



THE WIRE



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OPERATION ROUND UP APPLICATION



The Elkhorn Rural Public Power District Community Development Fund is now taking

applications for requests for funding. Applications will be taken each quarter. Deadline for this quarter's applications is **August 13**.

The application is available on the erppd.com website.

Customers started in January having their bill rounded up each month to provide the funds for Operation Round Up Fund. By each customer

giving a little bit - the average is 50 cents a month per account - it adds up to a significant amount of money to help our communities.

Eligible organizations for the money are non-profit or charitable entities within the charter territory of Elkhorn Rural Public Power District. ERPPD serves Antelope, Madison, and parts of Pierce, Stanton, Wheeler, Holt, Boone and Platte Counties. Organizations applying for funds do not need to be customers of ERPPD.

Guidelines for the funds are posted with the applications.

Examples of items that other programs have given donations for:

EMT and volunteer fire department equipment, AEDs, veteran's memorial monument; flag poles; electronic event sign, trees, patient loading system, enclosed trailer, chairs, horse therapy equipment, recirculation pump, freezer, mower, ice machine, computers, fabric, and batting and thread.

The requests can be as varied and unique as the needs in the communities where we live.

If you have questions or would like to request an application, please contact Jennifer at (402) 675-2185.

DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED



Both Mark Miller, board president, pictured left and Joe Thiele, vice president, pictured right, have completed the process for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Director Gold Certificate.

Three continuing education credits need to be earned in two years to be eligible for the certificate.

The national certificate program is designed to strengthen board leadership through continuing education. It demonstrates to customers, regulators and elected officials a director's ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

They have also earned Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership Certificates through the NRECA.

The Director Gold Certificate recognizes the continued effort to keep up to date on training and issues facing the district.

The Benefits of LED lights:

Efficiency
LED lights use 30-70% less electricity than traditional lights. This translates to lower electric bills.

Environmental Safety
LED lights do not contain arsenic, lead, mercury or other harmful gasses. It's not hazardous to dispose of LED lights, like it is with CFL lights.

Long Lifetime
LEDs can last 8 times longer than compact fluorescent, and 50 times longer than incandescent bulbs. Left on for 6 hours daily, LED lights may last 18 years!

UV Free
UV emissions are said to be harmful to health after prolonged exposure. LEDs emit far less UV radiation than traditional lights.

Durability
LED lights are made with solid-state components that are resistant to shocks and vibrations. They are far less likely to be damaged than lights with delicate filaments.

Temperature
LEDs put off 20-30% less heat than incandescent, fluorescent or halogen bulbs. This is primarily due to an absence of IR radiation.

Low Maintenance
Due to their long lifetime, LEDs are ideal for outdoor and commercial lighting applications.

Working for Nebraska

Simple changes for energy efficiency can save you money and energy.

As you can see by the infographic to the left, LED lighting is a simple change that can pay dividends, not just on your bill but for the future as well.

LED's have less impact on the environment because they last longer, don't have as many harmful gases and use significantly less energy than traditional lighting.

Other simple changes to save money and energy this summer include pulling your blinds or curtains on hot days to keep the interior of your house cooler, raising your thermostat to 78 degrees and using ceiling fans, and making sure your windows are well sealed.

There are many other energy saving options you can explore by visiting our website at www.erppd.com and clicking on the energy tab at the top or by calling Brian at (800) 675-2185.

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Use less. Spend less. Do more.

UPDATE CONTACT INFO

We want to hear from you!
Have you moved, changed phone numbers, or discontinued your land line?
If you have had a change in your contact information please call the office at (800) 675-2185 during business hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M - F and let us know. You can also email erppd@erppd.com.
If you pay your bill online or have updated to our payment app, you can check your contact information to see if it is up to date.
Your updated contact information will allow us to communicate better with you about important services or planned outages, for example.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Here's a cool tip for your fridge! Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in your refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder.

Source: energy.gov

Stay Away from Electrical Substations

An electrical substation converts electricity to a lower voltage so it can be safely routed and delivered to your home. Because high-voltage power runs through substation equipment, please avoid substation areas and the fences that surround them. Keep the following safety tips in mind:

Never release metallic balloons near substations. If they get caught in the equipment or lines, they can cause power outages.

Never fly kites or drones near electrical substations. If you do and the kite or drone gets caught inside the fence, let us retrieve it for you.

Teach youngsters to stay away from electrical substation fences. The area is dangerous, and these fences are NOT for climbing.

If you see a substation fence or transformer cabinet that is open or looks to be vandalized, please contact us immediately.

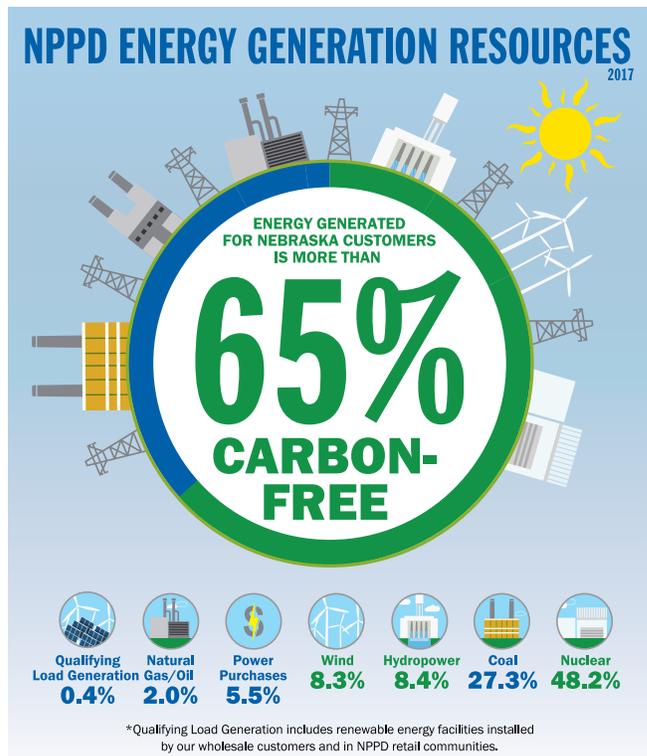
CARBON-FREE ENERGY GENERATION

Carbon-free hasn't been in the news as much recently, but our wholesale electric supplier continues to work on reducing its carbon footprint as you can see from the graphic to the right.

Carbon-free electric generation for Nebraska Public Power has increased from 42% in 2014 to 65% in 2017. They expect that number to continue to rise as the Monolith project proceeds and replaces a coal fired power plant near Lincoln. You can learn more about the Monolith project by going to www.erppd.com and clicking the Working for Nebraska video entitled "Monolith Project".

Renewables and other non-carbon energy sources will continue to be a part of the energy generation mix for Nebraska - balancing reliability with cost effectiveness and environmental stewardship. See the April 2018 *Wire* for an article on Beneficial Electricity - the environmental benefits electrical generation has over other power sources.

At Elkhorn Rural Public Power, we support being good stewards of our resources and the environment. We are proud to partner with our wholesale supplier to provide cleaner energy for your home or business.



OUTAGE INFORMATION

When ERPPD experiences widespread outages due to storms or other situations, we try to communicate to our customers the most timely and accurate information that we can.

We generally use broadcast media (local radio and TV stations) to communicate outages that will last longer than a few hours. We are also starting to use Facebook to provide customers with information about outages and the work that is being done to get the power back on. We really appreciated the support and encouragement we received during the blizzard in April.

It is best not to leave a message on the Facebook page about an out-

age. The page is not monitored all the time or by someone that would have access to outage information, so your situation may not be dealt with in a timely manner.

After storms, if you are experiencing an outage, please call (800) 675- 2185. If it is after office hours, the call center will answer the phone and dispatch crews. If you are calling during a storm, be aware that office or call center staff may need to take shelter and will answer calls when danger has passed.

If you are unable to get through to the office or dispatch, please leave a message or call back. Sometimes, due to high call volume, the system does not have the

capacity for all the calls to come through.

Your cooperation in these matters is appreciated and helps us be more efficient in getting power restored safely and quickly.



*In observance of
Independence Day on
July 4th
ERPPD offices will be
closed.*