



People for People Fund

Six bucks isn't a lot of money — it's about what you would pay for a meal at a fast food restaurant. But \$6 equals the average amount folks who support our People for People Fund program give every year, all through spare change.

Members — people like you who receive electricity from the co-op — who have their bills automatically rounded up to the next whole dollar amount are changing lives.

Sure, donating \$6 over the course of a year may seem like a little thing. But if you put all of that money together from many Carroll Electric members, it adds up to a big difference in our communities.

Since we launched the People for People Fund program in 2000, we've given community groups and folks in need more than \$715,000. Local organizations, community enhancement groups and fire departments are among the recipients of grants from the People for People Fund program.

How the program works

Let's say your bill is \$82.90. It would be rounded up to \$83, with a dime going to the People for People Fund. The extra pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters then flow into a trust fund managed by a board of volunteer members that assists worthy local organizations as well as fellow members who have fallen on hard times.

Program participation

Members are automatically enrolled in the People for People Fund. Nearly 10,000 members continue to participate in the program, rounding up their bills to benefit local organizations and fellow members. The extra change is deposited into a trust administered by the People for People Fund board.

You can opt out of, or back into, the People for People Fund program at any time. Just call us or enclose a note with your payment. We'll take care of the rest.



Who benefits from the program?

Individual members and our communities benefit from the People for People Fund. Members who have serious medical conditions, have lost their home to fire or have been in an accident may be eligible to receive a grant. Community organizations throughout our six-county service territory and members of Carroll Electric may apply for People for People Fund grants. Past grants have been used by community organizations to purchase security lighting, storm sewer catch basins, portable radios and even a bulletproof vest for a police dog.

How to apply for a grant

People for People Fund applications are available to download at www.cecpower.coop or by contacting the office at 1-800-232-7697. There are two applications: one for individuals and one for organizations. Applications are accepted year-round. Grant funds are awarded on a quarterly basis but may be provided immediately if the need arises.

Board of trustees

The People for People Fund is administered by a five-member board. Each board member is a Carroll Electric member and volunteers his or her time to administer the grant program.

The People for People Fund board should not be confused with the Carroll Electric Cooperative, Inc., Board of Trustees. These boards are separate entities, and no one person may serve on both boards concurrently.

An employee of the cooperative serves as liaison to help administer the program.

Program allocations

Nearly \$50,000 is granted to organizations and individuals each year through the People for People Fund program. More than \$715,000 has been awarded since the program began in April 2000.

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