



### Identify Sites

#### **GOLDEN LEAF SITE IDENTIFICATION**

Golden LEAF **SITE Identification Program** is open to local governments or 501(c)(3)s and priorities rural and economically distressed communities.

- **SITE Program - Identification** - Site Identification
- Eligibilities: Any eligible entity
- Match: None
- Max Funding: GL pays the consultant
- How to Apply: [Golden LEAF Site Identification Program Details](#)
- Time: Spring and Fall - Annually

#### **ELECTROCITIES SITE ASSIST**

**Site Assist** - Site Identification

- Eligibility: Sites served by ElectricCities members
- Match: None
- Max Funding: ElectricCities pays the consultants
- How to Apply: [Smart Site Program](#)
- Timeline: Rolling

#### **NC ELECTROCITIES COOPERATIVES COOPERATIVE READY SITES**

**Cooperative Ready Sites** - Site Certification including due diligence and planning

- Eligibility: Sites served by NC Electric Cooperative members
- Match: None
- Max Funding: NC Electric Cooperatives pays the consultants
- How to Apply: [Program Information](#) Contact: [Ryan Nance](#) for more details or to apply
- Timeline: April - Annually



### Assess & Plan Sites

#### **GOLDEN LEAF SITE DUE DILIGENCE**

Golden LEAF **SITE Program** is open to local governments or 501(c)(3)s and priorities rural and economically distressed communities.

**SITE Program - Due Diligence** - Funding to complete eligible and site planning.

- Eligibilities: Eligible entity - Public ownership or control of site
- Match: None OR 15% of the funding for certain counties
- Max Funding: \$50,000 suggested max funding
- How to Apply: [Golden LEAF Due Diligence Program Details](#)
- Time: Spring and Fall - Annually

#### **DUKE ENERGY SITE READINESS**

**Site Readiness Program** - Site Development Strategy

- Eligibilities: Sites served by Duke Energy
- Match: None
- Max Funding: Duke Energy pays the consultants
- How to Apply: Contact [Andrew Tate](#) for more details
- Time: Rolling

#### **ELECTROCITIES SMAT SITES**

**Smart Sites** - Site Certification including due diligence and planning

- Eligibility: Sites served by ElectriCities members
- Match: None
- Max Funding: ElectriCities pays the consultants
- How to Apply: [Contact ElectriCities Economic Development Team](#)
- Timeline: April - Annually

#### **NC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES COOPERATIVES READY SITES**

**Cooperative Ready Sites** - Site Certification including due diligence and planning

- Eligibility: Sites served by NC Electric Cooperative members
- Match: None
- Max Funding: NC Electric Cooperatives pays the consultants
- How to Apply: [Program Information](#) Contact: [Ryan Nance](#) for more details or to apply
- Timeline: April - Annually



## Certify Sites

### NC SITES CERTIFICATION

**NC Certified Sites** - Site Certification, Recertification every two years

- Eligibility: Satisfactory documentation for all 31 program criteria
- Match: N/A
- Max Funding: N/A
- How to Apply: [Program Information \(Criteria\)](#)
- Timeline: 6 submission deadlines annually

### ELECTRICITIES SMAT SITES

**Smart Sites** - Site Certification including due diligence and planning

- Eligibility: Sites served by Electricities members
- Match: None
- Max Funding: Electricities pays the consultants
- How to Apply: [Smart Site Program Details](#)
- Timeline: April - Annually

### NC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES COOPERATIVE READY SITES

**Cooperative Ready Sites** - Site Certification including due diligence and planning

- Eligibility: Sites served by NC Electric Cooperative members
- Match: None
- Max Funding: NC Electric Cooperatives pays the consultants
- How to Apply: [Program Information](#) Contact: [Ryan Nance](#) for more details or to apply
- Timeline: April - Annually



### Prepare Sites

#### GOLDEN LEAF SITE DEVELOPMENT

Golden LEAF **SITE Program** is open to local governments or 501(c)(3)s and priorities rural and economically distressed communities.

- **SITE Program - Development** - Funding for public infrastructure, clearing, rough grading, environmental remediation
- Eligibilities: Eligible entity, Completed due diligence. Publicly controlled sites-public infra. only. Publicly owned sites-all services.
- Match: None OR 15% of the funding for certain counties
- Max Funding: \$1.5M max funding
- How to Apply: [Golden LEAF SITE Development Program Details](#)
- Time: Spring and Fall - Annually

#### NC COMMERCE UTILITY ACCOUNT

**Utility Account** - Infrastructure on publicly owned or controlled sites

- Eligibility: Local governments in 80 most distressed counties. Publicly owned or controlled site.
- Match: 25% unless in 25 most distressed counties
- Max Funding: None
- How to Apply: [Application Guidelines](#)
- Timeline: Rolling

#### NC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES / USDA

**NC Electric Cooperatives / USDA Loan** - 0% loan for site development and spec building

- Eligibility: Local EMC approval
- Match: 20%
- Max Funding: \$2M
- How to Apply: [Grant and Loan Program Information](#) Contact [Ryan Nance](#) for more details or to apply
- Timeline: Rolling

#### NC RAILROAD BUILD READY SITES

**Build Ready Sites** - Site, building, and infrastructure development

- Eligibility: <0.5 mile from rail, ability to serve, 50+ acres, infrastructure and environmental requirements
- Match: 40%
- Max Funding: Lesser of \$500,000 (\$750,000 on NCRR corridor) or 60% of project cost
- How to Apply: [Build-Ready Sites Program Details](#)
- Timeline: July - Annually



## NC Product Development Resources



### Develop Spec Buildings

#### NC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES / USDA

**NC Electric Cooperative / USDA Loan** - 0% loan for site development and spec building

- Eligibility: Local EMC approval
- Match: 20%
- Max Funding: \$2M
- How to Apply: [Grant and Loan Program Information](#) Contact [Ryan Nance](#) for more details or to apply
- Timeline: Rolling