



Flood Mitigation and Recovery Program



About the Flood Mitigation Program

The State of North Carolina provided funds to Golden LEAF to award **up to \$250,000 per project to units of local government for public infrastructure projects for flood mitigation.**

- ✓ **Construction of new** or improvement of existing stormwater infrastructure, including natural drainage infrastructure and flood control equipment.
- ✓ **Repair of existing** stormwater infrastructure damaged or destroyed by flooding, which must include improvements to mitigate against future flooding
- ✓ Engineering expenses related to **planning and development of flood mitigation solutions**

The N.C. General Assembly appropriated \$25 million to Golden LEAF to establish this program.

Ineligible Uses of Funds

- At this time, stream debris removal is **not** an eligible use of funds in this program.
- Construction, elevation, or relocation of existing buildings to mitigate the impact of flooding.
- Elevation of controls, installation of backup generators, or other improvements to water or sewer infrastructure.

This is **different** from prior Golden LEAF disaster recovery programs.

Requirements for All Awards

- Eligible Applicant
 - ✓ Governmental entity
- Eligible Uses of Funds
 - ✓ Must be charitable – no impermissible private benefit
 - ✓ May not be used for purchase of land or buildings
 - ✓ May not be used for grant administration
- Projects are subject to due diligence by Golden LEAF staff, Board, and legal counsel as necessary.
- Golden LEAF Board of Directors makes final funding decisions.
- Funded projects are subject to all reporting requirements of Golden LEAF Foundation, the State Auditor, and Office of Budget and Management as applicable. Grantees must comply with all conditions and requirements in the grantee agreement.
- All correspondence/communications to and from Golden LEAF are subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties.

Application Timeline

Golden LEAF Board meets the first Thursday of the following months:

February	April	June	August	October	December
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Applications will **not** be reviewed by the Board on a first-come, first-served basis.

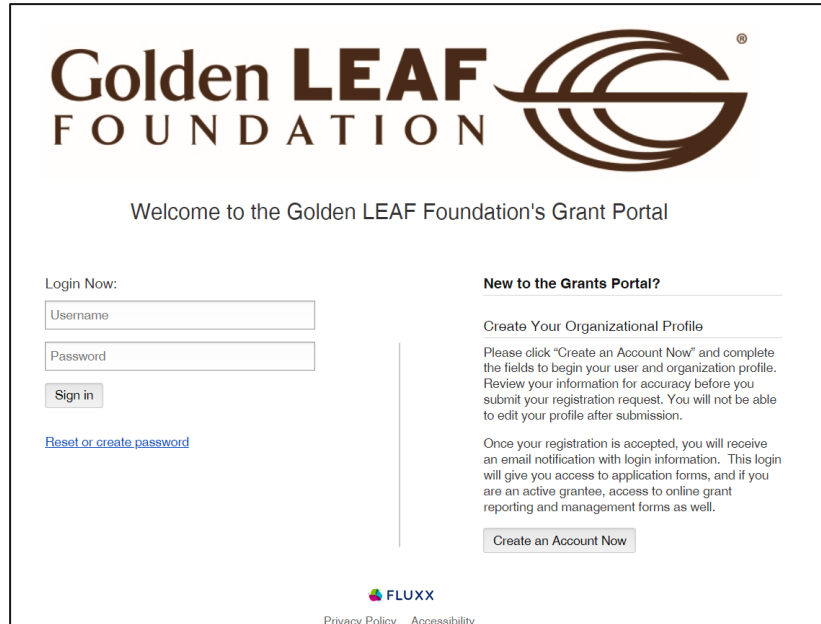
There is **no specified deadline** for this program, but generally at least six weeks ahead of a meeting date. Applications are accepted and will be reviewed by staff on a rolling basis.

Information submitted may be updated following Golden LEAF staff review and questions.

Application Process

Golden LEAF uses an online application portal. This is a one-stage application process.

Application guidelines include all short answer questions and a list of required attachments.



The screenshot shows the Golden LEAF Foundation's Grant Portal. At the top left is the logo with the text "Golden LEAF FOUNDATION" and a stylized "G" icon. Below the logo is the text "Welcome to the Golden LEAF Foundation's Grant Portal".

On the left side, under "Login Now:", there are two input fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Sign in" button, and a link for "Reset or create password".

On the right side, under "New to the Grants Portal?", there is a section titled "Create Your Organizational Profile" with instructions: "Please click 'Create an Account Now' and complete the fields to begin your user and organization profile. Review your information for accuracy before you submit your registration request. You will not be able to edit your profile after submission." Below this is another section: "Once your registration is accepted, you will receive an email notification with login information. This login will give you access to application forms, and if you are an active grantee, access to online grant reporting and management forms as well." At the bottom of this section is a "Create an Account Now" button.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "FLUX" logo and links for "Privacy Policy" and "Accessibility".

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Characteristics of Competitive Projects

- Efforts to mitigate against hazards with a **frequency** beyond a hurricane or other named storm.
- **Clear benefit** for residents, businesses, and other entities within a community with priority on those where flooding poses a risk for life, health, and safety.
- A demonstrated **likelihood of success** and **feasibility** demonstrated by engineering reports and analysis by professional engineers.
- A **current** (*within the last six months*) **estimate of probable cost** or other similar document
- **Linked** to a comprehensive stormwater **assessment or planning** effort with community support.
- **Sustainable outcomes** that can be maintained following use of funds.
- For applications to support planning efforts, **a reasonable strategy for implementation.**

Frequently Asked Questions

We already completed the emergency repairs, can we apply for reimbursement?

No. Reimbursement of previously completed repairs or improvements are not eligible in this program.

When are applications due?

Golden LEAF will accept applications on a rolling basis until all available funds are awarded.

Is there a limit on the amount of funds that may be requested? Is a match required?

Yes. Up to \$250,000 may be awarded per project. There is no match required.

Can I submit multiple projects?

Yes. A local government may submit multiple separate projects. If you have a question about how projects can be distinguished, please contact Golden LEAF staff.

Frequently Asked Questions

We'd like to submit an application for planning. Will funds be available for implementation?

We cannot guarantee availability of funds for implementation of specific projects, however funds are available for planning and a community may then follow up with an application for implementation of the project.

What is a “reasonable strategy for implementation” for planning projects?

This will look different for each community, but the goal is to ensure that there is a reasonable likelihood that the action items resulting from a planning effort can be implemented. In some cases, this may mean through implementation of a stormwater fee, or through pursuing other available state or federal funds. We will also require a resolution from the council/commissioners confirming the intent to implement the projects.

Planning projects must answer all of the short answer application questions as well.

Frequently Asked Questions

What counties are eligible to apply?

All counties are eligible to apply, however Golden LEAF will prioritize projects from rural, economically distressed areas.

Who can I contact with questions about my project?

Please submit your inquiry using the form linked on our website. A member of the Golden LEAF team will respond within one business day.

I submitted my application. When will it be before the Golden LEAF Board for review?

A member of the Golden LEAF staff will be in touch about your specific project and let you know when your application is on the agenda for consideration. Applications will not be taken on a first come, first serve basis, therefore it may not be the next meeting following submission that your application is reviewed. A list of all applications that have been received will be shared with the Golden LEAF Board at each meeting.

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