



Program Overview



- \$10 million fund to improve water quality, quantity and conservation.
- Grants awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and local governmental organizations, including schools and universities, in the Carolinas or immediately downstream of Duke Energy operational facilities in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.
- Grants reviewed and awarded by a seven-person committee, including two Duke Energy employees and five, external environmental experts.
- The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) serves as program administrator.

- The fund supports science-based, research-supported projects and programs that provide direct benefit to at least one of the following focus areas:
 - Improve water quality, quantity and conservation
 - Enhance fish and wildlife habitats
 - Expand public use and access to waterways
 - Increase citizens' awareness about their roles in protecting these resources

Eligible organizations

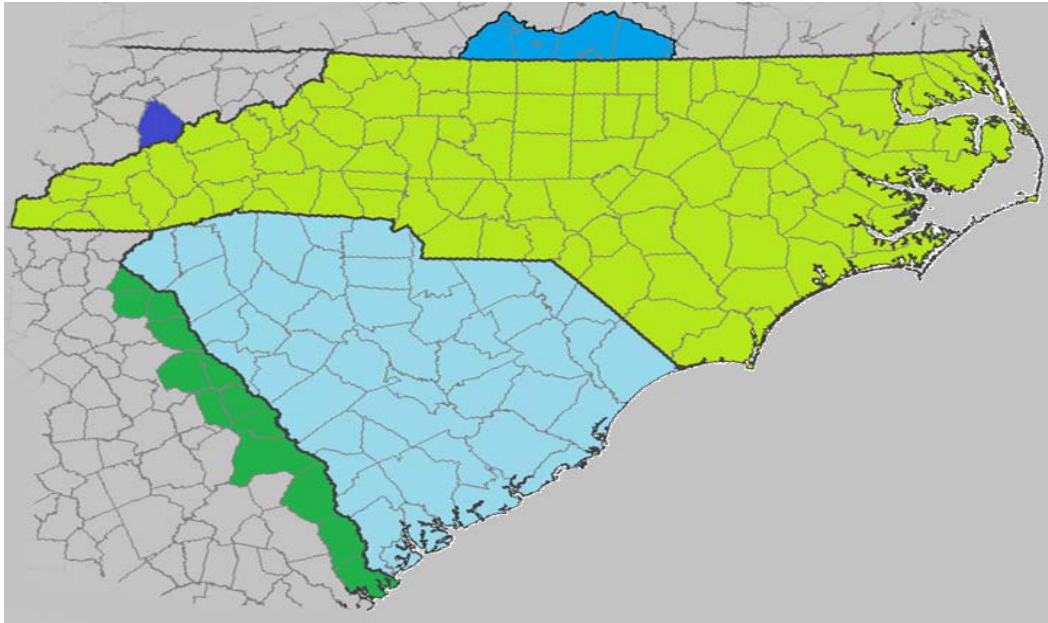
- 501c3 nonprofit organizations, or
- Local governmental organizations, including municipalities, counties, schools and universities, that
- Demonstrate collaboration on environmental issues with state and local governments and industry stakeholders, and are
- Based in the Duke Energy service area in the Carolinas or immediately downstream in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

Restrictions

- Lobbying organizations and/or organizations whose primary mission is advocacy
- Salaries and other operating/administrative costs
- Projects related to regulation enforcement
- Capital investments beyond those necessary for project execution

Grant funding considerations

- Grants are for 18-month terms and will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000
- Favorable consideration is given to grants that leverage other funds or in-kind resources
- If the project is/will be ongoing, applicants should have plans for sustainability beyond this grant for continuing projects
- Funded organizations will be required to provide reports on outcomes achieved as a result of grants received



- Region 1: North Carolina
- Region 2: South Carolina
- Region 3: Georgia, Main stem of the Savannah River Basin downstream of Lake Keowee
- Region 4: Virginia, Dan River Basin
- Region 5: French Broad & Pigeon River Basins from the border with NC to headwaters of Douglas Lake

Process

- Applicants begin by submitting a letter of inquiry (LOI) to NCCF's online system.
- The cycle closes one month later, or once 50 LOIs have been received.
- The committee will review these 50 LOIs for:
 - Strength of alignment with program goals
 - Geographic impact
 - Significance to the community and the environment
- Up to 30 applicants will be invited to submit full applications.
- Those applications will be reviewed according to the same criteria as the first round.

Timeline

- Each year, the LOI process:
 - Opens Oct. 1, closes Nov. 1, final decisions in March
 - Opens April 1, closes May 1, final decisions in September

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