



Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. Grant Application and Guidelines for Distribution of Nueces Electric Cooperative Operation Round Up Fund

Making Change That Matters: How NEC Supports Our Community

Ever heard the saying, "Every penny counts"? At Nueces Electric Cooperative, we take that to heart—turning hundreds of thousands of pennies into meaningful contributions that make a difference in Coastal Bend communities.

Through Operation Round-Up, our members voluntarily "round up" their electric bills to the nearest dollar. That spare change is pooled into a non-profit fund called Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. Over time, these small contributions add up to big impacts, enabling us to support incredible community projects, like the life-saving HALO-Flight air ambulance service.

The best part? Members donate less than 99 cents per month per account—averaging just \$6 a year. Yet, these small gestures collectively fund significant grants to charitable organizations within our member communities.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, Nueces Electric Charities helps non-profits address important local needs and improve the quality of life for everyone. Together, we're creating a brighter future—one penny at a time. Nueces Electric Charities has supported a variety of organizations including South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Mission of Mercy, Corpus Christi Education Foundation, HALO-Flight, Brush Country CASA and more.

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW GUIDELINES

Grant proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Is there a clear and established need for the program or project?
- To what extent will the program or project address and resolve the identified problem?
- Is the request aligned with the purpose of the grant, or are there more suitable applications?
- Are there alternative funding sources available for this initiative?
- Are sufficient resources available to support this request effectively?
- What is the potential benefit to the community and surrounding areas?
- Does the organization and its team have the capability to achieve the intended outcomes?
- Is the timing appropriate to implement the program or project?
- Is there evidence of collaboration or coordination with other organizations?
- Could this grant potentially encourage matching funds from other sources?
- Does the proposal align with the overall charitable mission of Operation Round Up?

ANNUAL GRANT PERIODS

Application Period: Applications Open on the first Friday of June; Applications Close on the 3rd Friday of July.

Board Action: Application review will begin the 4th Tuesday of August, and final selections will be made the 4th Tuesday of September (*Date may be subject to change; generally, aligns with the regular meeting of the Nueces Electric Cooperative Board of Directors*)

Emergency Requests:

In cases of critical health, safety, or human welfare needs, Nueces Electric Charities may review application requests outside of the regular schedule.

Primary/Priority Areas of Consideration

Grant projects and programs addressing the following areas will receive priority consideration:

- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Welfare**
- **Human Services**

NUECES ELECTRIC CHARITIES, INC. MISSION & FUNDING GUIDELINES

Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. is dedicated to making a meaningful impact within our communities by allocating funds from the Nueces Electric Cooperative (NEC) Operation Round Up program. These funds are generously contributed by NEC members and are used to support initiatives in education, health, welfare, and other human services throughout the NEC service territory and neighboring areas.

As outlined in Article 4 of our Articles of Incorporation, Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. was established to distribute Operation Round Up funds exclusively to qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. These funds are intended to support programs and projects that deliver tangible benefits to the communities we serve.

Our goal is to assist as many organizations as possible. We strongly encourage applicants to seek additional funding sources beyond NEC Operation Round Up, such as self-funding or contributions from other organizations. Demonstrating resourcefulness and a mix of funding sources strengthens your proposal and underscores your commitment to the program or project. Please ensure that applications are submitted and approved *before* the program or project starts.

If your organization has sufficient funds to complete the project independently, we ask that you prioritize using those resources. Financial transparency is vital, so providing detailed financial information enables us to better assess your organization's priorities and fiscal health. Each application will undergo a thorough review for eligibility and will be evaluated alongside other requests, considering the funds available.

The Board of Directors of Nueces Electric Charities retains full discretion to approve, question, or deny funding requests. For approved applications, payments will be made within 30 days. If your request is not selected, you may reapply for the same program or project after one year.

We are honored to collaborate with charitable organizations that share our passion for making a difference. Together, we strive to foster positive change in the communities we call home.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION

1. Download the Grant Application Packet: Access the packet [here].

2. Complete the Application: Please ensure that you complete the entire application and submit all required documents in the specified order, accompanied by the necessary proof of information. The following documents must be merged with the completed (pages 4-6) Grant Application:

- A one-page budget for the amount requested, with justifications
- Proof of 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
- A copy of the most recent balance sheet and income statement
- Current organizational budget (if unavailable, please provide an explanation)
- Completed Form W-9
- Completed Request for Banking Information (ACH Authorization) with supporting documents (letter from bank or voided check)

Note: Incomplete submissions or missing documents will result in your application being classified as incomplete. Please make sure that all necessary documents are attached and combined correctly prior to submitting.

3. Merge All Documents: Submit all files in the specified order as one PDF. Separate files will not be accepted. **Exclude pages 1-3 of the Grant Application and include only pages 4-6.**

4. Submit Your Application Online: When all documents are prepared for submission, please proceed to our [Grant Application Online Submission page](#) to finalize the application process as required.

For Questions:

Please direct any questions regarding the application or submission process to:

Joanna Prado, PHR
Human Resources and Corporate Communications Manager
Nueces Electric Cooperative
Local: 361-767-7338 ext. 405

**Nueces Electric Charities, Inc.
NEC Operation Round-Up Fund**



ORGANIZATION/AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION
TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name of organization: _____

Street address: _____ PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Contact person: _____

E-mail address: _____

Officers, Directors of the organization: _____

General objectives of the organization: _____

Briefly summarize the specific project or program you are requesting funding for. *General funding requests will not be considered.*

Describe the counties/region of Texas that will benefit from this program/project?

Amount being requested: \$ _____

Is this organization less than 5 years old? Yes No

If yes, please provide the date of founding: _____ / _____ / _____

Do you wish for your grant to be given as a donation during the Coastal Bend Day of Giving, so long as your organization is eligible for donations during this event? Yes No

For additional information on this matching program, please contact us

Does this organization have tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code? **Must attach proof confirming such tax-exempt status** Yes No

Have you received previous grants from Nueces Electric Charities? Yes No

If yes, when? _____ / _____ / _____ *Amount? \$* _____

What program/project? _____

If it's not possible to grant an award for your entire requested amount, are you interested in receiving a grant that is for a portion of your request only? Yes No

If we support your program/project, a Final Report (Program & Financial) detailing the use of the grant money, and a photograph of the program/project is required to be filed with us at completion of the program/project. Such report & photo will be sent _____/_____/_____ (please provide approximate date or date range if not specifically known).

The information contained in this statement is for the purpose of obtaining funding from Nueces Electric Charities 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 Nueces Electric Charities Board is authorized to make all inquiries deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made herein.

Each undersigned understands in applying for funding, that if granted, it will be used for the sole purpose as stated in this application and grants permission for its publication in the NEC member publications as well as any other publication NEC or Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. deems appropriate.

For this application to be given consideration by Nueces Electric Charities, it must be submitted following all application directions and guidelines by the due date and must be signed by the organization's President/Chairperson and by an individual to whom future questions and correspondence may be addressed (must be two different persons):

President/Chairperson Signature

Contact Person Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date Signed

Date Signed