

FreeState Electric Cooperative (FEC) is pleased to provide financial support to community programs through Operation Round-Up®. Funding for Operation Round-Up® is donated by the member-owners of FEC, who volunteer to round their monthly electric bill up to the next even dollar amount. The monies are combined, and funding is awarded on a quarterly basis.

For less than \$1 a month, you can make a difference. It might seem like small change, but when everybody helps we can make a big difference.

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Every Member Can Help Our Communities Through Operation Round-Up

What is Operation Round-Up®?

FreeState Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees approved to start the charitable giving program. Its concept is neighbors helping neighbors to benefit the community in which they work and live.

How does it work?

Your monthly bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar amount. All FEC members are automatically enrolled in the program and will remain in the program until they request to be removed from it. Members can opt out by calling our office at 1-800-794-1989. Pre-Pay Program participants are not enrolled.

How much can I expect to contribute each year?

The average annual giving is \$6 per member, but the most any one account can contribute each month is 99 cents – or a maximum of \$11.88 per year. **Your contributions are tax deductible.**

If I have more than one account, will each be rounded up?

Yes. Each account is auto-enrolled. If you wish to remove any or all of your accounts from the program, simply call us.

How are the funds distributed?

A volunteer committee of members oversees the application review process and awards monies each quarter. This committee is made up of no less than four and no more than six members who are not paid. Decisions are made by this committee based on funds available and the community impact of requests made. This committee meets four times per year to review all eligible applications.

Who is eligible to receive funds?

Community service, religious or scientific organizations, education or youth programs and non-profits that **qualify as exempt under section 501 (c) (3)** may benefit from this fund. For more information visit our website www.freestate.coop. There is a list of eligible types of organizations, as well as those that are ineligible.

What are the terms and conditions?

Funding cannot be used for political campaigns or organizations. Members can cancel participation in the program at any time by calling our office. One request, per year, per organization.

Can I nominate a nonprofit organization?

No. Forms must be filled out by those requesting assistance. We do ask that you forward the information to a nonprofit you feel is deserving.

Who will benefit from this program?

The program can help replenish food supplies for local food pantries, help support senior citizen programs, purchase supplies and equipment for rural fire departments and emergency response services, provide funds for community programs and help children of all ages by supporting community activities and programs. The funds will not be used to pay member bills, nor will they be used for political purposes.

How do charitable organizations request assistance?

To request funding, eligible organizations can download the application available at www.freestate.coop and submit the completed application with the necessary documentation. If you are awarded monies a follow-up report will need to be submitted within the next calendar year.

Applications available www.freestate.coop. **Application deadlines are: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.**