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What is Operation Round Up?

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC established Operation Round Up in 2020 to provide financial assistance to areas served by Edgecombe-Martin County EMC in economic development, education, emergency responders, energy efficiency, and the environment.

Where do the funds for Operation Round Up come?

Funds come from members of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC who are participating in the Operation Round Up program by having their electric utility bills rounded up to the next highest dollar.

Who is eligible for funding from Operation Round Up?

Organizations inside or outside EMEMC service area who provided services to EMEMC members are eligible to apply for grants.

Political organizations of any kind are not eligible for funding.

What is the selection process?

Applications may be picked up at Edgecombe-Martin County EMC; or may go online to <u>www.ememc.com</u> and click on Operation Round Up grant application.

Applications must be submitted to Operation Round Up at Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. They will be reviewed by members of the EMEMC Board of Directors, who will make specific recommendations and/or awards.

How does an organization submit a grant? Application should be submitted to Monica Speight, 679 Hwy 33 East, Tarboro, NC or mailed to EMEMC, Attention Monica Speight, P O Box 188, Tarboro, NC 27886.

Important Note:

Incomplete applications will not be considered for a grant. All questions must be answered where applicable, all fields must be completed, and requested financial reports/documents, if any, attached. *All grant recipients are responsible for any tax liability that may be incurred by this grant.*

Operation Round Up Information and Guidelines

(Established October 2020)

Operation Round Up funds are used to provide grants to charitable organizations inside or immediately outside* Edgecombe-Martin County EMC's service area provided the organizations serve members of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC.

*For example, a school or hospital, not in Edgecombe-Martin County EMC's service area, may have a significant number of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC's customers benefiting from its service.

Please use the following as a guide:

- Must be for *charitable or nonprofit requests only*. Charitable status or a 501(c)(3) letter is required.
- The <u>maximum</u> amount of grants awarded in a calendar year to **organizations is \$1,000.**
- Only one application per project or event will be accepted from any entity during a calendar year. (*A calendar year being January 1 through December 31*).

Funding Parameters

Operation Round Up **will** accept applications to fund activities to promote or enhance, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Economic Development
- Emergency Energy Assistance
- Emergency Response
- Energy Efficiency
- Environment

Operation Round Up <u>will not</u> accept applications to fund the following:

- General operating, tax or payroll expenses
- Political causes or lobbying
- Advertising

Application Process

- 1. To be considered for funding within an application period, applications must be received by Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. Deadlines for applications are determined by Edgecombe-Martin County EMC and are subject to change.
- 2. All applications must include details of how the funds will be used. For example "to administer Tarboro Community Outreach energy assistance program providing funds for 30 individuals" is an acceptable detail, while "expenses for our energy assistance program" is unacceptable. Requests for additional information may be made as needed.
- 3. Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will notify all applicants as to the status of their requests and forward payment for approved grants promptly after applications are reviewed.