



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

2,715 businesses created, retained, or expanded

15,980 jobs created or retained

13,887 adult program participants reporting new leadership roles or opportunities undertaken



Partnerships & Collaborations

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

Volunteers worked **102,153** hours with Extension clientele, valued at

\$3,229,056¹



Expanding Resources

\$6.4 million in grants generated by organizations or communities with assistance from CRD

\$6.4 million in other in-kind resources contributed by organizations and communities



Public Policy Education

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

¹[IndependentSector.org](https://www.independentsector.org), 2023 value of Florida volunteer time per hour = \$31.61.