The LEAP Program aims to strengthen community-led climate change adaptation initiatives through partnerships, collaboration, and capacity-building. The LEAP Program will support adaptation projects based on lived experiences of climate impacts in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Goals**

1. Building relationships between community leaders and adaptation professionals
2. Fostering local knowledge base and access to climate adaptation resources
3. Enhancing diversity and enabling equity in adaptation work

**Program area**

Frontline communities in the nine-county region in Texas Upper Gulf Coast.

**Deliverables and outcomes**

- **60** Participants recruited for the LEAP Program
  - Community leaders and climate adaptation professionals work together to design and implement projects
- **Hybrid, interactive training on adaptation**
  - Participants gain new skills, knowledge, and access to regional climate data and adaptation resources
- **6** Community-led adaptation projects
  - All community members benefit from adaptation outcomes of local projects

**Timeline (3 years)**

- Project planning & partnership formation
- Participant recruitment
- Kick-off LEAP Program
- Hybrid, interactive training
- Local project design and roll-out
- Capstone symposium and project wrap-up

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