

Disaster Preparedness and Communications Grant Request

Status: Under Consideration

Date: 6/28/2024

Organization Information

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[Guilford County](#)

Address PO BOX 3427 Greensboro 27402 - North Carolina

Category Public and Societal Benefit

Tax ID or EIN/RCN BSV_GOV_EIN_566000305_0001

Were you able to find your organization in the Cause search above? Yes

Mission Statement To promote a whole community that is resilient and sustainable from all threats and hazards. This will be met through a proactive and professional Emergency Management Program that fosters partnerships within the community to create a model of excellence for preventing, protecting against, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from emergencies and disasters.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure No known conflicts.

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Demographic Information

Does your organization's top leader identify as a person of color? No

Does your organization's top leader identify as a woman? No

What percentage of your senior leadership team identifies as people of color? 50

What percentage of the Board of Directors from your organization represents racial, gender or ethnic diversity? 44

Does most of the funding for this grant program specifically seek to serve under-represented, low-income, or diverse populations? Unknown or decline to Say

Estimate the percentage of program participants that represent members of the underserved groups above. 25% - 50%

Program Information

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

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

Second priority area of alignment (if applicable) Justice, Equity, & Inclusion

Select Justice, Equity and Inclusion focus area(s) Local Community Impact < \$10K

Third priority area of alignment (if applicable)

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Grant Request Summary This project is intended to increase communication and connectivity with stakeholders while increasing resilience in the community overall. Technology and software to communicate with field workers and for the emergency operations center will increase safety and a common operating picture during disasters and on blue-sky days. Educational and example preparedness materials will make our community members less vulnerable to natural disasters, namely our underserved population.

Requested Grant Amount USD 25,000.00

Fund Use The requested funds will be used to purchase communications and data equipment for internet redundancy in the Guilford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and in the field. This includes satellite and 5G internet capabilities and hybrid meeting technology expansion. Additionally, enhancements to software that already exists in the County to provide safety awareness and a common operating picture would be purchased.

Grant Request Overview It is expected that the funds would allow for resources to create redundancy for the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that does not currently exist with traditional fiber internet providers. Also, with the limited space in our current EOC, it will allow for more efficient hybrid activations where partners can share information in real-time to facilitate a common operating picture for a response to emergencies and disasters. Enhancements to the current alert and warning software used by the county will also give mechanisms to message hazards to field employees. Lastly, preparedness materials purchased will be distributed into the community with a focus on under-served populations creating a more resilient public and community. Resilience in the home translates to resilience in the County overall.

Supporting Documentation

Grant Acknowledgement I Acknowledge

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

1. Guilford, NC

Please provide the total number of people being served DIRECTLY by this grant program. 550000

Financial information

Total Grant Program Budget Amount USD 25,000.00

Upload the Overall Grant Program Budget [Duke Energy Grant Recommended Budget Worksheet - Guilford County.pdf](#)

Other Funders N/A

Volunteer Engagement

Describe any specific volunteer opportunities for Duke Energy employees associated with this grant program. N/A
