



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) **FY 2025-2026**

Issued by: Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

Issue Date: December 5, 2025

Application Deadline: January 6, 2026, no later than 5pm.

Purpose: Hardee County seeks applications from eligible nonprofit organizations for funding opportunities that serve a valid public purpose benefiting County residents.

Funding Amount: Total funding amount budgeted \$20,000.

Eligibility: Must be a 501(c) nonprofit registered in Florida, serving primarily Hardee County residents.

Submission Instructions: Complete the application form and submit all required documents by the deadline. Applications must be submitted in person to 412 W. Orange Street, Rm103, Wauchula, FL. No late submissions will be considered.

A presentation to the Board of County Commissioners is required. You will be given 15 minutes to present your request to the Board. Presentations will be scheduled for January 29, 2026.

RANKING CRITERIA

Criteria	Description	Score (1-10)
Alignment	Measurable outcomes align with County priorities	
Capacity	Organizational capacity and financial stability	
Community Support	Level of partnerships and public support	
Impact	Impact on County resources and risk	
Overall Benefit	Public purpose and measurable outcomes	

HARDEE COUNTY – CHARITABLE DONATION APPLICATION



Instructions

Complete all sections. Fields marked with * are required. Replace the gray placeholder text with your responses.

Section 1 – Applicant Information

Organization Legal Name *
<i>Type the legal name of your organization</i>

Mailing Address *
<i>Street, City, State, ZIP</i>

Primary Phone *
<i>(xxx) xxx-xxxx</i>

Website
<i>https://...</i>

Primary Contact Person *
<i>Full name and title</i>

Email *
<i>name@example.org</i>

Section 2 – Eligibility & Organizational Status

IRS Status *
<i>Provide 501(c) designation (e.g., 501(c)(3)) and EIN</i>

Proof of Status *
<i>List attached documents: IRS determination letter, Sunbiz registration, etc.</i>

Service Area *
<i>Confirm operations within Hardee County and describe service locations</i>

County Residents Served *
<i>State percentage of participants who are Hardee County residents (must be ≥ 80% if applicable)</i>

Section 3 – Organization Purpose & Capacity

Mission Statement *
<i>Summarize the organization's mission</i>

Programs/Services Overview *
<i>Briefly describe primary programs/services</i>

Partners & Support *
<i>List community partners and other funding sources</i>

Section 4 – Donation Request

Amount Requested (USD) *
<i>\$0.00</i>

Use of Funds *
<i>Describe exactly how funds will be used and why it serves a valid public purpose for Hardee County residents</i>

Goods/Services/In-kind (if applicable)
<i>Describe any requested in-kind support; note County may calculate internal costs</i>

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Section 5 – Alignment & Measurable Outcomes

Alignment with County Priorities *
<i>Explain how outcomes align with County mission/BOCC goals</i>

Measurable Outcomes *
<i>List outcome metrics (e.g., # residents served, % achieving targets)</i>

Public Support & Risk Mitigation
<i>Summarize community support and how risks to the County will be minimized</i>

Section 6 – Non-Discrimination Certification *

By signing below, the organization certifies it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, sexual or gender orientation, marital status, disability or national origin.

Section 7 – Required Attachments

- IRS 501(c) determination letter (or applicable status)
- Current Florida registration (e.g., Sunbiz printout)
- Most recent organizational budget and project budget
- Letters of community support (optional but recommended)

Section 8 – Signature

Authorized Signer Name & Title *
<i>Type full name and official title</i>

Signature *
<i>(Sign digitally or print and sign)</i>

Date *
MM/DD/YYYY

Submit this application to the County Manager or designee. Approval is discretionary and subject to BOCC budget and policies.