



# Empowering Florida's Communities to Thrive

Challenges are abundant in Florida's rural and urban areas. Florida Extension's Community Resource Development (CRD) program seeks to engage and empower communities to bring about change through economic development, capacity building, public policy education, and civic engagement. Many other Extension programs lead, directly or indirectly, to better jobs, new or expanded businesses, and leadership opportunities at work or in the community.



## Economic Development

**3,821** businesses created, retained, or expanded

**21,912** jobs created or retained

**12,450** adult program participants reporting new leadership roles or opportunities undertaken



## Partnerships & Collaborations

**181** new alliances formed through some type of formal (e.g., MOU) or informal agreements

Volunteers worked **117,102** hours with Extension clientele, valued at **\$3,507,205**<sup>1</sup>



## Expanding Resources

**\$32.8 million** in grants generated by organizations or communities with assistance from CRD

**\$4.7 million** in other in-kind resources contributed by organizations and communities



## Public Policy Education

**369** new or revised plans adopted that have begun to be implemented in a community, agency, local government, business or relating to a disaster

<sup>1</sup>[IndependentSector.org](https://www.independentsector.org), 2022 value of volunteer time per hour = \$29.95.