

Regional Rural Development Grant

The FloridaCommerce Regional Rural Development Grant program was established by [Section 288.018, Florida Statutes](#), to encourage rural communities to leverage limited resources by utilizing regional economic development organizations to develop and implement long-term strategies that will help:

- Attract new businesses;
- Grow existing businesses; and
- Build the innovative and adaptive capacity of rural leaders who are active in decision-making roles in their communities.

Eligible applicants include organizations made up of two or more contiguous rural counties, which agree to cooperatively establish an economic or tourism development office with a desire to develop, promote and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of the areas they serve. Consultants may not apply.

An organization may receive up to \$50,000 or \$250,000, if representing two or more rural counties, recommended by the Rural Economic Development Initiative and designated by the Governor.

Applicants must provide:

- A current organizational strategic plan (Organizations that do not have a current strategic plan will be required to use a portion of awarded funds to develop or update their plan.)
- Letters of support and documentation of financial or in-kind support from each partner listed on the application; and
- A full organizational budget.

FloridaCommerce will review and verify applications within ten days of receipt and notify applicants of any deficiencies.

Deadline

Grants are available on a continuous basis until all funds are awarded.