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RURAL COMMUNITY ASSETS FUND: NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

2023 – 2024 GRANT YEAR

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL

<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/rcaf-grant-opportunities/>



TIPS FOR PARTICIPATING

MUTE PHONES

Use the chat

**Recording and slides will be available early
this afternoon. Browse:**

**[https://www.volunteerflorida.org/rcaf-grant-
opportunities/](https://www.volunteerflorida.org/rcaf-grant-opportunities/)**



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The Volunteer Florida Foundation raises funds to support Volunteer Florida, the state's lead agency for volunteerism and national service.

The Foundation assists in the administration of high-impact national service programs and promotion of volunteerism throughout the state, and also manages the Florida Disaster Fund, Florida's private fund established to help communities with disaster recovery.

The Foundation is also responsible for the Governor's special initiatives, including Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Month celebrations, as well as awards to honor Florida's most outstanding volunteers, educators, veterans and health care professionals.

Browse the About Us section of www.volunteerflorida.org/ for more information



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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
2023-2024 GRANT YEAR:

RURAL COMMUNITY ASSETS FUND (RCAF)

Strengthens the power and capacity of community organizations to further their missions by recruiting, equipping and mobilizing volunteers who serve Floridians in rural communities.

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GRANT OVERVIEW

- 1) Distribution of a collective total of \$100,000, contingent upon availability of funds**
- 2) Provides organizational and training support for grantees participating in 2023-2024 grant years**
- 3) Requests may be between \$5,000 and \$10,000**
- 4) Must provide a one hundred percent (100%) cash or in-kind match (or combination), to be verified during the contract period.**



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GRANT OVERVIEW

5) 50% of approved grant request distributed at the beginning of the grant cycle, 50% at mid-cycle.

6) Supporting documentation required.

7) Grantees will receive- and are expected to participate in- Volunteer Florida Foundation provided or approved comprehensive training, ongoing technical assistance, and coaching



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ELIGIBILITY

1) The applicant must be a public or private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, including:

- **faith-based and other community organizations;**
- **institutions of higher education;**
- **government entities (e.g., states, cities, counties, school systems, etc.); or**
- **Indian Tribes.**

Project fiscal agent: Must be an established IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that agrees to accept donations on behalf of a group that does not have IRS exemption.



ELIGIBILITY

- 2) Must be a Florida-based organization**
- 3) Must establish or have a service location in, or volunteers deployed to an eligible rural area.**
- 4) RCAF funds may only be used to support individuals residing in eligible rural areas.**



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ELIGIBILITY

- 5) **Proposed budget line items relevant to volunteer engagement work completed outside of the eligible rural area may be included if they:**
 - **Directly contribute to the achievement of grant performance measures in the eligible rural area chosen by the grantee.**
- 6) **Geographic locations eligible for RCAF funding must be part of one of the designated “Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO)” as authorized by the Governor and outlined in F.S. 288.0656**



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FATAL CRITERIA

- 1) Application Submission: Blackbaud Grantmaking online portal Wednesday, September 20, 2023, by 5:00pm EDT**
- 2) The applicant is a Florida based organization and operates in an eligible rural community as defined.**
- 3) Public or private 501c(3) nonprofit organization defined in Eligibility section**



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FATAL CRITERIA

- 4) IRS tax exemption status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit is currently in good standing.**
- 5) Mobilizes or will mobilize volunteers to meet the mission of the organization**
- 6) Includes the selection of relevant performance measures**
- 7) Allowable grant amount of between \$5,000 - \$10,000**
- 8) 100% match of the requested grant amount established**



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YOUR ORGANIZATION'S MISSION -

Strengthening the power and capacity of community organizations to further their missions by recruiting, equipping and mobilizing volunteers who serve Floridians in rural communities:

INDIVIDUALS



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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1) INCREASE IN ONE (1):

**Number of individuals served,
Types of services offered to individuals, or
Number of services provided per individual**

2) INCREASE IN:

Volunteers recruited and/or retained

3) STRENGTHEN OR ESTABLISH: **VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

Volunteering Reinvented: Human Capital Solutions for the Nonprofit Sector

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING TO MAXIMIZE VOLUNTEER
IMPACT IS REQUIRED. YOU CANNOT SELECT.**



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BUDGET

Food and travel are not eligible budget expenses for this grant.

Do not attempt to add additional tabs or information to the RCAF Budget Template. Enter information within the budget template only.



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BUDGET

Capacity building activities to develop or strengthen volunteer programs

Must directly contribute to the achievement of grant performance measures in eligible rural areas



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BUDGET

TRAINING

DIGITAL MEDIA RESOURCES

**VOLUNTEER AND PROMOTIONAL
RESOURCES**

VETTING RESOURCES

100% MATCH

GREEN ARROWS
=
DIRECTION OF
FORMULA



LOCKED
FORMULAS IN RED FOR ALL 4
BUDGET CATEGORIES
ALL ELSE APPLICANT ENTERS
(WHITE CELLS).

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LEGAL APPLICANT (LEAD AGENCY):	Sample Organization				
LEGAL APPLICANT (LEAD AGENCY) IRS FEDERAL EIN [9 DIGITS]:	Sample EIN				
PROGRAM:	Sample Project Name				
1) Round up to the nearest dollar anything .50 and above). 2) Include \$0 for RCAF and grantee shares when relevant. Do not leave blank.	UNIT COST	NUMBER OF UNITS	RCAF SHARE	GRANTEE SHARE	TOTAL
1. TRAINING- INDICATE STAFF OR VOLUNTEER AUDIENCE	UNIT COST	# INDIVIDUALS			
Outside trainer- Volunteer recruitment and retention- staff	\$50.00	20	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00
Outside training- Volunteering with children and youth-	\$50.00	20	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Handbook- Working with children and children- volunteers	\$10.00	15	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Continuing education volunteer management program- staff	\$500.00	5	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
Volunteer Management Professional Practice book- staff	\$120.00	1	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
CCVA Certification- staff	\$400.00	2	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$800.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
1. Subtotal Training	\$1,130.00	63	\$2,800.00	\$2,770.00	\$5,570.00



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3. VOLUNTEER AND PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES	UNIT COST	# OF UNITS			
Branded t-shirts for volunteers	\$12.00	20	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Free standing banners- tabling 7' x 3'	\$350.00	2	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Reading and math grades 6-8 materials for tutors	\$35.00	20	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
STEM teaching kits for volunteers	\$20.00	20	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
3. Subtotal Volunteer and Promotional Resources	\$417.00	62	\$800.00	\$1,240.00	\$2,040.00
4. VETTING RESOURCES	UNIT COST	# OF UNITS			
FDLE Level II background checks	\$30.00	30	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$900.00
FDLE Fungger Printing	\$30.00	30	\$450.00	\$450.00	
4. Subtotal Vetting Resources	\$60.00	60	\$900.00	\$450.00	\$1,350.00
TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNTS:			\$5,800.00	\$5,825.00	\$11,625.00
RCAF GRANTEE SHARE:			49.89%	50.11%	100.00%

**GRANTEE SHARE MUST BE AT LEAST
50% OF TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT:**

**LOCKED
FORMULAS IN RED**


**RCAF
SHARE**

**GRANTEE
SHARE**

**TOTAL
BUDGET
AMOUNT**

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ENTER INFORMATION WITHIN THE BUDGET TEMPLATE ONLY

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1. TRAINING- INDICATE STAFF OR VOLUNTEER AUDIENCE	UNIT COST	# INDIVIDUALS				
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
1. Subtotal Training	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2. DIGITAL MEDIA RESOURCES	UNIT COST	# OF UNITS				
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
2. Subtotal Digital Media Resources	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. VOLUNTEER AND PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES	UNIT COST	# OF UNITS				
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
3. Subtotal Volunteer and Promotional Resources	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4. VETTING RESOURCES	UNIT COST	# OF UNITS				
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
4. Subtotal Vetting Resources	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNTS:			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RCAF GRANTEE SHARE:			#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	



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REPORTING

- 1) Performance measures**
 - 2) Number of hours volunteers served and**
 - 3) Other volunteer/project demographics and information.**
 - 4) All requisite documentation for grant dollar use**
 - 5) Volunteer management practices**
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1) Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (no cost)**
- 2) Criminal background checks required by the grantee or any partner organization(s)**



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ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

APPLICATIONS DUE TO THE VOLUNTEER FLORIDA FOUNDATION WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, 5:00 EDT

- **Application review and scoring – Monday, October 2, 2023 – Friday, October 13, 2023**
- **Clarification provided to applicants –Wednesday, October 18, 2023**
- **Final applications/budgets with clarification changes due to Volunteer Florida Foundation – Friday, October 27, 2023**
- **Contracts provided to successful applicants – Monday, November 6, 2023**
- **Letters to applicants not receiving funding – October 31, 2023**



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