



South Central Electric Association Trust
Operation Round Up®
P.O. Box 150
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St. James, MN 56081
(507) 375-3164

OPERATION ROUND UP® GRANT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The South Central Electric Trust will be funded by voluntary Operation Round Up contributions from members of the Cooperative and from other sources of funds available to the Trust. Grant availability will be promoted to area communities and organizations. Contributions will be distributed in the local area served by the Cooperative for charitable and educational purposes.

The Trust Board will review and distribute funds each November and April.

Application deadline is March 12, 2026. Applications must be postmarked by these dates and mailed to South Central Electric Association, P.O. Box 150, St. James, MN 56081, or turned in to South Central Electric's headquarters at 71176 Tiell Dr. in St. James by the close of business (3:30 p.m.) on the date of each deadline, to be eligible for consideration in conjunction with the schedule listed above.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Contributions will generally be made to nonprofit, civic or community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhance the quality of life in the region.
2. Contributions will be distributed in the local area served by the cooperative.
3. Projects should fit in one or more of these categories: Community Service, Education and Youth, Community Economic Assistance, Environment, Emergency Energy Assistance and Disaster Relief.

LIMITATIONS:

1. Contributions will not be made for lobbying or political organizations.
2. Contributions will generally not be made for:
 - a. Veteran, fraternal, religious and labor organizations.
 - b. Fund-raising dinners, raffles and other events.
 - c. Individuals (except school scholarships, emergency assistance and disaster relief).
 - d. Capital fund campaigns.
 - e. National fund drives.
 - f. Advertising.
 - g. On-going operational expenses.

EVALUATION FACTORS

1. The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests:
 - a. Potential benefit to area residents and the entire community;
 - b. Level of community support for the program or project or the organization requesting the funds;
 - c. Administrative capability of the organization to deliver quality service or program;
 - d. Results that are predictable and can be evaluated.
2. It shall be the responsibility of all Trust directors to evaluate funding requests and allocate contributions to accomplish the purposes and intent of these guidelines.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete application form.
2. Provide detailed budget demonstrating:
 - a. How grant funds will be spent on this project or program
 - b. Sources and uses of existing program funds
3. Submit copy of the IRS tax-exempt letter, if appropriate.

Inquiries may be made by contacting Lucas Sandbo calling 507-942-3170 or by e-mailing lsandbo@southcentralelectric.com. Applications may emailed to lsandbo@southcentralelectric.com.

**South Central Electric Association Trust
Grant Application Form**

PROFILE INFORMATION:

Applicant Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Tax Status: Check one ____ Non-profit ____ Governmental Organization

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Please check the appropriate category:

☐ Community Service

☐ Education and Youth

☐ Environment

☐ Community Economic Assistance

☐ Emergency Energy Assistance and Disaster Relief

Project Title: _____

Statement of Project Purpose/Objectives:

(If additional space is needed to indicate objective please attach additional page.)

Geographic Area to be served by Project: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Other Revenue Sources: _____

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Please provide two reference:

Name	Phone	Town
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ATTACHMENTS:

Please attach the following to this application:

1. Detailed budget showing how requested funds would be spent.
2. Copy of IRS tax-exempt letter if appropriate.

CERTIFICATION:

In submitting this application the applicant agrees that it will spend funds solely for the purposes stated in the application and will refund the unexpended portion of such funds, if any. The applicant will provide a final summary, in writing, at the end of the project to the Trust Board. In addition, the applicant will not discriminate as to race, age, religion, sex, or national origin.

Authorized Signature

Date

Title

Return completed form and attachments to:
South Central Electric Association
Attn: Lucas Sandbo
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