Creating Powerful Communities means powering the lives of customers and the vitality of communities with over $30 million in charitable grants each year. The Duke Energy Foundation giving is focused on the strategic areas described below. Application information is available at duke-energy.com/foundation.

**Powerful Communities: K-12 Education**
(application open Nov. 1 – Jan. 31; grant decisions by March 30)
- Programs to address the summer reading loss (“summer slide”) experienced by rising kindergartners through rising third graders.
- Programs that advance energy, engineering and environmental education through student programming or teacher professional development.
- Programs that extended into out-of-school time will be given preference in this grant cycle.

**Powerful Communities: Workforce**
(application open Feb. 1 – April 30; grant decisions by June 30)
- Workforce development programs aligned with the energy industry’s future workforce.

**Powerful Communities: Nature**
(application open May 1 – July 31; grant decisions by Sept. 30)
- Programs supporting:
  - Water quality, quantity, conservation and access
  - Habitat restoration, forestry and conservation
  - Species conservation

**Powerful Communities: State Strategic Impact**
(grant decisions by Nov. 30)
- Priority defined annually at the state-level to respond to the unique needs of individual states.
- Each state’s priority and grantmaking process will be announced annually by June 30, and posted on duke-energy.com/foundation.
Powerful Communities: Local Impact

Application ongoing; Grants $10,000 or less.

- Grants supporting the four defined priorities <$10,000
- Power For Students <$5,000
  - Out-of-school extra-curricular opportunities for students from low-income communities
- Grants that support a local strategic impact opportunity <$5,000

* Programs serving under-represented, low-income or diverse audiences, including women and minorities, will be given preference in the K-12 Education and Workforce grant cycles.