

# #HernandoPrepares Campaign & HERricane Summer Camp

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## Organization Information

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Category Public and Societal Benefit

Tax ID or EIN/RCN BSV\_GOV\_EIN\_591155275\_0001

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Mission Statement Hernando County Department of Emergency Management Division is responsible for administering emergency preparedness, response, recover, and mitigation programs. This is accomplished through established multi-agency partnerships, community engagement, and effective coordination. Our mission is to foster resilience among the whole community by building and sustaining and capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all hazards.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure N/A

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## Program Information

Select the Duke Energy investment priority that best aligns with your grant proposal. Local Resiliency

Select Local Resiliency focus area(s) Natural disaster preparedness and response programming

Second priority area of alignment (if applicable) Community Opportunity

Community Opportunity focus area(s) Programs reducing obstacles and promoting access to opportunity for all families and individuals who are experiencing financial need in the communities we serve

Third priority area of alignment (if applicable) Vibrant Economies

Select Vibrant Economies focus area(s) Workforce development training for jobs vital to the energy economy –

Grant Request Title	#HernandoPrepares Campaign & HERricane Summer Camp
Grant Request Summary	<p>The #HernandoPrepares public education campaign will focus on four key messages: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Stay Informed, Get Involved. This campaign will be a combination of social media, radio, and television public service announcements taking place throughout May 2026, culminating in an annual hurricane and safety expo offering the latest information on how to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against the prevalent hazards that face our community. This grant will also fund the fifth HERricane Camp. This is a five-day summer camp for approximately 20 young women ages 13-17 to learn about emergency management as a career, the importance of preparedness, obtain a Basic Life Support certification, how to extinguish small fires, how to create a plan for their family, and how to build a disaster supply kit. It also offers returning campers the chance to mentor incoming campers which enhances and promotes leadership skills.</p>
Requested Grant Amount	USD 12,000.00
Fund Use	<p>The Duke Energy Foundation funds requested would be utilized towards the cost of promoting the HERricane Summer Camp and the #HernandoPrepares Campaign and Expo on social media, promotional items, print media, television, and radio advertisements. Due to the success of the 2025 Hurricane Expo, Emergency Management has completely depleted our inventory of disaster kit promotional items. Last year's expo brought well over 1,000 attendees, 60+ vendors, meteorologist and public safety officials throughout the bay area, and the touch a truck portion has grown so much that we have outgrown our usual location for the event! Grant funds would also be used for hotel/per diem costs for guest instructors who may travel to Hernando County to assist with camp delivery. We also plan to continue with the CPR training for incoming campers, as well as the opportunity for Basic Life Support certification for returning campers! This year, we will be taking the campers to Pine Island beach where the Parks Director will give them a tour, tell them about the damages the 2024 storms left and let them see first hand what kind of improvements have been made. While there, DOH will provide equipment for the campers to take a water sample that will be send off and results returned to them before the end of the week. We will also be taking them to a fire station to take a tour and experience some activities such as putting on gear and spraying the hose.</p>
Grant Request Overview	<p>The #HernandoPrepares Campaign and Expo will focus on 4 key messages: 1. Make a plan - families may not be together when an emergency happens. Planning in advance allows families to stay connected in the event of an emergency. 2. Build a kit - build an emergency supply kit that contains essential items to keep your family self-reliant for at least 7 days without utilities, electricity, and water or without access to a supermarket or local services. 3. Stay informed - learn about emergencies that could happen in your area and identify sources of information that will be helpful before, during, and after an emergency. 4. Get involved - preparedness is a shared responsibility, and it takes a whole community to prepare and respond to emergencies. Donate time to contribute skills and expertise throughout the year as well as during times of community need. The HERricane Summer Camp serves to elevate women's confidence as leaders in emergency management, while expanding the image of the profession as a positive force for improving public safety and government by promoting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Synergy: recognize the value and importance of uniting a group of individuals into a single, power force, and promoting pro-social professional connection and and environment of collegiality.</li> <li>*Grit: we believe in the distinct combination of passion, resilience, determination, and focus that allows a person to maintain discipline and optimism is a key to success in any career, as well as for any organization.</li> <li>*Adventure, Creativity, and Open-Mindedness: we utilize and promote ingenuity in our programming to foster this quality in our membership and organization. Emergency Management as a discipline, as well as career, is notoriously complicated, atypical and non-traditional - requiring resourcefulness, positivity, and inventiveness. * Professional Excellence: excellence is not perfection; rather the confident pursuit of the high quality and persistent integrity.</li> </ul>

Please provide the total number of people being served DIRECTLY by this grant program. 100000

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Select ALL counties served by this grant program **County/State**

1. Hernando, FL

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Supporting Documentation [Budget Worksheet.pdf](#)

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Program confirmation Yes

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Grant Acknowledgement I Acknowledge

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Public Officials and Related Parties No

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#### Financial information

Total Grant Program Budget Amount USD 12,000.00

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Upload the Overall Grant Program Budget [Budget Worksheet.pdf](#)

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Other Funders Hernando County Emergency Management

Hernando County Health Department

Texas Roadhouse

Mission Barbeque

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#### Volunteer Engagement

Describe any specific volunteer opportunities associated with this grant program

Returning campers that are in the role of mentor will receive credit for volunteer hours for school/scholarship purposes. CERT volunteers assist with set up and tear down for the expo.

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