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/
IMPORTANT:

Follow ALL Notice of Funding Availability instructions EXACTLY.

To ensure that this funding process is carried out in a fair and equitable manner, all questions concerning the Application must be submitted to RCAF@volunteerflorida.org.

Find All Grant Information Here:
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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
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.
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
1) The applicant must be a public or private 501c(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.
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
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
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
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*
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
https://www.volunteerflorida.org/rcaf-grant-opportunities/

Strategic planning to maximize volunteer impact is required. You cannot select.
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.
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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1. Subtotal Training                                    $1,130.00  63  $2,800.00  $2,770.00  $5,570.00
### 3. Volunteer and Promotional Resources

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**3. Subtotal Volunteer and Promotional Resources**

- $417.00
- 62
- $800.00
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### 4. Vetting Resources

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**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:**

- 49.85%
- 50.11%
- 100.00%

**Locked Formulas in Red**

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

- RCAF Share
- GRANTEE Share
- Total Budget Amount
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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

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)
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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