



Southern Public Power Area Development Fund
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Grant Award Guidelines

General Information

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 Power District service territory that are consistent with the purpose of the organization.

The Directors intend to support as many organizations as possible. They encourage organizations who seek grant funding to look at other resources as well as the Southern Public Power Area Development Fund. Organizations are encouraged to be resourceful by putting some of its own money into a project and obtain support from other organizations, as well. Project bids or estimates are required. Applications must be submitted and approved prior to commencement of projects.

It is helpful to understand the priorities and financial health of an organization. Therefore, the Board requests that financial information be provided or completed on the budget form.

The Board meets quarterly to consider applications. The Board has 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.

Grant proposals are carefully reviewed and among other considerations, the following questions are addressed: a) Is there an established need for the program or project?; b) Is it appropriate for the Board to award a grant for the requested purpose or are there more compatible sources of potential funding?; c) Does the Southern Public Power Area Development Fund Board have adequate resources to effectively respond to this need?; and d) Does the award benefit Southern Power District customers?

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1. 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 Power District are eligible but may receive an appropriate grant based on the estimated number of District customers that may benefit from the grant.
2. 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.
3. Grants to church schools and preschools may be considered if the organization is open to the public.
4. \$2,500 is the maximum grant that may be awarded to an organization within a 12-month time period for grant requests that may benefit the grant beneficiaries for at least one year. Multiple grants within a 12-month time period are allowed, as long as the \$2,500 maximum is not exceeded.
5. The ultimate beneficiary of the grant must be identified in the grant application.
6. Projects with estimated expenditures in excess of \$5,000 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.

Grant requests that will not be considered include:

1. Grants to individuals.
2. Grants to "for profit" organizations.
3. Grants for religious materials or for religious organizations or churches.
4. Grants for any political purposes.
5. Grants for scholarships.
6. Grants for sponsorship of camps, tours and trips.
7. Grants made directly to school districts, except for school organizations.
8. Grants for advertising, marketing printing costs or printed materials.
9. Grants for training or seminars.
10. Grants for celebrations or entertainment.
11. Grants for presenters or speakers.
12. Grants for uniforms or clothing.
13. Grants for sporting equipment, such as catcher's gear, bats, balls, football pads, uniforms, etc.
14. 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.