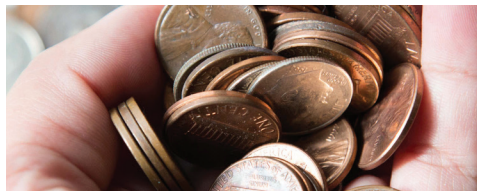


BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

In 2022, the Round Up Foundation funded 30 Round Up grants for non-profits in our community totaling \$93,380. Round Up grants are made possible by the generosity of LPEA members who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar.

“We are so grateful to LPEA and the Round Up program for the support we’ve received at Animas High School,” said Libby Cowles, Dean of Enrollment and Community Outreach at Animas High School. “The funding allowed us to outfit the MakerSpace and AudioLab in our brand-new campus at Fort Lewis College with state-of-the-art equipment so our students can build, create, and record beautiful, professional-quality work that demonstrates their learning.”

A percentage of Round Up funds is also distributed to community



assistance programs each year. In 2022, the Round Up Foundation allocated \$25,804 to the Community Emergency Assistance Coalition and \$9,017 to the Pagosa Outreach Connection to help families and individuals with emergency assistance funds.

The average Round Up Foundation contribution is just \$6.00 annually. LPEA members can also elect to donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money.

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on SmartHub or at lpea.coop/round-foundation.

2023 LPEA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS



Are you interested in running for a seat on the LPEA board? In accordance with our bylaws, one third of LPEA’s Board of Directors seats are up for election annually, and all eligible LPEA members are welcome to run. Directors are elected for three-year terms to serve the district in which they live.

To be eligible, candidates must:

1. Be a member of LPEA for at least one year immediately prior to becoming a director.
2. Be a bona fide resident of the district you plan to represent for at least 120 days prior to becoming a director.
3. Not be employed by, or have a spouse or child employed by, LPEA.

2023 REBATE PROGRAM

With a new year comes new ways to save with LPEA. If you’re considering an upgrade or improvement project for your home or business this year, remember you can get money back through LPEA’s rebate programs.

Learn more at lpea.coop/rebates

2023 Election Timeline:

- February 8, 2023: Board director candidate packets available online
- April 10, 2023: Completed candidate packets due back to LPEA
- May 3, 2023: Ballots mailed to all LPEA members
- June 7, 2023: Ballots due
- June 8, 2023: LPEA Annual Meeting and election announcement
- June 14, 2023: First board meeting for new directors

For more details and a complete list of director qualifications visit, lpea.coop/elections.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE REMINDER

Applications due March 1, 2023



LPEA offers scholarships for graduating high school students or equivalent (including GED graduates) in our service territory. These scholarships aim to help students continue their education in academic and trade schools.

- LPEA John Voelker Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000/year for two years: 2-year scholarship to any U.S. accredited vocational school, technical school, or community college.
- Tri-State Scholarship – \$500 total: Scholarship to any U.S. college or university.

“This scholarship will give me the financial freedom I need to pursue a meaningful career.”
– Timothy Hittle, 2022 LPEA John Voelker Memorial Scholarship

“This scholarship will help me be one of those people up there supplying electricity to the U.S. This is the best thing that’s ever happened to me.”
– Ryan Elliot, 2022 LPEA Lineworker Scholarship

2023 scholarships include:

- LPEA Scholarship – \$7,000/year for four years: 4-year scholarship to any U.S. college or university.
- LPEA Lineworker Scholarship – \$12,000 total: 1-year scholarship to any accredited U.S. institution majoring in an electrical lineworker program.

For more details on the application process, visit lpea.coop/scholarships.



The latest news, services, programs, and resources from LPEA. Have a question or comment? Email us at comments@lpea.coop.



BOARD MEETINGS

Feb. 15 (hybrid), Mar. 15 (virtual)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

The agenda, access, and location details will be posted online in advance. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m.

More at: lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LPEA committee meetings change regularly to accommodate board member schedules.

For upcoming meeting dates and times visit:

lpea.coop/board-committees

**All meetings are open to the public. Meetings may be held in person, virtually, or both. Visit lpea.coop for the most up-to-date details.*



LPEA CLOSURES

Feb. 20 – President’s Day



LPEA GRANTS

The Round Up Foundation Board of Directors approved **four grants totaling \$12,326 in December.**

Approved Round Up Grants were for the Durango Instrumental Music Booster Club, Durango PlayFest, and La Plata Family Centers Coalition. Approved Educational Grants were for the Community Tree House.

feeling chilly? HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY



1. Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away.
2. Place on a flat, level surface.
3. Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked.
4. Plug it directly into an outlet.
5. Follow all instructions and use models endorsed by a reputable testing lab.
6. Do not use an extension cord or powers strip, which can overheat.
7. Do not use around small children or pets.
8. Do not use one with a damaged plug or prongs.

