probe for academic work and career plans, interest in community service.)*  
4. **Project impact on feelings.** *(Probe for attitudes/feelings about target group, compassion/empathy, self-confidence and optimism about the future.)*  
5. **Assessment of the manner in which student outcomes were affected by the project.** *(See attached process descriptions.)* |
| Project Assessment | To assess participant’s opinion of the project | 1. **Project results and accomplishments.**  
2. **Strengths/weaknesses of the project.**  
3. **Likes/dislikes about the project.**  
4. **Suggestions for project improvement.** |

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