



WILD RICE ELECTRIC TRUST
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APPLICATION FOR DONATION FOR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY

Operation Roundup funds are available for community organizations with a **specific item(s)** needed. Please complete the application as thoroughly as possible including the item(s) you wish to request funding for and an estimated cost. Funds can not be awarded for operating or ongoing expenses of an organization.

1. Name of Organization: _____

2. Address: _____

Street or Post Office Box

City

State

Zip Code

3. Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
(Daytime)

4. Contact Person: _____
Name Title

5. Is organization requesting funding exempt from payment of income tax?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, a copy of letter of determination (Form 501[c]3) from Internal Revenue Service may be requested.

6. A copy of financial statement(s) for most previous year should be provided.

7. Number of individuals, families or groups served in Becker, Clay, Mahnomen, Norman or Polk Counties in last year:

8. Does agency serve outside Becker, Clay, Mahnomen, Norman or Polk Counties?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide information on number served and location:

9. State purpose of Organization/Agency Request: (Include amount requested and specifics of how funds will be used.)

Amount Requested: _____

Specifics: _____

10. List other sources of funding for use of request as described in the above:

11. How are agency's programs measured for effectiveness?

12. Please list three references:

Name	Phone
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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The information contained in this statement is for the purpose of obtaining funding from the Wild Rice Electric Trust on behalf of the undersigned. Each undersigned understands that the information provided herein is used in deciding to grant funding, and each undersigned represents and warrants that the information provided is true and complete and that the Wild Rice Electric Trust may consider this statement as continuing to be true and correct until a written notice of a change is provided. The Wild Rice Electric Trust is authorized to make all inquiries they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made herein.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

WILD RICE ELECTRIC TRUST
Policy Bulletin - Funding and Donations

I. Policy Objective:

The Wild Rice Electric Trust will be funded by Operation Roundup voluntary contributions received from members of Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc. and from other sources of funds available to the Trust.

Contributions to the Wild Rice Electric Trust will be used primarily in the local geographic area served by the Wild Rice Electric Cooperative for charitable, educational, and emergency response efforts.

Donations of Trust funds will be consistent with the bylaws of Wild Rice Electric Trust and this policy.

II. Policy Factors:

An application form must be completed by any organization, group, etc. requesting donations from the Trust. The application form will include specific use of donation, area and approximate number of people served by the organization, and other information useful in making a donation determination.

Representatives of the group, organization, etc. requesting funds may, but are not required to, attend a Trust Board of Director meeting to supplement their request.

Donations will generally be made only at regular board meetings of the Trust. However, a conference call board meeting may be utilized for requests which cannot be detained or delayed until the next scheduled board meeting.

III. Evaluation Factors:

1. The Trust Board of Directors will consider the following factors in the evaluation for selection of all funding requests:
 - a. Potential benefit to area residents and the entire community;
 - b. Level of community support for the program, project, or organization requesting the funds;
 - c. Fiscal and administrative capability of the program, project or organization to deliver a quality service or program; and
 - 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 purpose and intent of this policy and guidelines.

IV. Funding Guidelines

1. Donations from the Trust will generally be made to organizations which will provide a benefit to the communities within the service area of Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc. Applications will be prioritized according to the following: first-time applicants which are non-profit organizations (granted IRS Code 501(c)(3) status or are exempt from payment of income tax) and serve an important need in the community.
2. Primary consideration will be given to donation requests based on their ability to deliver long-lasting benefits. Priority will be given to requests for tangible items that address immediate or critical needs and are the following:
 - a. Charitable;
 - b. Educational; or
 - c. In support of emergency response efforts.
3. Donations of the Trust will generally not be made for:
 - a. Lobbying and political efforts or demonstrations;
 - b. Veteran, fraternal, religious, or labor organizations;
 - c. General and event-based fundraising, including prom, community events, or raffles;
 - d. Individuals or individual families (with the exception of scholarships and disaster relief);
 - e. National fund drives and initiatives;
 - f. Advertising (with the exception of internal Trust fund promotions);
 - g. General funding for economic development projects and building construction;
 - h. Educational trips and registration or program fees; or
 - i. Operating expenses, such as rent, utilities, and maintenance.

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