

RESOLVING TO "ROUND UP" IN THE NEW YEAR



When you elect to "Round Up" your bill, you help local non-profit organizations do what they do best. Over the years, more than \$1.3 million in Round Up funds have supported local schools and educational programs, fed hungry families, helped disabled veterans, and funded other worthwhile causes across La Plata and Archuleta counties.

As a cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It's why we support local organizations like the Boys & Girls Club, the Cancer Coalition of Southwest Colorado, Manna Soup Kitchen, Community Connections, Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County and many more.

As more than just your energy provider, LPEA can be a catalyst for good in our community with YOUR help! Resolve to "Round Up" your bill this year.

Visit our website
lpea.coop/round-your-lpea-bill,
email csr@lpea.coop, or call us
to sign up.

Just like trees at Christmas, the new year is synonymous with New Year's resolutions. Moving into a new year offers a symbolic chance to become a better version of yourself and to reach your personal goals. If you aim to give back more to your local community, LPEA can help through our Round Up Program!

Average contributions are less than \$6 a year, and your pocket change can make a big difference when combined with other LPEA member contributions.

Heads up!

Energy Star®
appliance rebates
mostly discontinued
for 2023

Learn more at
lpea.coop/rebates



15th Annual **FILL THE BUCKET FOOD DRIVE**

LPEA and IBEW collected 5,840 lbs of food and \$1,574.51 in Durango and Pagosa. Thank YOU, members!

POWER IT FORWARD WITH LPEA'S GIVING TREE

Donate and help your neighbors keep the lights on this holiday season.

1. Venmo your donation @GivingTree_LPEA (or scan the QR code).
2. Call us at (970) 247-5786.
3. Pick up a "Giving Tree" envelope at our drive through lanes in Durango or Pagosa, place your donation inside, and put in the payment drop box at each office.
4. Give your donation to a member service representative in one of our lobbies.

Donations will be accepted through January 31, 2023.



EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE



As we do every year, LPEA is offering scholarships for graduating high school students or equivalent (including GED graduates) in our service territory.

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

These scholarships aim to help students continue their education in academic and trade schools:

- LPEA Scholarships: Two, 4-year scholarships to any U.S. college or university (\$7,000/year for four years).
- LPEA John Voelker Memorial Scholarships: Two, 2-year scholarships to any U.S. accredited vocational school, technical school, or community college (\$5,000/year for two years).

- LPEA Lineworker Scholarships: Three, 1-year scholarships to any accredited U.S. institution majoring in an electrical line worker program (\$12,000 total).
- Tri-State Scholarship: One, \$500 scholarships to any U.S. college or university.
- Rocky Mountain Electrical League Scholarship: One, \$1,000-\$3,000 scholarship to any U.S. college or university.

Applications are due Wed., March 1, 2022. For more details and to apply, visit: lpea.coop/scholarships.

Virtual Scholarship Q&A Wednesday Jan. 16 at 6pm

Ask questions and get strong application submission tips from past selection committee members. Register at lpea.coop/scholarships.

PAY AS YOU SAVE WITH ON BILL FINANCING

Feeling drafty this winter? In partnership with First Southwest Bank (FSWB), LPEA can support your weatherization or heating system upgrade project through our On-Bill Financing (OBF) program. This program aims to help our members finance these projects over time while reaping the energy-saving benefits immediately.

The program covers labor and materials for projects such as caulking/weather-stripping, insulation, LED lighting, storm or thermal windows and doors, insulating window coverings,

water heaters, heat pump systems, or other heating or cooling systems that reduce energy consumption, and more. Distributed generation projects (i.e. solar panels) are also eligible for this program.

Apply for a low-interest loan to finance your energy efficiency projects with FSWB. If approved, you will then pay that loan off over time as part of your LPEA electric bill. That means no extra bill to and no extra hassle.

Learn more and apply at fswb.bank/gogreen.



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



BOARD MEETINGS

Jan. 18 (virtual), Feb. 15 (hybrid)
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

Mon., Jan. 2 (NY Day)
Mon., Jan. 16 (MLK Day)



LPEA GRANTS

The Round Up Foundation Board of Directors approved **five grants totaling \$12,800 in November**.

Approved Round Up Grants were for Aspire Medical Services for \$2,000, Early Childhood Council for Archuleta County for \$2,300, and Veteran's Park for \$2,500. Approved Education Grants were for HomeFund for \$3,000, and Liberty School for \$3,000.