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## **The La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board approves \$31,054 in grants to local non-profits in Q3 2022**

DURANGO, Colo. – The La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board approved a total of \$31,054 in grant funding to local non-profit organizations at its meetings in July, August, and September of 2022. The Durango Instrumental Music Booster Club (DIMBC), Friends of the Ignacio Community Library, Ignacio Creative District, La Plata County Historical Society, Riverhouse Children's Center, San Juan Symphony, The Arc of Southwest Colorado, and Weasel Skinners 4-H Club received funding as part of these three grant cycles. The board has approved 38 grants so far this year totaling \$123,502. By the end of Q3 in 2021, the board approved 31 grants totaling \$96,334.

“With the support of the Round Up Foundation, the Durango Aerospace Design Team is happy to report that we returned from a successful trip this summer to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida to compete at the International Space Settlement Design Competition,” said Jordan Englehart, Durango High School Teacher. “Thank you for your generous support of our mission, and for helping our students gain valuable life experience in the world of business planning, science, and engineering!”

Photos of the Durango High School Aerospace Design Team trip to the Kennedy Space Center: [2022\\_09\\_01 Photos - Durango Aerospace Design Team](#)

A percentage of Round Up funds is also distributed to community assistance programs each year. Thus far in 2022, the Round Up Foundation has allocated \$19,683 to the [Community Emergency Assistance Coalition](#) and \$6,535 to the [Pagosa Outreach Connection](#) to provide families and individuals with emergency assistance funds.

Round Up Foundation grants are made possible, in part, by the generosity of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) members who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar. \$60,000 in unclaimed [LPEA Capital Credits](#) are also provided annually to the La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board, on behalf of the LPEA Board of Directors, to support these grants.

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms are available at [lpea.coop/grant-programs](http://lpea.coop/grant-programs).

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on [SmartHub](#) or at [lpea.coop/round-foundation](http://lpea.coop/round-foundation). The average LPEA member contribution is about \$6.00 annually. Members can also

elect to automatically donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits.

Established in 1997, the La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation is a non-profit, community-support fund for organizations and individuals in LPEA's service territory. A local, eleven-member volunteer board reviews applications and allocates funds. 100% of the tax-deductible donations stay in the communities LPEA serves.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at (970) 247-5786 or visit [lpea.coop](http://lpea.coop).

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