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**Sarasota County Centennial 2021
Centennial Communities Committees Project Proposal
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Overview: The general idea is to engage the citizens of communities in Sarasota County in the hundredth birthday celebration of the founding of Sarasota County by establishing a system of County Community Centennial Committees (CCCCs) made up of key figures in each community.

A. What are the purposes of CCCs?

1. To support and publicize Centennial 2021 programs.
2. To encourage local participation in county-wide activities such as the Centennial lectures program, the Partners Program, the Centennial Neighborhoods Program, the Sarasota County Centennial Archives Program, and the Sarasota County Historical Markers Preservation Program.
3. To work with local government, local businesses and organization and units of county government to organize Centennial festivals, parades, community picnics, cultural shows, and other appropriate activities to mark the Centennial celebration in their local area.

B. What are the functions of CCCs?

1. In cooperation with the Steering Committee seek a resolution of support from the local unit of government.
2. To support county wide Centennial programs and be aware how they impact the local area.
3. To plan a local program of activities celebrating the Sarasota County Centennial.
4. To publicize this local program and all Centennial programs.
5. To work with county units of government when appropriate to enhance the success of county or CCCC sponsored programs.
6. To recommend locally planned Centennial projects or events to the Steering Committee for inclusion the Centennial Calendar with the privilege to use the Centennial logo.
7. To use the logo on all official communications that are sent out.
8. Working together with the Steering Committee, local government, and local businesses to find the necessary resources to carry out the local Centennial program.
9. To feature and publicize local history including architectural and archaeological treasures. Particular attention should be paid to any connections that existed between the local area and the people and events central to the story of Sarasota becoming a county on July 1, 1921
10. To be sure no group of citizens is ignored in this Centennial Celebration.

C. Benefits of Participation to CCCs

1. An occasion for your group to show leadership in an important enterprise.
2. An opportunity to focus public attention on local history and preservation.
3. A chance to collect and preserve materials important to understanding your community's history.
4. An opportunity to build relationships with your local government, businesses, and social organizations.
5. A time to forge relationships with other local history and preservation groups and build a more solid base of support for county-wide history and preservation initiatives.

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D. Budget and Resources

The proposal assumes local government and business financial support. As well as additional staff at Historical Resources to coordinate relations between the CCCs and county government units. Volunteers will handle most of the work. Other budget requirements cannot yet be predicted.