



Community-Based Grants Initiative

North Central Prosperity Zone

County-Driven Process

Each county determines how projects will be prioritized. Each county may submit up to four projects that total up to \$2m, though no single project may exceed \$1.5m. Golden LEAF will make no more than three awards totaling \$1.5 million in a county. County managers may submit project worksheets to Golden LEAF for review and feedback. There is no cap on the number of project worksheets county managers may submit.

Regional Projects

Contact Golden LEAF for information on what constitutes a regional project. Regional projects must meet with Golden LEAF prior to request designation as a regional project and are encouraged to do so as early as possible. Regional projects may submit project worksheets to Golden LEAF for review and feedback. A regional project does not require county endorsement and will not count against a county's caps.

Key Dates

August 4, by noon (Optional): County managers submit project worksheets to Golden LEAF for review and feedback. Meetings to provide feedback to county managers will be held on August 9 and August 14.

Regional projects may submit project worksheets directly to Golden LEAF for review and feedback.

September 8, by noon: County managers submit the final list of endorsed projects to Golden LEAF.

Regional projects submit a form confirming their intent to apply. Regional projects must have met with the Golden LEAF staff prior to this deadline to request regional designation.

September 12: Golden LEAF emails organizations endorsed by county managers and regional projects guidance on accessing the Golden LEAF application portal.

Access opens to Open Office Hours which endorsed organizations may attend to receive additional guidance and ask questions about the application process.

November 20, by noon: Applications due to Golden LEAF via online application portal.

November through January

Golden LEAF staff reviews applications and conducts due diligence. Golden LEAF anticipates that in person site visits will be scheduled in December and early January.

February 5, 2026: Golden LEAF Board reviews applications and makes decisions regarding funding.

<https://goldenleaf.org/funding-opportunities/community-based-grants/cbgi-north-central/>