



Regional Rural Florida Grant Program

Regional Rural Grant Summary

The Regional Development Grant was established to support Florida's Designated RAOs with economic development related activities that focus on promoting rural Florida from a regional perspective. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to: Regional Training, Marketing, Planning, Development, etc.

Grants within this program are eligible for reimbursement up to \$30,000 for activities completed between July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Grant Information

- Applications will be accepted until May 20, 2022 for grant activities completed between July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Eligibility

The following organizations are eligible to receive a grant award for this program:

- **Opportunity Florida:** Representing the Northwest Rural Area of Opportunity: Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties, and the area within the city limits of Freeport and Walton County north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and intercoastal waterway.
- **Florida's Heartland Region of Opportunity (FHERO):** Representing the South-Central Rural Area of Opportunity: DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County).
- **North Florida Economic Development Program (NFEDP):** Representing the North Central Rural Area of Opportunity: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties.

Funding Guidelines

Grant recipients may only be reimbursed for allowable project costs resulting from obligations incurred during the Agreement period. Activities for which state funds may NOT be spent include the following (this also applies to any subcontractors or consultants that are paid with Grant funds):

- Staff salaries.
- Purchase of equipment, furniture, or fixtures.
- Receptions, gifts, gift cards, awards, trophies, or membership dues.
- Lobbying any branch of state government.
- Administration of the project in excess of 10 percent of the Grant award.
- Project costs incurred related to the Agreement prior to its beginning date or after its ending date.

- Travel expenses not made pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- Business entertainment expenses, including meals or activity fees.
- Participation in trade shows, air shows, consultant events, and congressional delegations for more than three (3) key staff members and/or officers of the prospective Grantee per activity.
- Participation in activities or events that are not located in the Continental United States (CONUS).

How to Apply

Applicants must demonstrate how the funding will be used. All Grant applications must include:

1. Proof of organization designation
2. Description of project/program/event in which grant funding is requested.
3. Application must be signed by Organization CEO or Board Chairman
4. Signed and Dated W9 Form
5. Completed deliverable schedule

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