



ROCK 'N' SUPPORT

◆ **What is ROCK 'N' SUPPORT?** Benefit concert with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Manatee County Gulf Islands Community Hospitality and Tourism workers who were financially impacted by Hurricane Helene and/or Hurricane Milton.

◆ **What is the objective of ROCK 'N' SUPPORT?** Provide a onetime Relief Grant payment to eligible workers in the hospitality and tourism industry in the Manatee County Gulf Islands Community.

◆ **How long is the ROCK 'N' SUPPORT Grant available?** The grants shall be awarded on a first come first served basis, as long as funds are available in the Rock 'N' Support Gulf Islands Hospitality and Tourism Relief Fund. Once funds are exhausted the program will end. Applying to the program does not guarantee that you will receive a grant even if you are qualified. All are encouraged to submit a complete application early.

◆ **Who is eligible?**

1. Eligible workers must have been employed at a business located in the Manatee County Gulf Island Community, for 6 months prior to September 26, 2024 (hired on or before March 26, 2024).
2. Eligible workers must be employed at a business located in a Manatee County Gulf Island community. This includes the following zip codes: 34215, 34216, 34217, 34218 and the Manatee County portion of 34228.
3. Eligible workers must have been displaced by Hurricane Helene or Hurricane Milton, experienced lost wages, evacuation expenses, damage to their home, and/or belongings.
4. Eligible workers for the Manatee County Hospitality/Tourism Industry includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Foodservice workers including servers, cooks, bartenders, dishwashers, hostess/host and bussers.
 - b. Hotel employees including front desk, housekeeping, maintenance, concierge, valet.



- c. Event professionals including caterers, salespeople, operations personnel.
- d. Tour operators including charter boat captains, watersports guides, rental support staff.

◆ **How much ROCK 'N' SUPPORT will a qualified worker receive?**

- Eligible full-time workers (average ≥ 25 hrs./week) are eligible for a \$500 grant.
- Part time workers (average < 25 hrs./week) are eligible for a \$250 grant.
- Full-time or Part-time grant levels will be determined by an average of the hours listed on the applicant's four weeks of pay documents prior to September 26, 2024.

◆ **HOW CAN ELIGIBLE WORKERS APPLY FOR THE ROCK 'N' SUPPORT GRANT?**

1. Eligible workers will submit a simple grant application by clicking on this link <https://mywrc.jotform.com/243116034093043>. The form will ask a few basic questions and will ask the applicant to upload the following documents:
 - Photo of driver's license (or other form of identification)
 - Copy of paystubs representing 4 weeks prior to Sept 26, 2024.
2. The grant application will also ask for the worker's hire date, how your employment was impacted by one or both hurricanes, and how the interruption caused you hardship (i.e., difficulty paying rent, bills, purchase essential needs).
3. Grant applicants will sign the grant application to attest that all information in the application is true and accurate. All information submitted will be verified by an independent third party, and employers will be contacted when needed.

◆ **WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO APPLY FOR THE ROCK 'N' SUPPORT GRANT?**

1. The grant application process will open on November 14, 2024.
2. All applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Information will be reviewed and verified by an independent case manager.
3. If needed, a case manager will contact the applicant for additional information or follow-up to assist in the verification process.



4. Incomplete applications will be returned declined and can be resubmitted and reviewed in order they are returned.
5. After the grant application verification process is complete, you will be notified via email if the grant application has been approved or denied.
6. If the application is approved the grant check will be delivered via the method selected on the application. It will be mailed directly to the applicant (at the address on the application) or the check can be picked up at the Shuckin Good Cause home office, located at 6688 Cortez Rd W., Bradenton, FL 34210.

A tremendous thanks goes out to our community for helping our industry and our island hospitality industry. We all live in a caring and giving community.