

Funding Guidelines

For the Duke Energy Foundation



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Frequently Asked Questions

Duke Energy Foundation powers the vitality of our communities through philanthropy focused on vibrant economies; climate resiliency; and justice, equity and inclusion.



- What is the Foundation's vision? How is this vision different from what the Foundation previously focused on?
 - The strategy maintains many of our Foundation's enduring focus areas while best aligning our work with our clean energy future and the company's net-zero business strategy, which is to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

- How do I apply for a grant?
 - Grant applications are accepted through our online grant system found at www.duke-energy.com/foundation. Each state has specific application criteria and opportunities, visit the state-specific sites found on the above website, or at the links below:
 - [North Carolina](#)
 - [South Carolina](#)
 - [Florida](#)
 - [Indiana](#)
 - [Ohio](#)
 - [Kentucky](#)
 - [Piedmont Natural Gas](#) (all jurisdictions)

- When do I apply for a grant?
 - Some grant opportunities are available year-round, while others are at specific times. All information is available at www.duke-energy.com/foundation. Each state has specific application criteria and timing, visit the state-specific sites found on the above website and state specific links under the previous question.
 - The Duke Energy Foundation utilizes the Benevity.org platform. To apply for a grant, grantees must first register [here](#). Note, the registration can take up to three weeks to process.

- How often can I apply for a grant?
 - You may apply annually to opportunities, but if awarded a grant, you should not apply for another opportunity in the same calendar year.

- How will the RFP processes work?
 - The Duke Energy Foundation will use a year-by-year RFP (request for proposals) process, focused on the emergent needs of each state. The RFP process is in addition to local grant opportunities open year-round. Our RFP approach focuses on cultivating deeper, more strategic opportunities for high impact giving that are proactive when possible and responsive when needed. Any open opportunities to apply for funds in response to an RFP offering will be announced publicly.



- Do you provide multi-year grants?
 - Duke Energy Foundation's standard grant terms are 12-month grants beginning on the date payment is sent to the organization. We prefer not to make multi-year grants.
- Who can I talk to at the Duke Energy Foundation about an opportunity?
 - Contact information is state-specific and can be found on the state-based websites. You should select the state your project would serve. For broad inquiries, you can email CommunityAffairs@duke-energy.com.
- I don't see my organization's work reflected in the Duke Energy Foundation's new vision, what does that mean?
 - There are many wonderful causes and opportunities across the regions Duke Energy serves. We've worked to align our Foundation's focus with our company's net-zero energy future. Projects that align with a clean energy future are the priority for our work.
- What organizations are qualified to apply for a grant?
 - [Funding Guidelines](#)
- Can government entities apply for a grant?
 - Yes, the Duke Energy Foundation can make grants to governmental entities. However, governmental entities might not be invited to participate in specific grant opportunities. Governmental entities will need to register in the new [grant management system](#) and provide required documentation prior to filing a grant. This process can take up to three weeks.
- Do you fund capital expenses or fundraising projects?

No. Please see our [funding guidelines](#).
- Is there a funding limit?
 - There is not a prescribed funding limit from the Duke Energy Foundation. Local impact grants have funding caps varying by state. Refer to your state-specific Foundation website for more information.
- Are there any impact report requirements?
 - Yes, grants larger than \$10,000 must submit an impact report in our online system. Grantees receive access to the report 10 months after a grant is made, and the report is due 12 months after the grant is made.
- How do I submit an impact report?
 - Visit www.duke-energy.com/foundation and click on "complete an impact report."
- What are the criteria for a good grant application?
 - Strong grant opportunities are closely tied to our Duke Energy Foundation vision, and the most compelling projects might be in the intersections of our focus areas. Grant applications should be well written with clear, concise language and clearly show how funds would be used, how the community

will be engaged and how Duke Energy Foundation will be involved. The grants should affect the areas that Duke Energy serves. Please refer to the [grant preferences](#).

- What areas does Duke Energy serve?
 - Please see the state-specific listing of counties served on each state page.

Duke Energy Foundation Counties

Florida

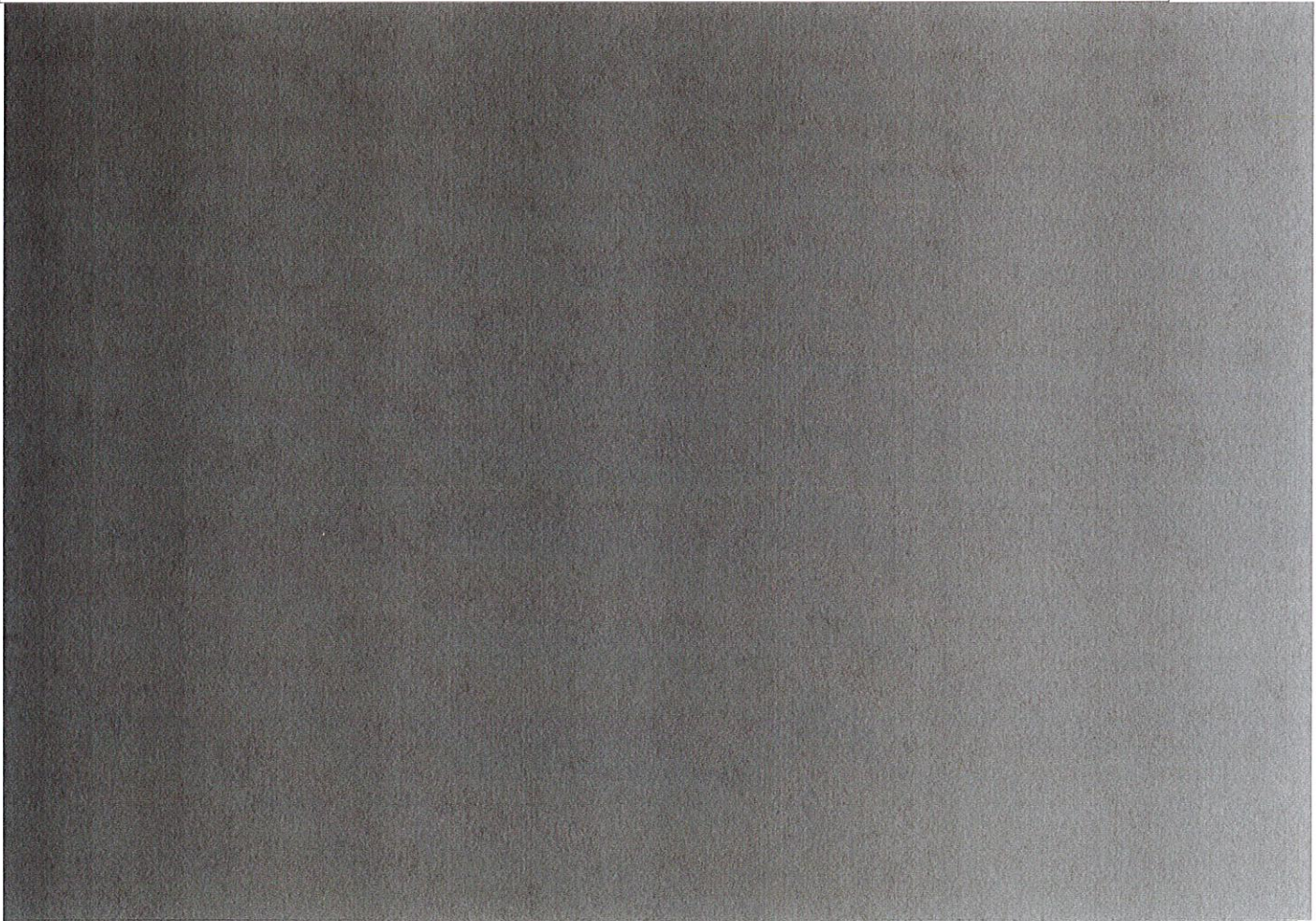
Alachua	Bay	Citrus	Columbia
Dixie	Franklin	Gadsden	Gilchrist
Gulf	Hamilton	Hardee	Hernando
Highlands	Jefferson	Lafayette	Lake
Leon	Levy	Liberty	Madison
Marion	Orange	Osceola	Pasco
Pinellas	Polk	Seminole	Sumter
Suwannee	Taylor	Volusia	Wakulla



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Florida



Powering Florida

Creating meaningful impact in our communities.

Attention Grant Seekers

The Duke Energy Foundation has adopted a new grant management system. Before applying for a grant, please make sure your organization is registered in the new system.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

The Duke Energy Foundation is focused on strengthening and uplifting communities throughout Florida with grant funding. We accept grant applications for \$20,000 and less throughout the year on a rolling basis for the focus areas describe below. Please see the Application Process Step-By-Step link on the right for an overview of our grantmaking process.

Vibrant Economies

- Workforce development training for jobs vital to the energy economy, with a focus on underrepresented populations
- Community revitalization and local economic development efforts
- Economic recovery for customers and communities facing unprecedented challenges
- Energy and engineering education for K-12 students and teachers

Climate Resiliency

- Environmental projects supporting land conservation; clean water; and biodiversity of plant and animal species
- Environmental resiliency projects that prepare communities for and mitigate against the effects of climate change
- Natural disaster preparedness and response

Justice, Equity and Inclusion

- Thriving natural environments, including access to green space, in historically underserved and environmental justice communities*
- Programs supporting the “just transition” for communities transitioning to cleaner energy generation**
- Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives supporting upward mobility

*[Learn more about environmental justice](#) on the EPA’s website.

**[View one description of a just transition.](#)

Local Impact Grants

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• **Application Process**

Please review this flow chart to understand the [grantmaking process and opportunities](#).

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The majority of Duke Energy's grantmaking is made at the \$20,000 or below level. If you have a question about a program that does not fit the local impact opportunity or involves a statewide approach, please reach out to the relevant contact in Florida.

On an annual basis, Florida will issue a request for proposal (RFP) for grant programs that focus on timely issues and areas impacting the state. Once these programs are announced, organizations will have the opportunity to apply. This information will be shared by news release and posted on this page.

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