



**OPERATION ROUND UP®
DEMONSTRATES THE
CO-OP'S COMMITMENT
TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

OPERATION ROUND UP® TRUST BOARD

Operation Round Up® is a charitable giving program unique to electric cooperatives that is designed to provide financial donations to worthwhile community programs.

Operation Round Up® gives our member-consumers the opportunity to give back to their local communities by rounding up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. The rounded-up funds (up to \$11.88 per year, per member) are placed in a trust fund and administered by a Trust Board appointed by the Stearns Electric Association Board of Directors.

The Operation Round Up® Trust Board evaluates Operation Round Up® funding requests three times per year. One representative is selected from each of the Cooperative's voting districts. The Trust Board operates independently of the Cooperative's Board of Directors.

The Trust Board is responsible for:

- Electronically reviewing and evaluating funding requests from area organizations and charitable causes.
- Using guidelines and policies to select the recipients of Stearns Electric Operation Round Up® funds.
- Distributing members' rounded up funds to worthy, local organizations.



MEMBERS MAY APPLY AT:

[stearnslectric.org/community-impact/
community/operation-round-up/](http://stearnslectric.org/community-impact/community/operation-round-up/)

QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible, individuals must be at least 18 years old, a member of the Co-op, a permanent resident of the State of Minnesota and possess good moral character. Trust Board members cannot be an immediate relative to an employee, an incumbent Trust Board Director or a Co-op Director. A complete list of qualifications is available on our website.

COMMITMENT

Trust Board members commit to serving one three-year term (can serve up to two terms). Trust Board members must prepare for and participate in three fund distribution meetings each year. The Trust Board typically distributes funds in March, July and November and meets during the business day ahead of those distributions.*

**Preferred candidates must have access to WiFi and be willing to review funding requests electronically via iPads, supplied by Stearns Electric Association.*

COMPENSATION

Trust Board members receive a \$100 honorarium and mileage for each meeting attended.