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LPEA Opens Applications for Local Energy Action Fund Grants

Durango, Colo. — (October 15, 2026) La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is now accepting applications for its Local Energy Action Fund (LEAF), a grant program supporting local projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide community benefit.

Tax-exempt organizations located within LPEA's service territory are eligible to apply for funding for projects focused on energy efficiency and local renewable energy. Eligible projects may include heat pumps or heat pump water heaters, EV charging infrastructure, induction cooking equipment, energy efficiency improvements, solar installations, and more.

The LEAF grant program is supported by LPEA members who choose to make a monthly contribution on their electric bill.

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available with no matching funds required. Organizations seeking additional support can apply for up to \$25,000 with a 50% co-investment. Up to four grants will be awarded each year.

Applications are open October 15 through November 30. Interested organizations are encouraged to learn more and apply at [LPEA.coop/LEAF](https://lpea.coop/LEAF).

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About LPEA

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is a locally owned, member-governed electric cooperative serving approximately 37,000 homes and businesses across Southwest Colorado. As an independent co-op, LPEA is committed to keeping power reliable and affordable while ensuring members have a direct voice in how their energy future is shaped. LPEA serves a diverse region, from rural communities and Tribal partners to growing towns and businesses, each with different energy needs. Whether members are focused on keeping the lights on, managing their

bills, or adopting new technologies like solar and battery storage, LPEA is working to meet them where they are. In 2026, LPEA joined the Southwest Power Pool, expanding access to a broader mix of energy resources to strengthen reliability, reduce costs, and support a cleaner, more flexible energy future, while keeping decisions local. Learn more about LPEA at lpea.coop.