

Done-In-A-Day (DIAD) Frequently Asked Questions

What activities are appropriate for a Done-In-A-Day (DIAD) project?

DIAD projects are one-time, event-based volunteering opportunities. Past DIAD projects include participating in beautification projects, event set-up or tear-down, attendee check-in, and water distribution at fun runs.

What if I have a need for ongoing or longer-term volunteer support?

The Junior League of Austin (JLA) offers longer support to community partners! For more information about community placements and the application process, visit jlaustin.org/community/request-volunteers/apply-to-be-a-project

Can an agency apply to be both a community partner and a DIAD project?

Yes, agencies may apply to be both a community partner and a DIAD project. Current community partners are also eligible to apply for DIAD support.

Can JLA members participate in fundraising activities in DIAD shifts?

JLA members cannot directly participate in fundraising by soliciting funds for an organization. Volunteers may work at a silent auction, but they are unable to take bids at the auction. They are able to stand next to the auction tables and keep them staffed, but they cannot solicit the auction item. Other possible event tasks for JLA volunteers might include decorating auction tables, being a “runner”, or helping with checkout for the auction. JLA volunteers cannot solicit donors or take bids.

How long is a DIAD shift?

DIAD shifts are 4 hours. If your event is longer than 4 hours, you can submit additional applications for each 4 hour shift.

Can agencies require volunteers to complete training before their DIAD shift?

Agencies may require volunteers to complete relevant training, but the time spent in the training should be considered part of the shift. The training requirement should be stated clearly in the application.

Can agencies apply for multiple projects throughout the year?

Agencies can apply for up to five projects in each of the four cycles (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

Your agency's selection for multiple projects during one cycle will be dependent on the number of projects received during the cycle and whether those other applications compete for the dates you are requesting.

If you apply for more than one project during a cycle, you should indicate which project is most critical. Note the most important project "Project #1" in your application, the second most important project as "Project #2", etc.

Can my project span multiple dates?

Yes, but each shift/date will be evaluated individually based on demand for those dates. The DIAD selection team reserves the right to approve some but not all requested dates.

When should our agency apply for a project which will take place later in the year?

The event dates covered by each cycle are listed on the [DIAD website](#).

My agency applied for a Done-In-A-Day project placement, but we were declined. Can I apply again next year for the same project?

Yes. Every application is reviewed independently within the cycle for which it was submitted. If your agency project didn't meet the cycle needs one year, please incorporate any feedback and apply again.