



La Plata Electric Association Round Up Foundation Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is the Round Up Fund?*

A: The La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation is a non-profit fund, generated by LPEA members rounding up their electric bills to the next higher dollar amount (average of 50 cents/month, \$6.00/year). A member can select Round Up Plus which “rounds up” and adds additional dollars each month. Every month the La Plata Electric Round Up Board reviews applications from local nonprofits and allocates funds that support our community’s needs.

Q: *Who is eligible to request assistance?*

A: Nonprofit organizations in good standing with the IRS that serve our service area – primarily La Plata and Archuleta counties.

*Copy of 501 (c) (3) must be attached to application

Q: *How do I apply for assistance?*

A: Non-profits that serve the LPEA service area can apply by filling out the Round Up application. After the LPEA staff vets the request, the Round Up Foundation Board will review and make funding recommendations. Applications are available via email request to jbennett@lpea.coop or on LPEA’s web site at <http://lpea.coop/programs/roundup.html>.

Q: *When is the deadline for application submissions?*

A: Applications received by the first of each month will be considered at that month’s regular board meeting. Please note that a nonprofit organization is only eligible to receive funds from the Round Up Foundation every 2 years.

Q: *Is there a limit to the amount I can request?*

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A: No, but the LPEA Round Up Board has limited funds to disburse each month. Often requests cannot be granted in full. Grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$3,000.

Q: What information should I include with my application?

A: The applicant will need to include the following:

- Make a *specific* request, telling the board exactly how much money you are requesting and how you intend to use the funds.
- If the funds are being requested to purchase a new item or for a repair, please include two or three bids for the item or work. The Round Up Board encourages that at least one bid be from a vendor or supplier in the La Plata Electric service territory if possible.
- List other sources of funding or assistance that are available to you; outline which sources you are pursuing, the amounts requested and any amounts already awarded. The Round Up Board encourages applicants to pursue funding from numerous sources.
- Signatures of references and/or letter(s) of recommendations are required.
- All applications must include the organization's most recent financial statement for the organization, a project or program specific budget.
- Name(s) under which organization has applied for funding support.

Q: How do I send in my application?

A: You must send the application as a PDF to Jeannie Bennett @ jbennett@lpea.coop
Applicant is encouraged to limit number of pages submitted to ten (10) or less. If the grant application is more than the suggested 10 pages, submit additional information as an addendum to the grant application.

Q: How quickly will the board respond to my request?

A: As long as your application is complete, we review the request in the same month that it is submitted. You will be contacted when a decision is made regarding the request.

Q: If I receive funding, what are my responsibilities to LPEA Round Up?

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A: You will be sent a Post Grant Report with specifics but an organization must be willing to submit digital photographs of item purchased/events held using Round Up grant, a testimonial describing how the Round Up grant has helped your organization, enrolling five (5) new Round Up members, explanation of how Round Up marketing materials were distributed to members of your organization.

If you need assistance or have additional questions about the application process, contact Jeannie Bennett at (970) 382-3505 or jbennett@lpea.coop.

La Plata Electric Association Round Up Foundation - Application

**Please use this document to apply for the LPEA Round Up Grant.
Hand written applications will not be accepted.**

Name of Organization: _TARA Historical Society @ Navajo Lake_EIN #84-1233356

Contact Name: Sandy Gladfelter Title: Clerk and Grant Writer

Email Address: sg.taracc@gmail.com

Physical Address: 333 Milton Lane City & State: Arboles, CO Zip: 81121

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1853 City & State: Arboles, CO Zip: 81121

Work Phone: 970.553.0988 Cell Phone: 970.553.0988

1. Please summarize your request including:
 - The cause (unmet need, problem), increased demand, or an improvement/modification to what you have been doing.

Improvement/modification and compliance with Fire Marshall Regulations. Following inspection of TARA building now in usage, Fire Marshall had safety suggestions to be added and noted existing emergency lights need replacing.

- What is the population and circumstances of those who will benefit?
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Population for TARA community is estimated at approximately 3000, Tiffany, Allison, Arboles and surrounding areas of Ignacio and Bayfield areas.

- What is your action plan?

Replacement of old or non functioning emergency lights; install additional lights and detectors.

- How many individuals, families or groups did your agency serve last year?

Approximately 1000

2. What geographical area does your organization serve?

Tiffany, Allison, Arboles and parts of Ignacio and Bayfield. Our facility is available for other areas including Pagosa Springs and Durango, CO. Thus, we are and have served event and programs for both Arhculeta and LaPlata County.

3. How will you measure your effectiveness?

Following installation, there will be immediate increase safety to the public attending events, programs, community meetings .

4. What is the Budget for this project/program?

This project was not previously budgeting in TARA's Annual 2019 Budget. Since completion of the lower level interior and recent opening the the Corner Library, TARA requested an updated load capacity of both floors. Following inspection by Ignacio Fire Department, Fire Marshall Egger noted our existing emergency lights in the upper level were 90% non operating and he had further recommendations for the lower level. Due to the safety considerations Tara felt immediate replacement and addition of emergency lights was a current priority and the Board deemed necessary to complete as soon as possible. We are asking for consideration of a grant in the full amount of safety additions to the building.

5. How much do you need to raise for your project/program? List the other sources of funding you have requested for this project. Please state if funding is *Requested or Received* next to the funding source(s).

Requested Funding:

See attached estimates totaling \$943.84 and \$790(with notations). The items suggested can be purchased through Home Depot where TARA is registered as an Non-profit and tax exempt. The labor to install majority of recommendations would need installation by licensed electrician and both electricians are local residents of Ar boles

6. How much are you requesting from the LPEA Round Up Foundation?

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\$943.84



7. If you have received funding in the past, please highlight what your organization has done to promote LPEA Round Up?

8.

Past Round Up Grants have benefited TARA in 2013 and 2015. Tara has also benefited from a Special Projects Grant in 2016. TARA also recently honored with a 50% grant from the first time offered Solar Renewable Energy Grant Program. Tara did raise 50% contributing funds through special projects and community donations.

TARA has previously and currently mentions at events and through FB sites the benefits to non profits for signing up for the Round UP Program and encourage asking friends and neighbors to also sign up. Yearly we encourage signing up through our Sr. Luncheon participants.


9. Can you or a representative dedicate 10-15 minutes to meet with the Round Up Board and answer some questions about your application?

Yes XX No _____
Call Sandy Gladfelter 970.553.0988

10. Please attach the organization's most recent financial statement (simple profit & loss statement) and a project or program specific budget to your application.

List three references (signature required).

Name Ronnie Maez, Archuleta County Commissioner

Signature 

Phone 970903.0546 or 970.264.8303 Address: rmaez@archuletacounty.org

Relationship to Organization (Board member, volunteer, client) Archuleta County uses the facilities to present local commissioner and county Sheriff meetings.

Name: Steve Wadley, Archuleta County Commissioner

Signature 

Phone 970.264.8303 Address: swadley@archuletacounty.org

Relationship to Organization (Board member, volunteer, client) same as above

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Name Debra Herrera

Signature _____

Phone 970-563-4561

Address: dherrera@sococaa.org

Relationship to Organization (Board member, volunteer, client) Debra is director of the Southern Colorado Community Action Agency, Inc.

(SoCoCAA) located in Ignacio and provides oversight of Senior Luncheon Program for Archuleta and LaPlata County seniors.

Your signature below authorizes the LPEA Round Up Foundation to use your organization's photo(s) and/or name in LPEA's publications to promote the LPEA Round Up Foundation.

Also, your signature below verifies the information contained in this application is for obtaining funding from the LPEA Round Up Foundation on behalf of the undersigned. The undersigned understands that the information provided herein is used in deciding to grant funding, and the undersigned represents and warrants the information provided is true and complete and that the LPEA Round Up Foundation may consider the statement as continuing to be true and correct until a written notice of change is provided. The LPEA Round Up Foundation 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:

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