



Southern Public Power Area Development Fund

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GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

PURPOSE

The role of the Southern Public Power Area Development Fund Board is to wisely manage the funds entrusted to them by supporting the activities within the Southern Public Power District service territory that are consistent with the purpose of the organization. The intent of the Board is to support as many organizations as possible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A completed grant application must be submitted within the deadlines as stated on the back page of the application form.
- Project bids or estimates are required.
- The Board requests that financial information be provided, in order to understand the priorities and financial health of an organization.
- Applications must be submitted and approved prior to the commencement of projects.
- The Board meets quarterly to consider applications. The Board has the authority to support, question, or deny any request.
- Once the Board has awarded a grant, a check will be issued to the organization that completed the application.

EVALUATION FACTORS

The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests:

- Is there an established need for the program or project?
- Is it appropriate for the Board to award a grant for the requested purpose or are there more compatible sources of potential funding?
- Does the Southern Public Power Area Development Fund Board have adequate resources to effectively respond to this need?
- Does the award benefit an adequate number of Southern Public Power District customers?
- Did the organization demonstrate resourcefulness by investing its own money into the project, or by obtaining funding from other organizations?

ELIGIBILITY

- Grants will only be awarded to organizations located in Adams, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney, Merrick and Phelps Counties. Organizations located in cities and towns in these counties that are not served by Southern Public Power District are eligible but may receive an appropriate grant based on the estimated number of District customers that may benefit from the grant.
- Grants to school organizations, such as a booster club, parent teacher group, art club, journalism club, etc may be considered. A school administrator must sign the application.

- Grants to church schools and preschools may be considered if the organization is open to the public.
- The maximum grant that may be awarded to an organization within a 12-month time period is \$2,500. Multiple grants within a 12-month time period are allowed, as long as the \$2,500 maximum is not exceeded.
- The ultimate beneficiary of the grant must be identified in the grant application.
- Projects with estimated expenditures in excess of \$10,000 will not be considered until documentation is provided indicating that 75% of the project funding requirements have been raised and/or committed to the project.
- Projects with expenditures less than \$10,000 must indicate their additional fundraising efforts. The Board will provide more consideration to those applicants who have successfully carried out additional fundraising.

GRANTS THAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

- Grants to individuals or small groups.
- Projects which do not provide an ongoing benefit to a community.
- Grants to “for profit” organizations.
- Grants to foundations or other non-profit organizations that do not designate a project.
- Grants for religious materials or for religious organizations or churches.
- Grants for any political purposes.
- Grants for scholarships.
- Grants for sponsorship of camps, tours and trips.
- Grants made directly to school districts, except for school organizations.
- Grants for advertising, marketing printing costs or printed materials.
- Grants for training or seminars.
- Grants for celebrations or entertainment.
- Grants for presenters or speakers.
- Grants for uniforms or clothing.
- Grants for sporting equipment, such as catcher’s gear, bats, balls, football pads, uniforms, etc.
- Grants for post prom events.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Public Power Area Development Fund reserves the right to modify these guidelines as it deems necessary.