

Operation Round-Up® is a unique community grant program established through Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services (FMCS) that provides funding to non-profit and charitable organizations in the local area. It began at FMCS in 2003 and since the inception, the program has granted over \$400,000 in funding to non-profit and charitable organizations in Freeborn and Mower Counties.

Giving back to the communities we serve, is one of our core principles. When members come together through programs like Operation Round-Up® a significant difference can really be made. This is a great way to give back to the areas we work and live in.

Many electric cooperatives across the nation use the Operation Round-Up® Program to help improve the quality of life within their service territories.

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Operation Round Up®

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The Operation Round-Up® Program is managed by a five member board, called the Board of Trustees. The members are comprised of cooperative members throughout our service territory. Each member volunteers their time, knowledge and skills, to help administer the program. The Board of Trustees meet on a quarterly basis to review applications.

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Operation Round Up®



This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Your Small Change Changes Lives

For just pennies a month, our members round up their electric bills and raise thousands of dollars a year to give back to our communities.

The success of this program depends upon your participation. If you have opted out of the program and want to opt back in at any time, please contact our office.



Money collected is available quarterly through an application process, for grant funding, to charities and non-profit organizations within our service territory.

To apply, contact our office:
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or visit our website: www.fmcs.coop

Non-profit and charitable organizations in Freeborn and Mower Counties may apply for funding.* The Board of Trustees meet quarterly to review applications and based upon program guidelines, approve or deny the requests.

To apply, visit www.fmcs.coop click on the Community tab, then Operation Round Up and apply online or download the PDF, print and complete the form. Applications are also available at our office located at 2501 Main Street East, Albert Lea, MN.

Deadlines to apply are:

- March 15
- June 15
- September 15
- December 15

Quarterly meetings are held the following months after the deadline; April, July, October and January.

* *Organizations like; Booster Clubs, 4H Clubs, FFA, Volunteer Fire Departments, Schools Boy/Girl Scouts, Historical Societies, Lions Clubs, Community/Town Celebrations, Etc.*

Your Small Change Makes A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Our Operation Round-Up® Program is an *opt-out* program. This means members' electric bills are automatically rounded up to the next nearest whole dollar amount, unless you opt-out. **The monthly contribution could be as little as a penny, but never more than ninety-nine cents.** For example, a member's electric bill is \$81.75. The bill would be rounded up to \$82.00 and \$.25 would be deposited into the Operation Round Up® fund; a fund completely separate of the cooperative's funds. **The average donation per member is approximately \$6.00 per year.**

Contributions to Operation Round-Up® are tax-deductible and are printed on your electric bill each month with the total yearly contribution amount listed on your December electric bill.

If you wish to opt-out of this program, please contact our office at 507-373-6421 or you may opt-out online at www.http://fmcs.coop/index.php/community/operation-round-up.

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